

# WELL OF TEARS : VISIONS OF HEALING TRUTH-TELLING AND HEALING CIRCLE

Tombarra By The River, Braidwood

28TH – 30TH May

A three-day yarning circle in collaboration with Arrernte Elder, Peltherre Chris Tomlins, *Dreaming Australia*, and *Heartwood, Site for transformative Arts, Culture Science*.

Well of Tears, Visions of Healing is a truth-telling with revered Elders who will speak to massacres of First People, the Frontier Wars and the on-going NT Intervention.

While these are the wounds this country urgently needs to heal, we can restore justice, create peace, live in respectful harmony, and build a future and find the right way to walk forward together. Together through truth, genuine understanding and full recognition of atrocities and the long-term consequences. 'Now is the time for all Australians to come together and begin the healing.'

But first we need Truth.

It is beyond any doubt that this will be a long-term process and we can start now!

Venue address: 579 Northanger Rd, Budawang  
(near Braidwood) NSW 2622

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Event inquiries, bookings & costs:

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# PROGRAMME

## **Day one: TRUTH-TELLING AND DEEP LISTENING**

**First People and new-Australians will find a respectful space for grief and sorrow, space to acknowledge the truth that this loss and anguish did not end with the end of a massacre, but continues to this day. A space in which non-indigenous people can and will find a place for their sorrow and shame, especially if their families participated in atrocities and find a way to grieve.**

## **Day two: RECOGNISING THE ON-GOING EFFECTS**

**The massacres lead to stolen country, loss of connection, culture, language, sacred sites and stolen children. The environmental destruction of this continent is a direct consequence of the rightful custodians no longer being able to care for country, the Mother of all life, in the right way. The first day of the first massacre was the first day of the destruction of this continent.**

## **Day three: RESTORATIVE JUSTICE = RESTORING CUSTODIANSHIP**

**We will focus on restorative justice and how, together, we can create lasting change. Restorative justice includes self-determination and autonomy and economic justice for the First People of this country. It addresses education, health, suicide prevention (especially in consideration of young) in ways appropriate to culture/s. This justice is built on restoring custodianship of country and restoring powers of decision-making to the rightful custodians.**

Website:

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Introducing the Elders and Presenters:

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