

GOONDEEN NEWS

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Share, care and respect the land, the environment and the people.

Goondeen is a First Nation's word that was used in Cherbourg to describe a 'wise, inspirational, compassionate, community-focussed, respected leader or sage'.

Professional Development

Two complimentary professional development sessions were conducted on the Goondeen Way at Brisbane Catholic Education's Ngutana Lui Educated Centre in Inala (Yuggera Country) following interest from more than 80 teachers from 20 schools. Further sessions are planned.



Professional development session



Goondeen Guardians

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Another group of Goondeen Guardians has been selected. Twenty students from 100 applicants were chosen and Goondeed Henry Plaszczuk presented awards.

IN BRIEF

Goondeen Game

The pilot run of the Goondeen game in a school has finished and learnings are being considered including variations to the game.

Queensland University of Technology

Our involvement with QUT has continued in 2024 where around 40 post-graduate students from the Business School are working on aspects of Goondeen, such as the Goondeen game.

Sorry Day Celebration

The Goondeen Institute was invited to attend the Sorry Day celebration at Inala.

Forum

Planning for 10 understanding country forums.

Discussion Group

Currently around 5000 members.

Valuable Exposure

Goondeen received valuable exposure in the 2024 Education Australia Resource Guide.



Congratulations to Everal Compton

Goondeen Everal Compton met with Shane Neumann MP and Milton Dick, Speaker of the House of Representatives in Canberra at the announcement of the Everal Compton Community Champions Medal award to a senior Australian who has made an outstanding contribution to the nation.

During his visit to the capital, Everal also met with Prime Minister Anthony Albanese and was interviewed about Goondeen on ABC radio.



Everal Compton and Prime Minister Anthony Albanese



Shane Neumann MP, Everal Compton and Milton Dick

Goondeen is a profit-for-purpose organisation, where profits go straight back into creating more resources.



PART OF THE GOONDEEN WAY

The Goondeen Educational Resources

Goondeen Institute's Professional Development and E-Resource Library provides the tools for teachers to feel safe and supported to teach First Nations' perspectives in the classroom.



- 🌀 Goondeen: Understanding Australia
- 🌀 Goondeen: Understanding Australia (Chinese translation)
- 🌀 Teacher's Manual (Prep & Primary)
- 🌀 Teacher's Manual (Secondary)
- 🌀 Teacher's Educational Kit
- 🌀 Three Goondeens (PowerPoint)
- 🌀 The Three Goondeens Educational Resource
- 🌀 Adaptability
- 🌀 Courage
- 🌀 Resilience
- 🌀 National Reconciliation Week
- 🌀 Becoming a Goondeen
- 🌀 Aboriginal Tent Embassy
- 🌀 NAIDOC Focus
- 🌀 International Indigenous Day
- 🌀 Teacher's Manual (Kindy) - being finalised

The Goondeen Educational Initiative (GEI)

GEI is an adaptable program that helps schools achieve their educational goals. One recent example is a school that has introduced the concept of Goondeen Guardians, a Goondeen garden, Goondeen gratitude postcards, a Goondeen mural, a Goondeen wagon wheel of success, and a yarning circle.

The Goondeen Institute acknowledge all Traditional Custodians across Australia and recognise First Nations peoples' continued cultural and spiritual connection to the land, sky and waterways that surround us. We pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging; acknowledge the Yuggera people as the Traditional custodians of the land that we live and work on.

NEW FEES

Professional Development Fees

The fees for professional development sessions have been revised downward. The popular 'standard' tier or three hours in now \$149 per person or \$2999 per school (whichever is the lower).

<http://www.goondeen.com.au/make-a-booking>

Membership Fees Reviewed

The membership fees have been reviewed. Full membership, which gives full access to all our resources, is just \$3749.

This is a one-off lifetime membership that includes regular updates. Prep & Primary and Secondary Lifetime memberships are \$2249.

<http://www.goondeen.com.au/subscribe>

TEACHER TESTIMONIALS

'Goondeen gives educators the resources necessary to feel empowered to teach Indigenous perspectives with confidence ...'

'When I found out what Goondeen meant, I was amazed that one word could explain such a deep, meaningful, sensitive, and absolutely important message to me as a person and a teacher ...'

'Learning about Goondeen makes me even more determined to carry on attempting to spread clear messages about the importance of our ancient Aboriginal people, their knowledge and varied cultures. I now feel stronger from knowing that its okay to use Goondeen and other quality resources and knowledges to present to my culturally-broad class groups year-by-year even though I'm not Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander...'

'I felt excited to be an educator in modern times and inspired to contribute towards changing how our Australian history is taught to future generations. Goondeen gives educators the resources necessary to feel empowered to teach Indigenous perspectives with confidence ...'

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