

April 2017

Welcome to our supporter update

Supporter of the Month

Congratulations Essendon Football Club for taking a strong stand against racism with the launch of a *Racism. It Stops With Me* Banner at recent game.

It is fantastic to see Essendon players and supporters sending a powerful message that it is not OK to be racist on or off the field. Essendon have been active supporters of *Racism. It Stops with Me* since early 2016.



Image: *Racism. It stops with Me* banner, Essendon FC

News

International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination and Harmony Day celebrations

Events were held around the country in celebration of Harmony Day and in recognition of the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. Netball Australia and Netball NSW held a match between the NSW Swifts and GIANTS Netball teams, who competed in an 'All Stars' Harmony Day match. See the SBS news report [here](#)



Image: All Stars' Harmony Day netball match

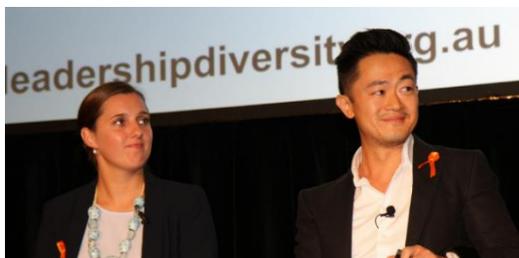


Race Discrimination Commissioner Dr Tim Soutphommasane hosted an event for community representatives recognising the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

Here is the Commissioner's message about the day ([video](#) + [text](#)).

Image: Commissioner Tim Soutphommasane and students from Holroyd High School

Cultural diversity council launched



A group of eight leaders from across the Australian business, academia and government sectors have agreed to promote diversity in leadership through the newly-established [Leadership Council on Cultural Diversity](#).

Image: Roxanne Moore (Amnesty International) and screenwriter, journalist and newspaper columnist Benjamin Law at the launch of the Council

Race Discrimination Commissioner Dr Tim Soutphommasane established the Leadership Council following the release of [Leading for Change: A blueprint for cultural diversity and inclusive leadership](#).



Anti-Racism Education Resources

Tackling racism in Australia is a unit of work for year 9 and 10 students designed to equip young people to take a stand against racism in their schools and communities, by valuing diversity and encouraging others to do the same.

In this unit, students explore issues of racism and its impact on people from diverse backgrounds. They also consider the ways in which they can value diversity within the community and celebrate the different cultures represented within schools and the wider community.

Students will explore ways to address racism and how to take

action against bullying and harassment based on race, culture or ethnicity. See <https://www.humanrights.gov.au/education/human-rights-school-classroom>

Welcome June Oscar AO



The Australian Human Rights Commission is pleased to welcome June Oscar AO as the incoming Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner.

June Oscar AO is a proud Bunuba woman from Fitzroy Crossing in Western Australia's Kimberley region. She is a strong advocate for Indigenous Australian languages, social justice, women's issues, and has worked tirelessly to reduce Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD).

For more information on the work of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commission see <https://www.humanrights.gov.au/our-work/aboriginal-and-torres-strait-islander-social-justice>

Race Discrimination Commissioner's Student Prize 2017

The Race Discrimination Commissioner's Student Prize is an annual competition for school students aimed to promote research and discussion of racism among young people.

Entries are now being accepted. Students in Year's 10 or 11 at any school in an Australian state or territory are eligible to take part. The winner and the student's school will be awarded a \$150 and \$500 book voucher from Dymocks respectively.

Entrants may write an essay (maximum 1,000 words) or record a speech (video or audio, maximum 5 minutes) answering one of the following questions:

1. The best way of killing ugliness is with kindness. To what extent should this guide our society's response to racism?
2. Fighting racism demands that we also defend liberal democracy. Discuss.

[Click here for more information and to enter.](#) *Entries close 15 September 2017.*

Supporter Welcome!

Welcome to our new supporters [Gymnastics Association of NSW](#), the [Australasian College of Exercise Physicians](#), [Equal Employment Opportunity Network](#) and [Victoria University](#).

To all our new supporters, thank you for taking positive steps to take a stand against racism and promote diversity and inclusion within your community. We look forward to your organisation's involvement in the campaign.

The campaign team