

Engaging with the RAP – How Clubs Can Get Involved



Overview

Surf Life Saving Queensland (SLSQ) has launched its first-ever Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP), guided by the As One framework developed by consultant and life member Rachael Wynberg. This plan is all about taking real action to build respect, relationships and opportunities with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

1 Why it matters:

- We patrol on lands and waters cared for by First Nations peoples for over 65,000 years. The RAP helps us acknowledge this and ensure Surf Life Saving is inclusive, welcoming, and connected to the communities we serve.

2 What clubs can do:

- **Start conversations** – Reach out to Traditional Owners in your area or host a Welcome to Country.
- **Get involved in National events** – Be part of National Reconciliation Week, NAIDOC Week, and Indigenous rounds at events like Fastest on Sand.
- **Fly the flags** – Raise the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags alongside your red and yellow ones at the start of patrol season.
- **Host Come & Try Days** – Partner with groups like the Clontarf and Stars Foundations to engage young First Nations people.
- **Join the movement** – Each branch has a RAP working group rep to help clubs take part and share ideas.

3 Where to start:

- Talk to your RAP branch rep or contact the Membership team at SLSQ.
- Visit the SLSQ website for resources, event info, and expressions of interest.
- Stay up to date via the It's a RAP quarterly update.