

DUNGALA KAIELA ORATION

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Earlier this week Dr Martin Parkinson PSM, Secretary of the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet, delivered the 8th Dungala Kaiela Oration which focuses on indigenous social and economic inclusion.

"As an economist, I care deeply about getting the economic fundamentals right – because it's the economic success of individuals that will see us close the gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians".

"This is our chance— Government and Indigenous people—to take the lessons of the past decade and work together to reset the agenda, to focus our efforts to truly close the gap in the outcomes for Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians", said Dr Parkinson during his speech.

"The Oration is a powerful opportunity to reflect on progress and to drive forward strategies around cultural affirmation, wealth creation, and progress towards social and economic inclusion" said Paul Briggs, Executive Director of the Kaiela Institute.

Ian Anderson, Pro Vice-Chancellor (Engagement) and Foundation Chair in Indigenous Health, at the University of Melbourne remarked that "the University was thrilled to yet again support the Dungala Kaiela Oration, a truly agenda-setting event for not just the Goulburn Valley but nationally. The presentation by Dr Parkinson was very welcome and warmly received, and did an excellent job of highlighting the Indigenous policy agenda for the newly-elected Turnbull government."

The Dungala Kaiela Oration 'Defining Goulburn Murray' is an annual event co-hosted by the Kaiela Institute and the University of Melbourne and held in Shepparton, Victoria. Justin Mohamed, CEO of Reconciliation Australia, introduced this year's Oration held on 17 August and the event also featured a performance by famed soprano and composer Deborah Cheetham and the Dhungala Children's Choir.

About the Kaiela Institute

The Kaiela Institute is a community investment organisation that was formed in 2011 by local leaders to provide an evidence-based holistic approach to step change improvements in the key areas of education, employment and inclusion for Indigenous people in the Goulburn Murray region. The role of the Kaiela Institute is to stimulate critical thinking across sector leadership with a view to elevating cultural affirmation and Indigenous wellbeing indicators.

We work in partnerships with Indigenous and non-Indigenous organisations across four key areas, namely Aspiration, Enablement, Responsibility and Opportunity.

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Photographs, video and a transcript of the Oration can be found on the web at:
<http://www.kaielainstitute.org.au/dungala-kaiela-oration.html>