



**Strategic
Directions**
2021-2025

Encounter On Country Gimuy I

FRIDAY 30 MAY 2025

8:30 AM - 3:30 PM

Goomboora Park,
Shale St, Brimsmead

PREPARATION

A self-paced resource for reflection will be emailed to participants one week before the experience.

ACCREDITATION

7 hrs to Teach in Catholic School

COSTING

Approx. \$210 per participant

REGISTER

via iLearn CNS04940

by 09 May 2025

Min 15 participants

The full fee will still be invoiced to the Schools or CES teams of registered participants who withdraw after the cut-off date and are unable to find another staff member to attend in their place.



Gimuy I invites participants into an On Country experience of genuine encounter with First Nations peoples, and an opportunity for deep listening to the wisdom of Traditional Owners and Elders Henry Fourmile, Susan Reys and Karen Reys-Wilson. It is co-facilitated by members of the Identity and Outreach Team.

Participants can build knowledge of First Nations spirituality and their time-honoured Ways of Knowing, Being, Doing and Valuing through smoking ceremonies, shared stories and relationally responsive pedagogies which encourage connection to Country. Through dialogue, participants can develop personal insight into a shared journey of reconciliation and truth-telling as a member of Catholic Education in the Diocese of Cairns.

The Gimuy I program is foregrounded with a 2-hour online preparation session, followed by a one-day session at Goomboora Park comprising whole-group and small-group dialogical sessions.

A self-selected experience makes up the small group session. Participants can choose one of the following each time they engage with the Gimuy I program:

"I Can Fly" - Hear the story of the Three Sisters and their journey of being called back home to their ancestral lands; explore symbols that speak of your own story and create a clay bird with Susan's skilful guidance.

OR

"Shared Story" - Share in Karen's cultural knowledge and spiritual journey of healing through the experience of Indigenous ways of quietening the mind and listening deeply to the inner self; engage in storytelling through her family's historical artefacts and complete the session with guided meditation.

OR

"Walk Country" - Move over Country along the Esplanade, beginning at the totem poles near Wharf One and ending at the Gallery (Old Court House); listen to Henry's Story of Gimuy (Cairns) through the lens of the Gimuy Walubara Yidinji peoples.



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