



**National Sorry Day
Grandmothers Against Removal – Panel Discussion**

Date: May 26, 2023

<p>Panellists</p>	<p>Aunty Priscilla Wightman Aunty Lurline Hope Emily Wightman</p>
	<p>Dr Kelly Menzel is a proud Ngadjuri woman with ancestral connections to Bundjalung Nation, and is the Associate Dean Education, Gnibi College of Indigenous Australian Peoples at Southern Cross University. She seeks to expose the causative factors of institutional racism, which, despite policies of diversity and inclusion, continue to exacerbate the socioeconomic, educational and health gaps between Australia’s Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and non-Indigenous populations, and explore the possibilities of reforms that may facilitate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples social mobility through professional advancement and achievement.</p>
	<p>Deb Thompson My role at Rekindling the Spirit involves facilitating a women’s group once a week and Stolen Generation group every two months, in addition to providing daily counselling services. Working with the Stolen Generation has been particularly gratifying, as I get to help individuals who have been taken, find their families and connect with others who understand their experiences. It’s an honour to be a part of their journey and to help them reclaim their voices.</p>