

“Our nation must have the courage to own the truth, to heal the wounds of its past so that we can move on together at peace with ourselves.”

–Reconciliation Australia

Reframing the relationship with Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander peoples post Referendum

Of all the reasons given for voting no by the pollsters, one of the most disheartening and widely registered was the low priority accorded to Indigenous issues by many voters. This was not ignorance so much as a failure of empathy and understanding; a failure to care about anyone’s concerns or disadvantage other than their own. [Mark McKenna, the Guardian]

In the dying days of the campaign, Noel Pearson appealed to Australians’ sense of morality, arguing there was only one “morally correct” choice, and that the alternative would only bring “shame and dishonour”, which we would have to wear “for a long time to come”.

As the special minister of state now works on legislation for truth in political advertising, with Albanese citing “dangerous” misinformation in material campaigning against the voice; Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander leaders have again distilled it down to the simple question:

How is it possible for Australians to understand the moral case for change if they don’t understand our country’s history?

Voters rejected voice, not truth telling and treaty at referendum; and the simple fact is, there’s an entire demographic of Australians who have a blind spot to our country’s history and devastating treatment of its First Peoples.

BlackCard are inviting Executive Leaders and Board Directors to join us in a 2-hour session to unpack your role in Truth Telling and educating your workforces, as the referendum result has polarised our journey to reconciliation will be continually frustrated – if so many among us, have no idea what we are reconciling.

Course aim: To engage senior decision-makers in how they can improve the historical acceptance dimension of reconciliation within their sphere of influence and empower and inspire change, aligned to First Nations researched practices and principles for truth telling.



Facilitator - Mundanara Bayles

“as Indigenous Businesswoman of the Year 2023, I recognised my unique ability to influence, and I would need to continue educating Australians to achieve Historical Acceptance in this country. But this time, I’m working explicitly with Executive Leaders in this country – who have the greatest ability to influence change – Now.”

Mundanara Bayles

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BlackCard’s Truth Telling foundational Executive Leadership program covers:

- What is Truth Telling?
- Historical Acceptance: why is Truth Telling critical to our aspirations for a reconciled Australia?
- National Truth Telling in Australia
- As an Executive Leader what is my role in Truth Telling?
- Truth Telling Together

Program Cost - \$8,500 + gst

Program Duration - 2 hours

20 participants max per program

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