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The following Statement was launched on 1 June 2006 by Professor Gavin Brown at Sydney University following Welcome to Country by Gadigal Elder Mr Charles Madden. Mr Phil Glendenning, Director of the Edmund Rice Centre and President of ANTAAR provided an address on reconciliation followed by a performance by children from Erskinville Aboriginal Dance group lead by Terry Olsen.

The University of Sydney Reconciliation Statement

The University of Sydney is Australia's first university. It is committed to creating an environment in which the rich, and diverse cultures of Indigenous Australians are known, promoted, and celebrated.

The first people of this land, the Australian Indigenous peoples, are the most socio- economically disadvantaged group in Australia.

The University recognises, values and respects continuing Indigenous customary laws, beliefs and traditions, and the close and enduring relationship between the first peoples and their land, sea and rivers. The University is committed to the protection and support of Indigenous Australian cultural heritage, and to educating the University community about the continuing importance of this unique heritage in the lives of Australian Indigenous peoples today.

The University of Sydney acknowledges all of the following:

- **Gadigal peoples of the Eora Nation** - Camperdown, Darlington, Mallet Street, Newtown, Rozelle, Law School and the Conservatorium of Music
- **Deerubbin peoples** - Lidcombe Campus
- **Tharawal peoples** - Camden and Cobbitty Campuses
- **Ngunnawal peoples** - Canberra Campus

- **Wiradjuri peoples** - Dubbo Clinical School
- **Gamilaroi peoples** - Moree and Narrabri Campuses
- **Bundjulong peoples** - Lismore Campus
- **Wiljali peoples** - Broken Hill Campus
- **Gureng Gureng peoples** - In the vicinity of the One Tree Island Research Station.

The University will actively promote reconciliation between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians through the following strategies and activities:

- The Indigenous Education Strategy and the promotion of education for Indigenous Australian peoples at all levels in society.
- The Indigenous Australians Employment Strategy.
- The return of Indigenous Australians remains held-by the University to their traditional homelands.
- A protocol for acknowledging traditional Indigenous custodianship of lands on which the campuses are located, as part of graduations, awards presentations and other official University ceremonies
- The incorporation of relevant Indigenous perspectives into University materials and academic programs.
- Consultation and collaboration with Indigenous peoples to advance the goals of the 'University and Indigenous peoples.
- Research with Indigenous people to promote the welfare and health of Indigenous Australians and to support and promote an understanding of Indigenous Australians' culture within the Australian community.

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