



# TIPIAC X RILEY CALLIE RESOURCES NATIONAL FIRST NATIONS EDUCATION CONFERENCE 2026

FRIDAY, 14  
AUGUST 2026

## PROGRAM

PLAZA TERRACE

BRISBANE CONVENTION  
AND EXHIBITION CENTRE

8:00 – 8:30 AM	<b>Registration &amp; Arrival</b>
8:45 – 9:15 AM	<b>Opening &amp; Cultural Protocol (Plenary)</b> Shelley Ware - MC Welcome to Country - Turrbal Dippil Bronwyn Cochrane - TIPIAC Pty Ltd Deborah Hoger - Riley Callie Resources Pty Ltd
9:15 – 9:45 AM	<b>Morning Keynote (Plenary)</b> Maxwell Lenoy - ACARA <i>The ACARA FIRST Framework: A method to safely build respectful and reciprocal relationships between First Nations Elders, knowledge holders and teachers.</i>

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10:05 – 10:50 AM <b>Breakout Session Block 1</b>	<b>Lesley Woodhouse &amp; Brielle Nielsen</b>  <i>Walking Together: A Shared Commitment to Aboriginal Education</i>	<b>Rebecca Bridge</b>  <i>The Montessori Approach to Building Culturally Safe Practices for Children Under 3</i>	<b>Michael Passi</b>  <i>Mer to the Mainland - The Missing Piece of the Cultural Capability Puzzle, the Torres Strait Islander Peoples and Culture</i>	<b>Larissa Taylor</b>  <i>Truth-Telling Is Not an Add-On: Embedding First Nations Knowledges with Integrity</i>
11:10 – 11:40 AM	<b>Morning Tea Break</b> <b>Book Signing with Dr Anita Heiss</b> <b>Live Aboriginal Art Activation - Lakkari Pitt</b>			
11:50 – 12:30 PM <b>Breakout Session Block 2</b>	<b>Gemma Pol &amp; Jordyn Green</b>  <i>Story as Pedagogy – Theme-Based Learning Through First Nations Storytelling</i>	<b>Stephen Rutter</b>  <i>From Respect to Relationship: Embedding First Nations Perspectives Through Practice</i>	<b>Tanya Saltner</b>  <i>The Murri School Way</i>	<b>Rachel Dunn</b>  <i>Speaking Safe: Transforming School Practice Through Cultural Safety and Truth-Telling</i>



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<b>12:40 – 1:20 PM</b> <b>Breakout Session Block 3</b>	<b>Bronwyn Cochrane</b>  <i>The 8 Ways Roadmap: An Educators Guide to Cultural Inclusivity</i>	<b>Karen Tighe</b>  <i>Wii Gaay - Clever Child Program</i>	<b>Rhiannon Moreton</b>  <i>Jagunjen (From Country), Not Policy: A Quandamooka Elders' and Women's Standpoint on Learning and the Possessive Logic of Queensland Education</i>	<b>Jessica Staines</b>  <i>"All In" – Moving Beyond Intentions to Action Through RAP Roadmaps in Early Childhood Education</i>
<b>1:30 – 2:15 PM</b>	<b>Lunch Break</b> <b>Book Signing with Dr Anita Heiss</b> <b>Live Aboriginal Art Activation - Lakkari Pitt</b>			
<b>2:25 – 3:05 PM</b> <b>Breakout Session Block 4</b>	<b>Deb Belyea</b>  <i>Muy Nulayg (Inner Knowledge): The Importance of Cultural Identity for the Torres Strait Islander Child</i>	<b>Tammy Baart</b>  <i>Cultural Blind Spots: What you didn't consider...</i>	<b>Josh Brown</b>  <i>Native Gardens and Yarning Circles - Your Greatest Educational Resources are in Your Own Backyard</i>	<b>Paris Beasy &amp; Destiny Paris</b>  <i>Investigate and Innovate: Indigenous STEM</i>
<b>3:15 – 3:45 PM</b>	<b>Closing Panel Discussion - "All In" - Reconciliation in our Schools</b> <i>Reconciliation Australia, Murri School, Reconciliation Queensland</i>			
<b>3:45 – 4:00 PM</b>	<b>Closing &amp; Farewell</b>			

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