



The RQI Speaker Series

Hosted by the Brisbane Metropolitan Subcommittee

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ZOOM Webinar Meeting Online

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AUNTY FLO WATSON OAM *Personal Stories*



Join respected Aboriginal Elder Aunty Flo Watson via Zoom to hear her personal reconciliation stories.

Aunty Flo Watson is an Elder, traditional owner and proud descendant of the Ghunghanghi People of Yarrabah, North Queensland. She also has a traditional affiliation with both the Kuku-yelangi people of Laura/ Maytown, Palmer River area which is west of Cooktown and the Gurambilbarra Wulgurukaba people of Magnetic Island and Townsville.

Aunty Flo grew up in the Yarrabah Aboriginal Community, established under the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Protection Act 1897. She was removed under The Act, separated from her family, sent to foster homes and then to boarding school in Charters Towers under duress. She was then subsequently sent to Brisbane in the early 70's to attend teacher's college. She began her career in the Australian Public Service in 1975 and has worked throughout Australia in many roles before starting her consultancy business.

Aunty Flo became involved in reconciliation very early and was appointed to various Boards, including Reconciliation Qld Inc. She is active across many community organisations and is the Chair of the Teralba Park Stolen Generations Support Group Inc, in Brisbane. With this group she works with the Brisbane community in the areas of

storytelling at schools, acknowledgement/welcome to country for many events including reconciliation/NAIDOC events.

Aunty Flo is also a founding member of the Aboriginal Centre for the Performing Arts (ACPA) and has since been appointed by the Qld Premier as ACPA's first Patron, a position she currently holds. She reviewed and evaluated The Commonwealth Games Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP). She has contributed to many RAPs either providing information, evaluations, reviews and training in cultural perspectives. In 2015 Aunty Flo received an Order of Australia medal for her service to the Indigenous communities of Queensland.

The RQI Speaker Series is organised by Reconciliation Queensland's Brisbane Metropolitan Subcommittee. We are pleased to invite Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander speakers to share their knowledge and stories each month. **Plus:** We are raising **DONATIONS** for Cunnumulla State School. To donate, go to <https://www.rqi.org.au/product/donate/> and use the coupon code: cunnumulla. Visit our website for event updates. For more info or to RSVP, email us at events@rqi.org.au or use our instant RSVP Form online.

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