



Press Release

Each year hundreds of people from across the country gather on the Sunday of the June long weekend to commemorate the unprovoked massacre of at least twenty-eight Wirrayaraay women, children and old men by a group of stockmen on Myall Creek Station in June 1838.

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Our speaker this year will be Emeritus Professor Judy Atkinson OAM, a Jiman/Bundjalung woman who also has Anglo-Celtic, and German heritage from her mother. The extensive work she has conducted within Indigenous communities across Australia, in Timor Leste, and in support of Papua New Guinea initiatives, has been in the area of violence, its relational trauma, and healing for Indigenous, and indeed all peoples. She book: Trauma Trails – Recreating Songlines The transgenerational effects of Trauma in Indigenous Australia, provides context to the life stories of people who have moved/been moved from their country in a process that has created trauma trails, and the healing that can occur as people make connections with each other and share their stories. In retirement, she is Patron of the We Al-li Trust; and in researching the development of an evidence base using cultural tools in education-as-healing (educaring) in community change processes, in response to historical, social and cultural trauma and recovery.

We are also delighted that Roger Knox, the ‘Koori King of Country’, will be with us to share songs that honour his people along with the Ngambaa Dhalaay Dancers, Gomeroi Dancers and the Tingha Nucoorilma Dancers.

We will also be congratulating the winners of the 17th annual Thoughts’n’Dreams – Student Art, Writing and Song Competition – which encourages students from Kindergarten through to Year 12 across north-west NSW and the rest of the state, QLD and ACT, to address and express different concepts of Reconciliation. This year’s theme is ‘Respect. Living Together in Peace’. An exhibition of the finalists will be displayed in the Myall Creek memorial hall.

Our annual Myall Creek Massacre Memorial Commemoration is open to everyone. Those intending to participate are invited to gather at the Myall Creek Hall at 9.00am Sunday 7 June for morning tea. Lunch will be available for purchase after the ceremony.

WHAT: Myall Creek Massacre Memorial Gathering

WHEN: 9.00AM SUNDAY 7TH JUNE 2026

WHERE: Myall Creek Hall, Reserve Creek Rd, Myall Creek then at the Myall Creek Massacre Memorial Precinct Cnr Bingara-Delungra Rd and Whitlow Rd, Myall Creek.

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Myall Creek Satellite Events

FRIDAY 5 JUNE 2026

Myall Creek Symposium: Truth-telling, Lore, Law and Governance. Speaker, Tony McEvoy SC

Venue: Oorala Aboriginal Centre, UNE

Time: 8:30am (for a 9:00am start) to 5:00pm.

Kindly co-sponsored by UNE’s Oorala Aboriginal Centre, UNE’s Law School, UNE Faculty of Humanities, Arts, Social Science & Education and Armidale Friends of Myall Creek.

This event will be live at Oorala Aboriginal Centre and live-streamed via Zoom. Free lunch.

For more information: <https://www.une.edu.au/info-for/indigenous-matters/oorala/whats-on/myall-creek-symposium>

RSVP for catering purposes tcullen6@une.edu.au



SATURDAY 6 JUNE 2026

Ceramic Break Sculpture Park ‘Myall Creek’ Art Exhibition and ‘Gather & Trade’ Aboriginal Artisans Micro Markets

10.00am–5.00pm. Ceramic Break Sculpture Park, 2535 Alan Cunningham Road, Warialda.

Lunch and refreshments available for purchase.

ENTRY – gold coin donation.



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