

The 'New Way' Aboriginal Summit

MELBOURNE
JULY 1– 4 2010

“ *Why we must have a new way
and what is it ?*”

Summit Program

Thursday – July 1st 2010

Official opening

Location: Kangan TAFE Broadmeadows

1:00pm – 5:00pm *Various Dignities*

Traditional, Teaching Dance and Song -
Meaning & Application of Aboriginal Sovereignty -
Mark McMurtrie, Victorian Aboriginal Land Justice
Group, Prof Wendy Brabham, Deakin University

Teaching of Sovereignty and Aboriginal law,
Legal place and position in Australia - post Mabo.-
Mark McMurtrie, Victorian Aboriginal Land Justice
Group.

Friday 2nd July 2010

Location: Trades Hall Council

10:00 am

Welcome to Country - Wurrunjerri

Introduction - New Way Summit - Socio-
economic and political implications and
movement against broader factors – Michael
Anderson

Sovereignty – importance and meaning of
sovereignty – Michael Anderson

Why a New Way and why sovereignty and
treaty are necessary - Mark McMurtrie,
Educator

Genocide – Past & present socio-political,
legal implications – Prof Robert Manne,
LaTrobe University

Treaty – the importance of Treaty and its
relevance today and in the future – Geoff
Clarke, Ex-Chair ATSIC – Robbie Thorpe,
Activist

11:30am

Australia has a Black History – The
whitewashing of black history and future - Prof
Richard Broome, La Trobe University

**Historical Civil Rights Movement and it's
application today** – who's dreaming what? -
Gary Foley, Victoria University

The Aboriginal Movement and the Left. An
explanation - Terry Townsend, Author

2:00pm

The Gap - why does it exist & how do we bring it to
an end? - Prof John Taylor – ANU Canberra
University

**Aboriginal community based & controlled
organisations.** Do they have a future? - Alan
Brown, VAHS Chairman

**The illusion of Government & Aboriginal
organization partnership(s).** A bad marriage? -
Prof Mark , Deakin University

4:00pm

Northern Territory Intervention. “The purpose
and the design of the intervention and how to bring
it to an end”. - MAIC Panel

Deaths in Custody. Why do Aboriginal deaths in
custody continue and what must we do? - Panel
Marriane Mackay, WA Watch Committee

Children taken and away. Are they still being
stolen and what can we do? - Prof Robert Manne,
LaTrobe University

7:30pm

Key Note Address - Freedom of speech and
racism in the media? - Chris Graham, Founding
editor, National Indigenous Times

8:10pm

Drinks & Refreshments

Saturday 3rd July 2010

Location: Trades Hall Council

10:00am

The role and importance of the United Nations and the civil rights movement in advancing Aboriginal rights.

The Victorian Aboriginal Genocide Centre . What needs to be done and how do we do it – Sharon Firebrace – Founder Aboriginal Genocide Centre

Socialist movements - Advancing the cause – Sandra Bloodworth

United Nations - Comparisons, priorities and directions - Mark McMurtrie

11: 30am

The role of Amnesty International in advancing Aboriginal rights - International to local issues – are there commonalities and is there a way forward? Monica Morgan, Amnesty International

Venezuelan Experience - Lessons, parallels and benefits to be gained for the Aboriginal movement – Lara Pullen

Pacific islands - Common issues and directions

International Treaties. USA, New Zealand and Canada - Relevance, parallels and models for application. - Panel – Geoff Clarke, Robbie Thorpe, Michael Anderson

2:00 pm

Political Parties - How can they advance an Aboriginal future? - Sam Watson, Socialist Alliance – Adam Brandt, Greens party, Labor party and Liberal party. *Do they have solutions or are they pretending?*

4:00pm

Trade Union movement and defending Aboriginal rights - Panel discussion – ETU, MUA , CMFEU and AMWU – policies and directions - Unions and the 'New Way'.

7:30pm

Unions and Aboriginal Movement: Solutions and Directions. Key Note Speaker - Union Movement

Sunday 4th July 2010

10:00am

Key Aboriginal instrumentalities: Are they still relevant?

What happened to ATSIC and it's billions? - An economic, socio-political evaluation – Geoff Clarke, Ex-Chair ATSIC

Aboriginal Land Councils: Do they provide a future?

What of Native Title? Manipulated outcomes or a mistake? - Gary Foley, Victoria University

11:30

National Congress of Australia;s First People - Is this appropriate and why? - Terry Arabena, Chairperson

Victorian Aboriginal Land Justice Group. What is it and does it offer a solution? - Gary Murray, Traditional Owner

Original Sovereign Tribal Federation - Are we ready? - Michael Anderson / Mark McMurtrie

Discussion Panel – Combination of representatives - conclusive remarks

2:40 conclusion

Code	Status	Cost	Per Day
HW	High Wage	\$120.00	\$40.00
W	Waged	\$50.00	\$16.00
UW	Unwaged	\$20.00	\$10.00
ST	Student	\$15.00	\$2.50

Meals and Drinks Available at various costs
Conference material available at various costs

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