

## RACISM. IT STOPS WITH ME

27 May 2016

Welcome to this month's supporter update!

### Supporter of the month

Congratulations to **Sunshine Coast Council** for being named supporter of the month!

To mark their entry to the Racism. It Stops With Me campaign and to celebrate cultural diversity within the Sunshine Coast community, Sunshine Coast Council held five concurrent 'parkrun' events on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May. Each event involved a free 5 kilometre run through a local park, finishing with a community morning tea to share information about racism and ways to take action to prevent it.

What a fantastic way to bring people together and empower communities to address racism! Well done Sunshine Coast Council for hosting a wonderful event!



(Image: Campaign supporters at the Sunshine Coast Council's Kawana parkrun, sporting some fantastic t-shirts!)

If you'd like to go into the running be named supporter of the month, let us know you're doing to support the campaign. Simply send an email to [antiracismsecretariat@humanrights.gov.au](mailto:antiracismsecretariat@humanrights.gov.au).

**All supporters of the month receive a free pack of campaign merchandise.**

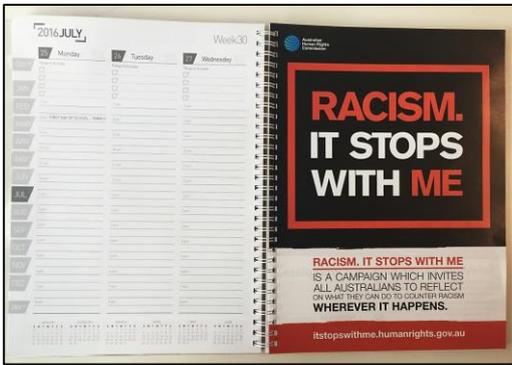
### Supporter activities

As well as Sunshine Coast Council, this month the Racism. It Stops With Me campaign was delighted to welcome several new supporters: **Victorian Tax Association, Relationships Australia (NSW), the Australian Paralympic Committee and Legal Aid NSW.**

Legal Aid NSW formally launched their entry to the campaign at their National Reconciliation Week event, with a presentation from Race Discrimination Commissioner Tim Soutphommasane.



(Image: Commissioner Tim Soutphommasane with Richard Funston, Toni Cooper and Scott Hawkins from Legal Aid NSW)



In a great initiative to raise awareness, the **South Australian Government** published the Racism. It Stops With Me. Campaign poster in the annual SA Government diary!

What an excellent reminder that there are opportunities to address racism at any time of the year.

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### Upcoming event: RightsTalk on Media and Cultural Diversity

On 30 May, Race Discrimination Commissioner Tim Soutphommasane is hosting a RightsTalk focussed on the issue of cultural diversity and the media.

The event will feature guest speakers Benjamin Law, Helen Kapalos and Rob Shehadie, and will explore hot topics such as: how representative is the Australian media? What more can be done? And will recent debates and controversies about cultural diversity in the media be enough to prompt change? Find out more about the event here: <https://rightstalk.humanrights.gov.au/next-talk>



This event will be live streamed on YouTube at 5.30pm, 30 May, and will be available for everyone to watch via this link: [https://youtu.be/M\\_Nf9cpZ-d0](https://youtu.be/M_Nf9cpZ-d0)

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### Supporter ideas: National Reconciliation Week

From 27 May to 3 June is National Reconciliation Week! This week provides a time for Australians to reflect on our progress towards achieving reconciliation between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and non-Indigenous Australians, and the work that remains to be done.

There are many events held nation-wide to mark National Reconciliation Week. You can find out about events happening near you using this interactive map: <http://www.reconciliation.org.au/nrw/events/> Additionally, Reconciliation Australia offers ideas on how individuals and organisations can get involved here: <http://www.reconciliation.org.au/nrw/get-involved/>



Events in Sydney include a [Sea of Hands installation at Barangaroo](#) on Friday, 27 May (5:00pm-8:30pm) and [Lighting the Sails at the Sydney Opera House](#) , which **will see the iconic sails of** the Sydney Opera House transformed into an animated canvas of contemporary Indigenous Australian artworks. For events in other capital cities visit: <http://www.reconciliation.org.au/nrw/major-events/>

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Don't forget to tell us about any of the great activities you've been involved in to support the campaign!

Until next time!  
The campaigns team