



Territories Stolen Generations Redress Scheme

Healing and Reconciliation through Redress: The power
of Personal Acknowledgement



National Indigenous
Australians Agency

This presentation will cover:

1. Scheme overview
2. Personal Acknowledgements
3. Two years in:
what we have learned

n.b Some of the themes in this subject may be difficult to listen to and discuss.



Components of redress

The Scheme offers:

- a one-off **redress payment** of up to \$75,000
- a one-off **healing assistance payment** of \$7,000
- a face-to-face and/or written **Personal Acknowledgement**
- free, independent and confidential access to **support services**



Arrente Country

Scheme statistics

As at 1 November 2024:

- The Scheme has received **1800** applications to date
- **95%** of applications relate to removals in the Northern Territory
- An offer of redress has been made to **1107** applicants
- **983** applicants have been paid
- **\$80.4 million** in redress has been paid to date
- There has been an **86% (876)** acceptance rate for Personal Acknowledgements
- **57** Personal Acknowledgements have been delivered
- **216** Personal Acknowledgements have been finalised
- **121** Personal Acknowledgements are in planning



Ngunnawal Country

Personal Acknowledgements

- Opportunity for **truth-telling**
- Raise **awareness** of policy impact
- Most **meaningful** and **lasting**
- Contribute to **healing** and **recovery**
- Contribute to **inter-generational healing**
- **Safe** and **structured**
- **Personalised** and **genuine**
- **Survivor focused** and **survivor-led**
- **Continual improvement** approach



Tjoritja
National
Park

Two years in: what we hadn't expected



Yuin Country

- The importance of the **Minister's letter** in providing acknowledgement options to survivors
- The **value** placed on Personal Acknowledgement letters
- Survivors often **not needing or wishing to meet with restorative engagement facilitators**
- The **impact on senior representatives** and the discussion across government agencies about the broader implications of restorative practice

Two years in: recent trends

- **Different preferences** in cohorts of survivors
- **Remote community** delivery
- Survivors wanting **greater input into Written Acknowledgements**

Djukbinj
National Park



Two years in: what have we learned?

- **Flexibility** and **choice** is critical
- Truth-telling and acknowledgement can have a **multi-generational healing effect**
- Survivors **do not wish to be defined by removal**
- It is important to survivors that Government comes to them, and meets **on their terms**
- **Language** is important
- It is important (where possible) to **match** survivors and senior representatives





*Territories Stolen
Generations
Redress Scheme*

www.territoriesredress.gov.au

1800 566 111

help@territoriesredress.gov.au