



## **Ivan-Tiwu Copley**

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Ivan-Tiwu is a Peramangk/Kaurna man who was raised around Plympton and the sand hills of Glenelg North in South Australia. His achievements for working with non-Aboriginal and Aboriginal peoples for reconciliation and the recognition of his people were honoured in 2005 with the Premier's Award for Community Achievement, and again in 2009 when he received the South Australian of the Year Award. More recently, Ivan received the Order of Australia Medal (OAM) in 2012.

Until his retirement in 2017, Ivan was the State Manager for Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Engagement with the Australian Bureau of Statistics, a role which saw him travel throughout South Australia. Now, although technically not working, Ivan is as busy as ever. As a recognised creative artist, author, and advisor for Aboriginal engagement protocols and cultural appropriateness, Ivan is a sought-after speaker for conferences, seminars and events for schools, organisations and councils. He's also the Chairperson for the TURKINDI Indigenous Information Network of SA, connecting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples with information, service providers and training and employment opportunities. Ivan has also sat as a Committee Member for the City of Adelaide Reconciliation Committee since 2004.

"I believe Reconciliation is about Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander peoples and all other Australians understanding and resolving the problems of the past, developing and implementing Reconciliation Action Plans and participating in physical interaction. Establishing National Engagement Protocols, delivering Cultural Awareness and setting common pathways into the future for a harmonious Multicultural Society."