

Media Release
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Indigenous Treaty – A Framework for the Future

On Thursday 8 October, 2009 The Wayside Chapel will host a public event aimed at raising awareness of the issue of an indigenous treaty, as part of its Wayside Speaks series.

Dr. Sarah Maddison, author of 'Black Politics', and Larissa Behrendt, Professor of Law and Director of Research at the Jumbunna Indigenous House of Learning at UTS, will speak about the social and legal implications of a treaty and then open up to questions.

"There is so much focus on policy and service delivery in Indigenous affairs, but until we get the framework right, policies and programs will not make a difference to Indigenous lives. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples need a solid legal footing from which to negotiate and from which they can take control of their lives," Dr. Maddison said.

Pastor of the Wayside Chapel, Rev. Graham Long says The Wayside Chapel has a long history of working for indigenous issues and is pleased to host such an event.

"Since the days when Charles Perkins and Ted Noffs worked together for a better deal for indigenous Australians, The Wayside Chapel has always been a place of welcome and a place where discussions about indigenous affairs have taken place," said Rev. Long.

Event: Wayside Speaks: Indigenous Treaty – A Framework for the Future

When: 6:30pm – 8pm, Thursday 8 October 2009

Where: The Wayside Chapel, 29 Hughes Street, Potts Point

Who: Dr. Sarah Maddison – Author of 'Black Politics', and Larissa Behrendt – Professor of Law and Director of Research at the Jumbunna Indigenous House of Learning at UTS.

Wayside Speaks is a regular series of debates and events about issues affecting the community, with a focus on social justice and welfare issues. The next event will be a talk from Mark Gable, lead singer of the Choirboys speaking about his depression (October 22).

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The Wayside Chapel has provided unconditional love, care and support for people on and around the streets of Kings Cross since 1964. Each year thousands of people visit the Wayside for assistance in gaining equitable access to essential health, welfare and related services. The Wayside Chapel is well known for its Youth program and Day to Day Living programs.