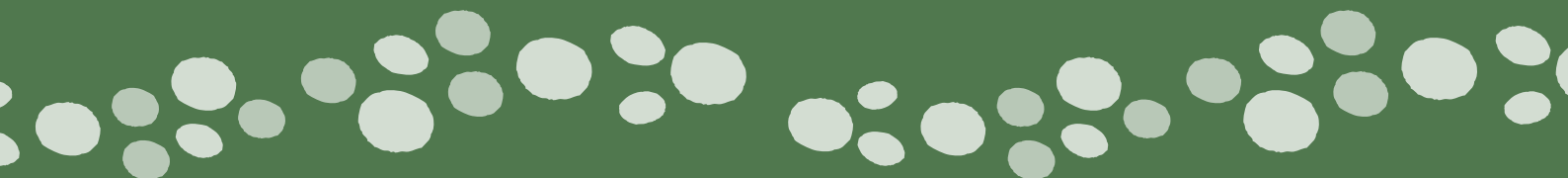


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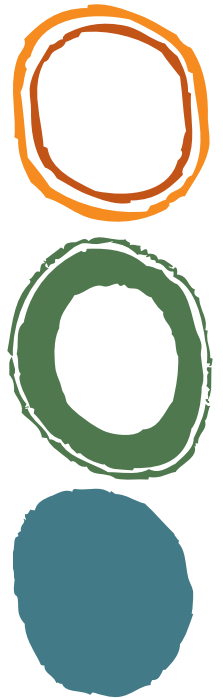
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*"ANTaR and the Sea of Hands  
are fundamental to the  
achievement of justice and  
reconciliation in this country"*

**Patrick Dodson**

former Chair of the Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation  
and founding Chair of the Lingjari Foundation



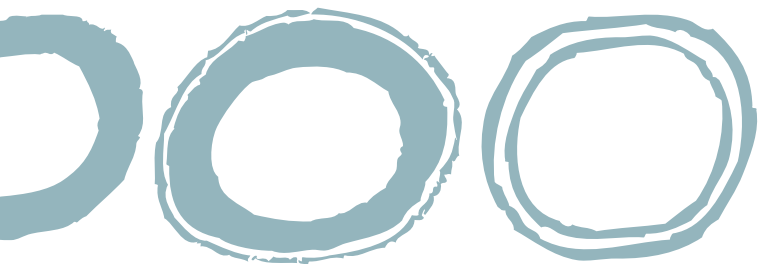
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## National President's Report

It's been a year of achievement and challenge for ANTaR. The campaign we initiated, which resulted in the coalition to Close The Gap on Indigenous Health, has been highly successful. In November 2008, the Federal and State governments announced the biggest ever single injection of new funding to improve Indigenous health. However, ANTaR emphasises that genuine Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community control is essential to achieving the Closing the Gap targets.

Another achievement is the announcement of the development of a National Healing Foundation. ANTaR has been working closely with Indigenous people to see the Foundation established as a follow up to last year's National Apology.

A third achievement is the Australian Government's announcement in April 2009 of its support for the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, although many of these rights are still far from being honoured in Australia.

Indeed, there's plenty still to do. Our education work continued this year with the highly successful Respect campaign with the Body Shop. The Government reviewed the Northern Territory Emergency Intervention in late 2008, but has still to bring its measures into line with the Racial Discrimination Act. There also remains a great deal to do to improve the Native Title System, gain Constitutional recognition of Indigenous people as First Nations people, and support diverse Indigenous aspirations beyond 'mainstream' models.

We have also faced organisational challenges. The global financial crisis affected our public fundraising and like many non-government organisations we experienced a drop in income. We have also farewelled Gary Highland, our highly energetic and effective National Director, who, after a period of paternity leave, decided he could not return full-time. Our founding National Director, David Cooper, returned to the role for six months, for which we are most grateful. We are extremely appreciative of the outstanding contribution both these people have made to ANTaR. We also had to move offices in mid-2009, as renovations at Rozelle became too noisy and disruptive, so we relocated to the Edmund Rice Centre. Special thanks to our staff whose resilience in the face of these changes has been fantastic, and the Executive Committee which has worked diligently throughout the year.

I invite you to increase your support for ANTaR this year and help us take advantage of more opportunities ahead to make Indigenous rights a reality.

Dr Janet Hunt

# About ANTaR

**ANTaR** is the only national advocacy organisation dedicated specifically to the rights – and addressing the disadvantage – of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians.

ANTaR has been working with Indigenous organisations and leaders on rights and reconciliation issues since 1997.

## Why we are here

ANTaR exists because more than ten years ago Indigenous leaders recognised that to achieve justice for their people, they needed to gain support for their cause from non-Indigenous Australians. ANTaR's primary public campaign in its early years was the Sea of Hands.

ANTaR's work remains crucial because injustice and Indigenous disadvantage persist.

## Our Purpose

To generate in Australia a moral and legal recognition of, and respect for, the distinctive status of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as First Peoples.

## Our Vision

ANTaR works to achieve a just and reconciled Australia.

This will be a place where Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures are valued, respected and affirmed across all areas of society.

It will be a time after proper restitution has been made to the first Australians for the suffering caused by the invasion of their lands and the violence, dispossession and exclusion that followed.

In a reconciled Australia, Indigenous children will have the same life chances and choices as non-Indigenous children, Indigenous families will no longer fear violence and abuse and the length and quality of your life will not be determined by your racial background.

Australians will know we are truly reconciled when the shame of those descended from the invaders and the anger of those whose land was invaded are no longer barriers to us forming relationships of friendship and trust with one another.

## What ANTaR does

- *ANTaR seeks* to persuade governments to adopt fair, just and evidence-based policies and programs for the benefit of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.
- *ANTaR's focus* is on changing the attitudes and behaviours of non-Indigenous Australians so that the rights and cultures of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are respected and affirmed across all sections of society.
- *ANTaR works* to generate in Australia a moral and legal recognition of, and respect for, the distinctive status of Indigenous Australians as First Peoples.
- *ANTaR is* a non-government, not-for-profit, community-based organisation.
- *ANTaR campaigns* nationally on key issues such as *Close The Gap*, eliminating racism, reducing Aboriginal incarceration, overcoming violence and abuse and constitutional change.

# Campaigns

## ANTaR's campaign principles

- **Evidence based**
- **Inclusive and non-partisan**
- **Respectful**
- **Collaborative**
- **Characterised by professional excellence; and**
- **Shaped by human rights principles and values of compassion, fairness, equality and freedom.**

## Campaigns tackling racism

In 2008, ANTaR recognised the need to alert and engage greater numbers of Australians on the issue of ongoing discrimination and racism faced by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. ANTaR firmly believes that achieving equality and addressing the disadvantage of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians is the single most important social challenge in Australia today.

Addressing these issues will require additional funding and policy change. However, there is also an underlying problem that can and must be addressed by us as individuals: the lack of understanding and mutual respect between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.

Building that greater understanding and tackling racism is the focus of ANTaR's *Respect* and *Racism makes me sick* campaigns.

## Respect campaign

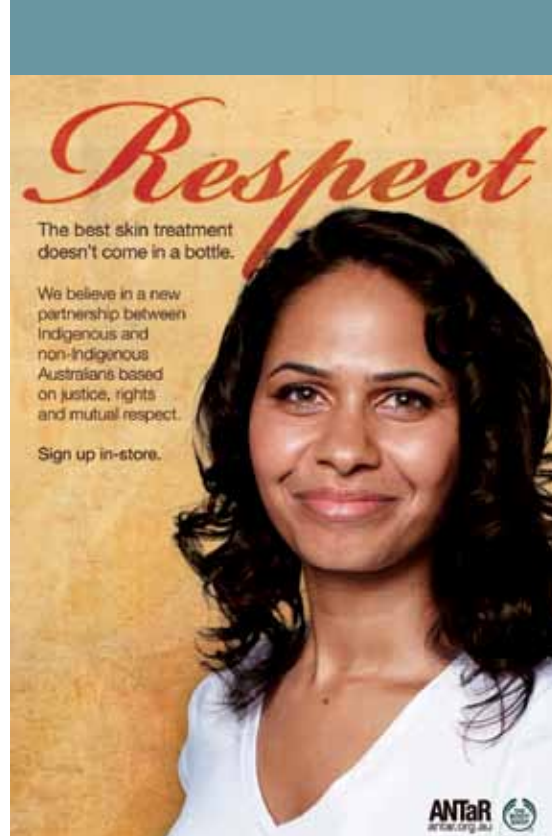
The *Respect* campaign is an exciting, proactive campaign that engages Australians and promotes a new partnership between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians. *Respect* is ANTaR's most successful public engagement campaign since the *Sea of Hands* installations for reconciliation.

**During the first 3 weeks of the campaign in May-June 2009 over 15,000 people across Australia signed the *Respect* campaign pledge.**

The *Respect* campaign is calling on all Australians, as individuals, to sign up to a new partnership between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians based on recognition, rights and mutual respect. The need for this public campaign was reinforced by the findings of the 2009 Reconciliation Australia barometer – a report of attitudes on reconciliation – which highlighted that there is little trust and respect between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.

**The *Respect* campaign also draws on the call to action put out by the Prime Minister Kevin Rudd in his Parliamentary Apology speech to the Stolen Generations in February 2008:**

*"...Today's apology, however inadequate, is aimed at righting past wrongs. It is also aimed at building a bridge between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians—a bridge based on a real respect rather than a thinly veiled contempt. Our challenge for the future is now to cross that bridge and, in so doing, embrace a new partnership between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians..."*





## Getting Respect out to the people

The *Respect* campaign was promoted in partnership with The Body Shop stores Australia-wide. Over a three week period *Respect* posters were placed in all 80 Body Shop stores, 20,000 postcards were given out and The Body Shop staff were trained to engage their customers on the question of Respect and discrimination. The *Respect* posters also promote positive images of Aboriginal people in the shopping centre environment.

ANTaR was pleased to secure sponsorship from Avant Card, Australia's leading and best known free postcard-advertising company. Avant Card distributed in excess of 32,000 *Respect* postcards across the country in hubs such as universities, cinemas and cafes.

The launch of the campaign nationally was sponsored by the Equity and Diversity Unit of the University of Technology Sydney (UTS), and the UTS Union. The launch was attended by over 150 people, with addresses by Dr Phil Glendenning, a renowned human rights advocate and ANTaR Board member, and Professor Larissa Behrendt, Indigenous lawyer, academic and a member of ANTaR's Indigenous Reference Group.

'The Last Kinection', an Aboriginal hip hop crew from Newcastle performed at the launch.

## What happens after signing a *Respect* pledge

Signing up to the *Respect* campaign means that the individual is choosing to join a large number of people who want to be part of the solution, rather than standing on the sidelines. Once individuals sign up, ANTaR will provide them with simple action tips on steps they can take to contribute towards rights, justice and mutual respect.

Each tip (a total of 4 emails sent several weeks apart) provides a simple step that an individual can take to make a difference. The email format is easy and non-intrusive and consistent with ANTaR's commitment to environmental sustainability. The 4 steps are as follows:

### STEP 1: UNDERSTAND

- *Learning the facts about Indigenous culture and history.*
- *ANTaR is excited to collaborate with Tranby Aboriginal College on developing a short and accessible information sheet about Indigenous history and culture.*

### STEP 2: ACKNOWLEDGE

- *Acknowledge the history and Indigenous people as the traditional owners of the land*

### STEP 3: BE SUPPORTIVE

- *Support Indigenous enterprises and businesses and join groups that work to achieve rights and justice for Indigenous Australians*

### STEP 4: SPEAK UP

- *Speak up against misinformed comments. This is why the first step (Understand) is so important. You need to know the facts before you know how to speak up!*

Although these steps may seem overly simple at first glance, in ANTaR's experience of campaigning we have found that these simple steps make a great difference over time in building understanding and mutual respect.

Better engagement, understanding and mutual respect is what we are trying to achieve through this campaign. These elements are making *Respect* ANTaR's most successful public engagement campaign since the *Sea of Hands*.

## Racism makes me sick campaign and Harmony Day 2009

Racism is a problem in Australia. Every year, Australian universities release research highlighting the problem of racism and the terrible impacts that it has on individuals and communities. Yet it is a word rarely heard in the media or discussed by the government. It is the proverbial elephant in the room. In 2008 ANTaR decided to put the critical issue of tackling racism back on the public agenda and launched its *Racism makes me sick* campaign. This campaign brings attention to the direct link between personal experiences of racism and a range of health problems including high blood pressure, heart disease, depression, anxiety, low birth rate and premature birth.

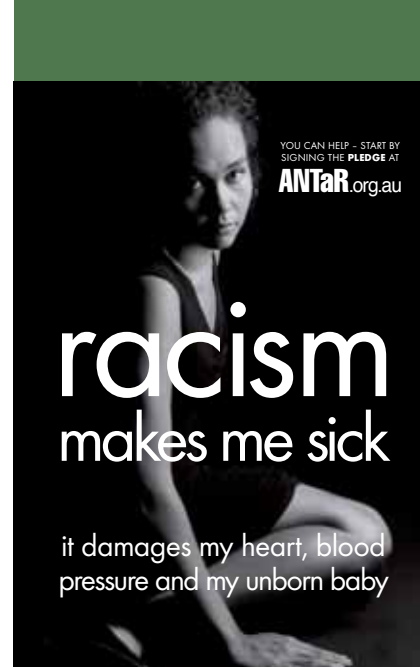
The *Racism makes me sick* campaign calls for all Australians to *Speak Up* against racism. In March 2009, the *Racism makes me sick* campaign was re-activated on Harmony Day – a day designated by the federal government to celebrate the cohesive and inclusive nature of our nation and promote the benefits of cultural diversity.

ANTaR's 2009 Harmony Day initiative focused on ways of speaking up against online racism. This was in response to an increase in racist online material, including several racist tirades on blogs and news pages. These were malicious and also perpetuated lies and false stereotypes about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

The Harmony Day *Racism makes me sick* campaign was promoted via online social networking sites such as MySpace and Facebook, the ANTaR email bulletin and our website.

ANTaR provided online "stickers" which could be put on websites, blogs and Facebook pages. Judging from the number of comments we received, this was a very welcome resource.

The *Racism makes me sick* campaign resources continue to generate ongoing interest in ANTaR's work. In particular, ANTaR's online presence has been substantially increased through the traffic created by people searching for information on racism in Australia as well as tips for combating racism.

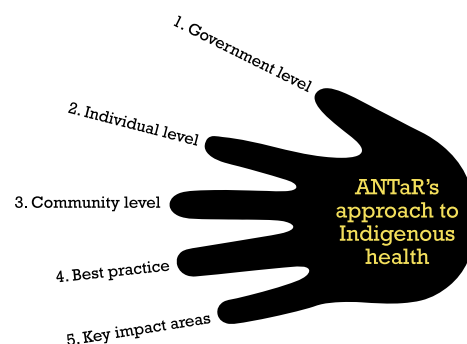


## Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health campaigns

An Aboriginal child born in 2010 will still live an average of 17 years less than a non-Aboriginal child (or 12 years if you use the Australian Bureau of Statistics' new life expectancy figures, which were altered due to a change in the statistical method used).

ANTaR has continued to work tirelessly on the many facets of the health campaign, including:

- **Close The Gap campaign**
- **Campaign for increased funding**
- **Campaign on social determinants of Indigenous health and the need for a comprehensive plan**
- **Campaigns for increased consultation, community control and evidence-based practice.**





# Close The Gap Campaign



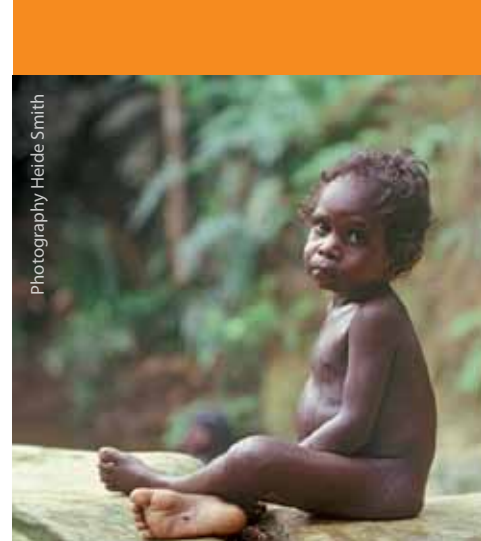
ANTaR continues its important role on the *Close The Gap* Indigenous Health Equality campaign coalition Steering Committee. Other organisations that comprise the Steering Committee include NACCHO (National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation), AIDA (Australian Indigenous Doctors Association) and the Australian Human Rights Commission.

Over the past year, the coalition saw the signing of the *Close The Gap* Statement of Intent by the Victorian and Western Australian governments. This followed the signing of the Statement of Intent by the Queensland and Federal governments earlier in 2008. The Statement of Intent commits signatories to improve Indigenous health by adopting a set of health equality targets ([see below](#)).

ANTaR and the *Close The Gap* coalition are now focusing on securing commitment from the remaining States and Territories and on ensuring that all governments implement and fund their commitment as outlined in the *Close The Gap* Statement of Intent.

## By signing the Statement of Intent, governments commit:

- To developing a comprehensive, long-term plan of action, that is targeted to need, evidence-based and capable of addressing the existing inequities in health services, in order to achieve equality of health status and life expectancy between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and non- Indigenous Australians by 2030.
- To ensuring primary health care services and health infrastructure for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples which are capable of bridging the gap in health standards by 2018.
- To ensuring the full participation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and their representative bodies in all aspects of addressing their health needs.
- To working collectively to systematically address the social determinants that impact on achieving health equality for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.
- To building on the evidence base and supporting what works in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health, and relevant international experience.
- To supporting and developing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community-controlled health services in urban, rural and remote areas in order to achieve lasting improvements in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health and wellbeing.
- To achieving improved access to, and outcomes from, mainstream services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.
- To respect and promote the rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, including by ensuring that health services are available, appropriate, accessible, affordable, and of good quality.
- To measure, monitor, and report on our joint efforts, in accordance with benchmarks and targets, to ensure that we are progressively realising our shared ambitions.



## *The Secret Seven and the social determinants of health campaigns*

In October 2008, ANTaR launched a campaign (separate but related to *Close The Gap*) to lobby the Federal Government's Expenditure Review Committee (seven ministers which we nicknamed "The Secret Seven") to allocate additional and new funding for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health.

In November 2008 and after extensive lobbying, COAG (Council of Australian Governments) committed an additional \$806 million over 4 years for Indigenous health. This financial commitment was matched by the States and Territories which contributed funds of \$772 million. The total funding commitment by COAG was \$1.6 billion. This is a big win for ANTaR, ANTaR's supporters, and the rest of the *Close The Gap* campaign coalition that has worked hard to lobby the government on this issue over recent years.

*"This is a watershed moment in our efforts to close the life expectancy gap. Never have we seen such concentrated and determined effort from all governments working together."*

Social Justice Commissioner, **Tom Calma** (in reference to the COAG health announcement)

The COAG commitment to expand primary care, particularly around chronic disease management and prevention, was an essential and welcome step towards achieving the *Close The Gap* campaign targets.

Despite these great achievements and while the direct health funding is generally well-targeted, there are serious and fundamental flaws in COAG's broader policy strategy:

- COAG has overlooked much evidence of what works, including key determinants of health inequality and disadvantage which are critical to achieving its closing the gap targets.
- To date, COAG has not worked in partnership with Indigenous people to develop or implement its closing the gap strategy.

In April 2009, ANTaR launched a new phase in our health campaign with the aim of persuading all Australian governments to develop in partnership with Indigenous people, a comprehensive, long-term plan that is evidence-based and includes specific measures for addressing the social and cultural determinants of health. This phase of the campaign builds on the widely supported *Close The Gap* Statement of Intent.

ANTaR focused its efforts on COAG's *Closing the Gap* meeting that took place in July 2009. However, the meeting failed to deliver the desired outcomes so ANTaR will continue to support lobbying and campaigning in this area.





## *Stolen Generations campaign*

More than a year has passed since the National Apology to the Stolen Generations. While there have been continued efforts by groups representing Stolen Generations survivors, Australia is no closer to fulfilling the basic principles and guidelines on the right to reparation for victims of gross violations of human rights and humanitarian law (commonly referred to as the van Boven Principles). This is despite a desperate need for adequate and immediate reparations, particularly as the Stolen Generations survivors are some of the most disadvantaged people in Australia.

The main aim of the forcible removal of Indigenous babies and children was to absorb or assimilate the children into the wider non-Indigenous community so that their unique cultural values and identities would disappear – a clear violation of human rights.

ANTaR sees addressing the needs and rights of Stolen Generations as one of the core issues in Australian Aboriginal Affairs. Unfortunately, a lack of understanding and a degree of prejudice in the non-Indigenous community means that the issue of the Stolen Generations remains a low priority for governments.

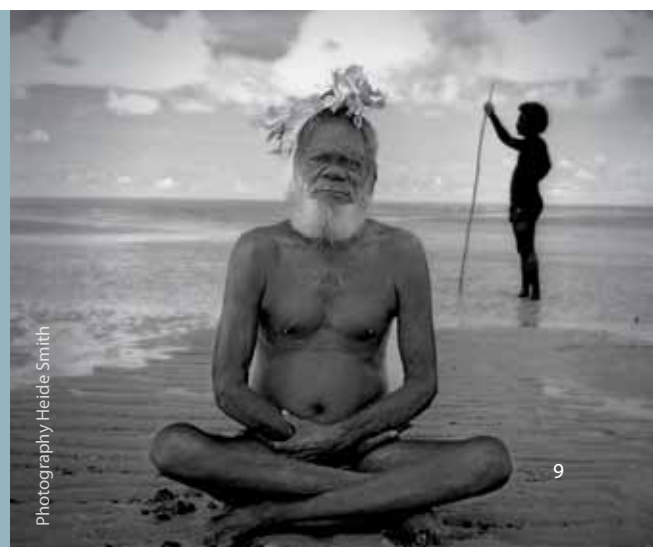
That is why on Sorry Day - 26 May 2009 – ANTaR supported and further promoted the cause of the Stolen Generations by partnering with MySpace, an online social networking site.

MySpace, a service which 10% of Australians use (roughly 2 million people), added a banner to their website home page to promote Sorry Day and to raise awareness among MySpace users about the Stolen Generations.

As a result of this collaboration between ANTaR and MySpace, over 11,600 individual Australians clicked on the link provided and looked at ANTaR's information about the meaning of Sorry Day. Furthermore, MySpace reported an estimated 1,000 comments being posted by users across their site about Sorry Day.

Importantly, ANTaR received a number of comments indicating that the MySpace website was the only source of information many users came across on that day about Sorry Day and the Stolen Generations.

ANTaR will continue promoting the cause of the Stolen Generations into the future.



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## Seven Steps for Justice campaign



The election of the Rudd Government in 2007 seemed to signal a change in the government's treatment of Indigenous issues and its approach to Indigenous Affairs. Prior to the election, ANTaR launched the *Seven Steps for Justice* campaign so as to track the new government's real and substantive progress in key areas impacting on Indigenous peoples and their rights.

In 2008-2009 we continued monitoring the government's progress on the *Seven Steps for Justice* issues. Our supporters were advised of progress and possible actions through the ANTaR monthly online bulletin. ANTaR encourages all supporters and people interested in Indigenous issues to sign up to the bulletin as a way of keeping informed of campaigns (including the *Seven Steps for Justice*) and critical issues.



*ANTaR has played a critical role in the Close the Gap campaign from its inception. ANTaR's efforts were quick to see the opportunity presented by the findings of the Social Justice Report 2005 and were critical in garnering public support and awareness for the campaign. The involvement of Ian Thorpe, Jeff McMullen and Catherine Freeman was the result of the efforts of ANTaR National Director Gary Highland and research such as the 'success stories' report and 'racism makes me sick' have kept the campaign and its message of change in the public eye.*

**Tom Calma**

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner and Race Discrimination Commissioner, Australian Human Rights Commission.

## Online engagement

2008 - 2009 has been the second consecutive ground-breaking year for ANTaR's online campaigning. Building on the success of 2007-2008 when ANTaR won the prestigious MySpace Impact Award, ANTaR launched its new website in September 2008.

The new website [www.antar.org.au](http://www.antar.org.au) is easier for users to navigate and features a more attractive design. The new website also requires less work to update and maintain – a significant consideration for ANTaR. The website was designed and built in-house using a cost-free open source system, and is maintained by volunteers. These measures have helped us keep our online costs very low.

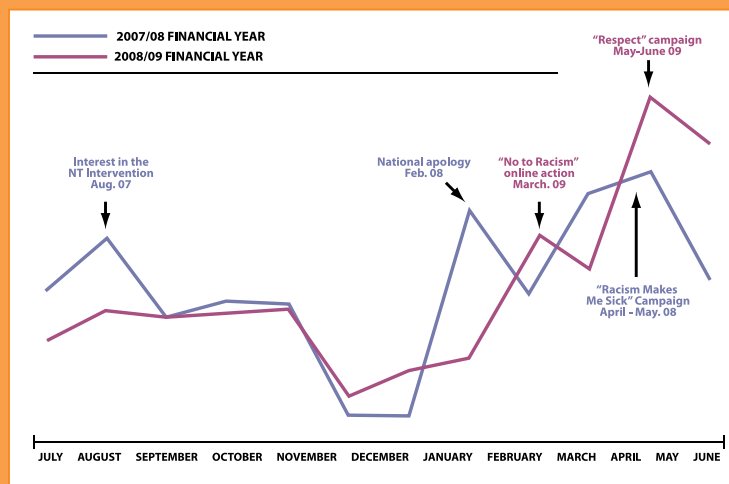
The chart below tracks unique visitor numbers to the ANTaR website over a two year period. The chart clearly indicates that ANTaR's public campaigns are successful in driving people to the ANTaR website for information. There is also a significant year on year increase pointing to ANTaR's growing public profile. An increasing number of visitors to the website allows ANTaR to educate, engage and inspire more Australians in support of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander rights.

ANTaR has been successfully utilising social networking sites. At the end of 08/09 financial year, ANTaR had:

- **MySpace friends: 1359**
- **Facebook friends: 1720**
- **Respect campaign fans (on Facebook): 2334**

Most popular area of the ANTaR website was our anti-racism campaign. Top issue of interest to website visitors was the Northern Territory Intervention.

Everyone can stay in touch with ANTaR campaign updates through our electronic bulletin. The bulletins are short and are sent on average only once per month. To sign up visit our website [www.antar.org.au](http://www.antar.org.au)



*The fresh new look of the ANTaR website.*

# ANTaR Submissions



## Submissions and presentations:

- Presentation by David Cooper to the Forum - Racism and the NT Intervention: Addressing the impact of the ongoing suspension of the Racial Discrimination Act by the Rudd Government. UTS, Sydney, 22nd March 2009
- Submission on the Northern Territory Government's Outstations Policy Discussion Paper. November 2008
- Submission to the National Consultation on Human Rights, June 2009
- Centre for Aboriginal Economic Policy Research (CAEPR) Seminar, David Cooper,
- Seminar to staff of AusAID, David Cooper

## Media releases and opinion articles

- Flawed and inadequate consultation continues at the second anniversary of the NT intervention
- New Minister for Indigenous Health a positive step
- Remote homelands rethink urgently needed in the Northern Territory
- Launch of ANTaR's new Respect campaign
- \$4.6 billion COAG 'closing the gap' investment at risk
- Search for new ANTaR National Director
- ANTaR: 'Government must act swiftly on petrol sniffing recommendations'
- Foundations laid in past year to 'Close the Gap in health'
- Closing the gap report card – more effort needed on Indigenous engagement
- ANTaR Victoria Calls for Brumby Government Apology Day Commitment to Reconciliation
- Another small step on the road to reconciliation
- What Is The Australian Story?
- Watching the Prime Minister's Report Card on Closing the Gap
- Native Title reform a positive opportunity for all Victorians
- Justice demands royal commission into circumstances surrounding Mulrunji death
- WA Premier shows his true colours on Native Title
- WA Minister throws a left hook at Native Title
- Health equality for Indigenous Australians a step closer: Close The Gap Coalition welcomes COAG funding
- Government approach to NT Intervention should be incentive based and tailored to individual community needs
- Federal Government response to the NTER Review
- All sides of politics urged to support NTER Review recommendations
- It's time for a state intervention
- Queensland Government 'rubs salt in the wounds' of Indigenous workers
- WA Government must come clean on plans for remote communities
- Indigenous rights make a big Impact online
- Article in National Indigenous Times –David Cooper, Closing the Cultural Understanding Gap



## Supporting success

### *The Rights Stuff Indigenous merchandise program*

ANTaR's *The Rights Stuff* merchandise program makes Australia's only NGO-produced catalogue dedicated to promoting and supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait enterprise.

*The Rights Stuff* aim is to contribute to a just Australia by directly supporting Indigenous enterprise while offering vibrant and thoughtful products to all Australians and globally.

*The Rights Stuff* catalogue gives people the opportunity to buy high quality items in time for the end of year celebrations and throughout the new year.

An expanding customer base allows ANTaR to continue supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander enterprise, artists, musicians and writers. The 2008 catalogue directly helped over 50 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander enterprises and artists to promote and sell their work.

One example is the young Indigenous author Joshua Button who both wrote and illustrated his delightful book *Joshua and the Two Crabs*. Joshua's book was popular with the end of year shoppers, schools and libraries.

*The Rights Stuff* continues to have a strong sales record with an increase of 40% from 2007 and an overall increase in sales from 2006 of 175%. All revenue generated by the ANTaR Merchandise program is reinvested in merchandise to continue supporting and promoting Aboriginal and Torres Islander enterprise.

In 2008-2009 ANTaR for the first time produced our own greeting cards showcasing designs from the Papunya Tula Artists – founders of the Central and Western Desert Aboriginal Art Movement. The cards were featured in the Sydney Morning Herald's Christmas Gift Guide, November 2008. The cards were a great success in generating revenue for *The Rights Stuff* program and in raising the public profile of ANTaR's advocacy work.

**It is possible to view *The Rights Stuff* catalogue and purchase all merchandise products online from [www.antar.org.au/shop](http://www.antar.org.au/shop)**



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**AUSTRALIANS FOR NATIVE TITLE AND RECONCILIATION (ANTaR) INC**  
**INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT TO THE MEMBERS**

**Report on the Financial Report**

We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of Australians for Native Title and Reconciliation (ANTaR) Inc which comprises the balance sheet as at 30 June 2009, the profit and loss statement, other explanatory notes and the statement by the committee.

**Committee's Responsibility for the Financial Report**

The members of the committee of the association are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements, which form part of the financial report, and appropriate to meet the requirements of the constitution, the Associations Incorporation Act 1984 (NSW) and the needs of the members. The committee's responsibilities also include establishing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

**Auditor's Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used, as described in Note 1, are appropriate to meet the needs of the committee or the members. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. These auditing standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the association's preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the association's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the committee, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

If you are interested in additional information about any of this, please refer to our website [www.antar.org.au](http://www.antar.org.au) or give us a call on (02) 9564 0594.

The financial report has been prepared for distribution to members for the purpose of fulfilling the committee's financial reporting requirements under the Associations Incorporation Act 1984 (NSW) and the constitution. We disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report or on the financial report to which it relates by any person other than the members, or for any purpose other than that for which it was prepared.

Receipts from fundraising, sales and other sundry items as shown in the financial statements have been extracted from the Association's books of account. While controls over the handling and banking of cash receipts are in place, it is not possible to form an opinion as to whether all receipts have been banked and recorded in the books of account.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

**Independence**

In conducting our audit, we have complied with the independence requirements of the Australian professional ethical pronouncements.

**Basis for Qualified Audit Opinion**

The financial statements for the previous financial year have not been audited. We are therefore unable to determine if the amounts recorded in the financial records for the year ended 30 June 2008 were materially correct.

**Qualified Auditor's Opinion**

In our opinion, subject to the above matters, the financial statements present fairly the financial position of Australians for Native Title and Reconciliation (ANTaR) Inc for the year ended 30 June 2009 in accordance with the basis of accounting described in Note 1 to the financial statements.

**PASCOE WHITTLE**  
 Chartered Accountants

**JOHN S PASCOE**  
 Sydney

10 November 2009

**AUSTRALIANS FOR NATIVE TITLE AND RECONCILIATION (ANTaR) INC**  
**STATEMENT BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE**

The committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity.

The committee has determined that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the accounts.

In the opinion of the committee the financial statements comprising the Balance Sheet, Profit and Loss Statement and notes thereto:

- 1 present fairly the financial position of Australians for Native Title and Reconciliation (ANTaR) Inc as at 30 June 2009 and the results of the association for the year ended on that date;
- 2 at the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that Australians for Native Title and Reconciliation (ANTaR) Inc will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Committee and is signed for and on behalf of the Committee by:

Committee Member,

Committee Member,

Dated 10 November 2009



<b>BALANCE SHEET - As of June 2009</b>		
<b>Assets</b>	<b>This Year</b>	<b>Last Year</b>
Total Cash at Bank	\$120,502.88	\$263,130.06
Total Cash on Hand	\$6,315.49	\$6,512.00
Total Recievables	\$23,066.19	\$26,014.62
Total Other Current Assets	\$5,045.66	-\$367.31
Total Fixed Assets	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Stock on Hand	\$21,736.58	\$6,179.85
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$176,666.80</b>	<b>\$301,469.22</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>	<b>This Year</b>	<b>Last Year</b>
Total Current Liabilities	\$2,289.60	\$16,485.33
Total Payroll Liabilities	\$7,108.37	\$7,004.28
Total Tax Liabilities	\$8,600.51	\$14,030.72
Total Payroll Provisions	\$19,205.68	\$31,078.27
Total Other Liabilities	\$1,331.21	\$30,253.92
Total Inter-State Office Amounts Due	-\$5,361.05	\$19,333.28
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$33,174.32</b>	<b>\$118,185.80</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>\$143,492.48</b>	<b>\$183,283.42</b>
<b>Equity</b>		
Retained Earnings	\$183,283.42	\$253,505.95
Current Year Earnings	-\$39,790.94	-\$70,222.53
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>	<b>\$143,492.48</b>	<b>\$183,283.42</b>

<b>PROFIT &amp; LOSS - 1st July 08 to 30th June 09</b>		
<b>Income</b>	<b>This Year</b>	<b>Last Year</b>
Total Fundraising	\$548,607.82	\$703,454.93
Total Merchandise	\$88,757.40	\$53,753.68
Miscellaneous Income	\$2,225.40	\$120.91
Total Income	\$659,590.62	\$757,329.52
<b>Cost of Sales</b>		
Total Cost of Sales	\$43,521.02	\$21,116.33
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>\$616,069.60</b>	<b>\$736,213.19</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Total State ANTaR Disbursements	\$71,311.43	\$140,037.07
Total Staff Expenses	\$370,366.35	\$357,077.23
Total Community Engagement	\$37,903.40	\$107,740.17
Total Fundraising and Promotion	\$119,522.24	\$96,540.66
Total Travel and Accommodation	\$12,668.91	\$26,654.59
Total Professional Fees	\$45.00	\$795.45
Total Facilities	\$18,941.41	\$15,384.85
Total Other General Expense	\$31,238.32	\$48,527.91
Total Operating Expenses	\$220,319.28	\$295,613.63
Total Expenses	\$661,997.06	\$792,757.93
Operating Profit	-\$45,927.46	-\$56,544.74
Total Other Income	\$6,260.22	-\$4,359.70
Total Other Expenses	\$123.70	\$9,318.09
<b>NET PROFIT / (LOSS)</b>	<b>-\$39,790.94</b>	<b>\$70,222.53</b>

# ANTaR National Governance

## ANTaR's National Management Committee (NMC) 2008-2009

**President** - *Janet Hunt (ANTaR ACT)*

**Vice-President** - *Angus Frith (ANTaR VIC)*

**Treasurer** - *Merrindah Andrew (ANTaR ACT)*

**Secretary** - *Sally Fitzpatrick (ANTaR NSW)*

### Ordinary members:

ANTaR New South Wales - *Louise Weber*

ANTaR Victoria - *Jill Webb*

ANTaR Queensland - *Kitty Carra*

ANTaR South Australia - *Glenn Giles*

ANTaR Australian Capital Territory - *Kristina Beck*

ANTaR Northern Territory - *vacant*

ANTaR Western Australia - *Stephen Hall*

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*I want to highlight the extent of work put in by ANTaR in lobbying key politicians and advisors, building bipartisan support, and in assisting Indigenous organisations with their capacity to engage. I acknowledge ANTaR's leadership, consistent advocacy and support, and look forward to continuing to working in partnership with ANTaR into the future.*

**Tom Calma**

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander  
 Social Justice Commissioner  
 and Race Discrimination Commissioner, Australian  
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