

# One year on and Still YES

13TH OCTOBER 11AM-3PM

COMO PLEASURE GROUNDS

2A Cremona Rd Como (parking nearby + a short walk from Como Train Station)

BYO picnic lunch + chairs or rug

Wear your YES or Uluru Statement tshirt

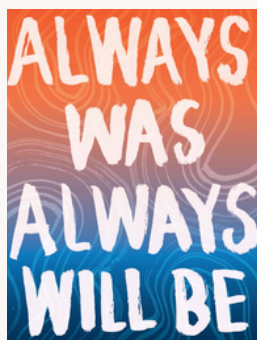
*Hearts gathering on Dharawal Country*

This group was formed through a collective acceptance of the invitation of the Uluru Statement from the Heart. This group remains a really important space to continue listening to and learning from First Nations voices - to increase our knowledge and awareness of First Nations history, culture, strengths and challenges as we continue to walk alongside First Nations peoples for a better future.

We are a group of like-minded and passionate, socially engaged individuals who care deeply about our community and the world around us. This space is politically neutral and will always be for listening to First Nations voices to create the positive change the Uluru Statement from the Heart calls for.

For those who joined our Walk the Walk for Yes across Como Bridge, you may remember we gifted Thomas Mayo and family a picnic rug on the day. The rug featured artwork by Miimi and Jinida called "Hearts Gathering" representing a central meeting place surrounded by circles representing neighbouring tribes, friends, and family. This is what "Still Yes" is about - hearts gathering one year on to connect and share stories, culture, food and reflections to commemorate the anniversary of the referendum for a First Nations Voice to Parliament.

Please wear your Yes or Uluru Statement tshirt, bring a chair or picnic rug, food and drinks. We look forward to seeing you there. For more details, see the end of the newsletter.



## ON THE DAY, RECORD & SHARE YOUR TRUTH

Thomas Mayo's new book, "Always Was, Always Will Be", includes a chapter on what's next. In it Thomas suggests writing a poem, memoir, open letter or opinion piece and to share this on the anniversary of the referendum. If this is something you'd like to do, please feel encouraged to share with others and listen to others, respecting that it is emotional day with pain and grief for many.

# Uluru Statement from the Heart

## A MESSAGE FROM BRIDGET CAMA

My name is Bridget Cama and I am a member and youth leader of the Uluru Dialogue under Prof Megan Davis and Pat Anderson AO. I led the national youth campaign in support of a Voice alongside Allira Davis.

Whilst the official 'Yes' and 'No' campaigns have wrapped up, from an Uluru Dialogue perspective, we are staying put and continue to fight on. We remain committed to structural reform, a Voice for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People and the Uluru Statement from the Heart. And we are backed by the 6.2 million Australians who voted YES! 6.2 million friends we didn't know we had before 14 October 2023.

We are so grateful to all of our Allies around the country, we really do see and value all the work that you do in your various organisations and communities. So firstly, a huge thank you to the Yes Sutherland Shire group. We are so grateful and thank you for your hard work, passion, love and support. But encourage you to continue to join us on this journey towards a better future.

The Uluru Dialogue team has been traveling and talking with Australians again. Pat Anderson delivered the keynote address at the National Allyship Conference to the University of Wollongong, Professor Megan Davis has addressed forums and I have had the opportunity to speak to allies including those in regional Australia.



To keep up to date with our work and to stay informed about what you can do to support, sign up to our e-newsletter [HERE!](#)

As we approach the first anniversary of the Voice Referendum, we have seen a mixture of silence by the country, with many moving on to the next thing, as well as some serious confusion over the commitment to a Makarrata Commission post referendum. Given the one year anniversary, this is a timely reminder that the Uluru Statement from the Heart was, and still remains, an invitation to the Australian people so together we can make meaningful change.

Thank you for your ongoing support!

## THREE KEY ACTIONS YOU CAN TAKE RIGHT NOW!

1

### SIGN UP

to the Uluru Statement from the Heart e-newsletter for fortnightly updates and actions you can take

[Sign Up HERE](#)

2

### SEND

any contact details of local Voice supporter groups to [usfh@unsw.edu.au](mailto:usfh@unsw.edu.au)

3

### FOLLOW

the Uluru Statement from the Heart on social media @ulurustatement

# A message from Jodie

## PLEASE TELL ME YOUR STORIES!

I have been inspired by the words of Thomas Mayo: "When you record the truth of what you experienced, you are documenting some important lessons for future generations of Australians. I encourage supporters to keep your photos as well. Share them proudly. You were there - on the right side of history".

I am creating a book that captures Yes23 Sutherland Shire's fight for a Voice that will include photos and (I hope!) personal stories of the amazing volunteers who I now consider friends and family. Alex - our amazing photographer - who invested so much time capturing history so beautifully, has agreed for his photos to be used in the book, so it will look stunning, and of course, will be shared!

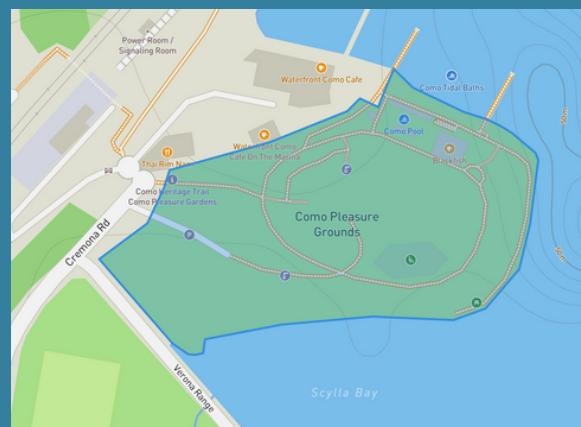
If you would like to be included through sharing your story in a poem, opinion piece, open letter, or even just a quote of a few words, please email me [jojokurtz@hotmail.com](mailto:jojokurtz@hotmail.com).



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### How to get there:

- Como Station is a short walk away. Exit the station on the eastern side, walk to Cremona Pde, turn left & follow until you arrive.
- Parking is available in Cremona Rd or Verona Range
- When you arrive, look out for Aldo & the Uluru Statement from the Heart



### What to bring:

- Picnic lunch or snacks.
- Chairs or a picnic rug.
- Picnic games if desired
- Wear your YES or Uluru Statement tshirt

Mary has been busy making adjustments to her YES tshirt. Love this so much!

### What to expect:

- Yarning / listening circle with Aunty Dolly.
- Friends & family in solidarity & unity - still yes.
- Hopefully, renewal and rejuvenation to keep walking towards reconciliation & making meaningful change for a better future.

