

ENCOUNTER ON COUNTRY EXPERIENCE

WAYS OF KNOWING, BEING, DOING AND VALUING

FRIDAY 4 SEPTEMBER 2026

8:30 AM - 3:30 PM

Goomboora Park,
Shale St, Brimsmead

PREPARATION

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

COSTING

~~\$300~~ - \$150 participant to pay
\$150 sponsorship provided
by Identity and Encounter

Morning tea and lunch is
provided

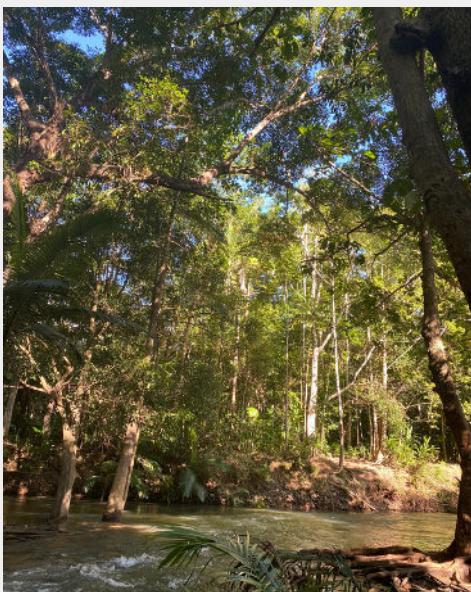
MIN 20 PARTICIPANTS

REGISTER

via iLearn CNS04940:004

by 21 August 2026

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.



Encounter Gimuy 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 Encounter Gimuy 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 Encounter Gimuy 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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