



Dear colleagues,

National Reconciliation Week is held annually from 27th May - 3rd June.

It provides all Australians with an opportunity to engage and learn about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures, shared histories and achievements, and to think about how all of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia.

Reconciliation is about strengthening relationships between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and the wider Australian community. This year's theme is 'All In', reflecting the need for every one of us to step off the sidelines and commit wholeheartedly to reconciliation through our daily actions and conversations.



## Facility Decoration Competition

To bring the theme to life across our sites, we are asking teams and every facility to decorate your space to align with the 'All In' theme.

Get creative and show how your team is committing to reconciliation! Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place, with the winners announced and presented at our annual Reconciliation Bowls event.

Entries for the decoration competition closes Friday 22nd May 2026.

View the [Facility Decoration Competition Flyer](#).

## 10th Anniversary Annual Reconciliation Shield

Alongside the recent release of our Second Innovate Reconciliation Action Plan (2026-2027), the Community and Oral Health Rap Working Group is proud to celebrate a major milestone in 2026, this being the 10th Anniversary of our annual [Reconciliation Shield](#).

Since 2016, this event has become a cherished tradition, and we once again invite all staff to celebrate this decade of connection:

**Date: Friday, 26 June 2026**

Time: 2:00 – 4:00 pm

Location: Brighton Wellness Hub

Included: Afternoon Tea provided

Please send your [completed form nominations](#) to [COH-A\\_TSI\\_HLTHTeam@health.qld.gov.au](mailto:COH-A_TSI_HLTHTeam@health.qld.gov.au) by 5pm Friday 19 June 2026.

We invite you to nominate a team of four (4) and join in with other colleagues and our respected Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elders from our Yarning Circle for this milestone event.

This celebration also serves as a bridge to NAIDOC Week (5-12 July), where we will also honour the 2026 theme, “50 years of Deadly”.

The winning team will earn bragging rights with their name on the shield with prizes also awarded for the best dressed team!

For all enquiries, please do not hesitate to contact [COH-A\\_TSI\\_HLTHTeam@health.qld.gov.au](mailto:COH-A_TSI_HLTHTeam@health.qld.gov.au)

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Community and Oral Health

## Reconciliation Shield Barefoot Bowls

The Reconciliation Barefoot Bowls is a great opportunity to connect with colleagues through some friendly competition and laughter.

Date: Friday 26th June 2026

Location: Brighton Wellness Hub, Cnr Nineteenth Ave and Hornibrook Hwy, Brighton

Time: 2:00pm - 4:00pm

Criteria: Teams of four

Games will commence promptly from 2pm.

Come along dressed in your best team uniform or costume!

Prizes for best dressed team!

Email nominations to [COH-A\\_TSI\\_HLTHTeam@health.qld.gov.au](mailto:COH-A_TSI_HLTHTeam@health.qld.gov.au) by 5pm Fri 19 June.

### What is National Reconciliation Week?

National Reconciliation Week (NRW) is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia.

The dates for NRW remain the same each year: 26 May to 3 June. These dates commemorate two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey—the successful 1967 referendum, and the High Court Mabo decision respectively.

Reconciliation must live in the hearts, minds and actions of all Australians as we move forward, creating a nation strengthened by respectful relationships between the wider Australian community, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

For further information contact: (07) 3631 7379 or [COH-A\\_TSI\\_HLTHTeam@health.qld.gov.au](mailto:COH-A_TSI_HLTHTeam@health.qld.gov.au)

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