

AFL legends join locals in Bendigo to honour National Reconciliation Week with community kick-to-kick

Bendigo, 31 May 2016: In celebration of 25 years of Reconciliation in Australia, AFL legends Adam Goodes and Michael O’Loughlin will today join the local Bendigo community for a day of fun and reflection, taking part in a kick-to-kick event and BBQ lunch at Queen Elizabeth Oval.

Partnering with the Dja Dja Wurrung Clans Aboriginal Corporation, Bendigo & District Aboriginal Co-Operative and AFL Central Victoria, Lendlease has invited more than 100 Indigenous children from five local primary schools and the wider Bendigo community to participate in the event.

Lendlease’s Executive General Manager for Building David Lehmann said he was thrilled that Lendlease’s Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) Ambassadors Michael O’Loughlin and Adam Goodes could join the Bendigo community to celebrate National Reconciliation Week 2016.

“We’re proud of our partnership with the Dja Dja Wurrung Clans Aboriginal Corporation and our sponsorship of the Wirama Shield – the Bendigo Netball and Football Leagues Indigenous Round – for the past three years.

“Lendlease’s vision is to create the best places, and in working to achieve that we must learn from our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander brother and sisters.

“We will only make genuine progress if we step up and, with respect and collaboration, support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities who are leading the design of solutions that will create healthier, productive places and a better Australia.” Mr Lehmann said.

Rodney Carter, Group CEO of the Dja Dja Wurrung Clans Aboriginal Corporation said the event offers an occasion for the Indigenous community to meet our leaders and share their stories. Aunty Fay Carter will welcome both Adam and Michael to Dja Dja Wurrung Country.

“This kick-to-kick event provides an important opportunity for the community to unite and celebrate the history, culture and achievements of local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples.

“As a Dja Dja Wurrung person today allows me to reflect on why it is important to share the knowledge of my culture while having fun.



“2016 is a year of commemoration and celebration for reconciliation in Australia. It marks a quarter of a century since the establishment of the Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation and it is a year to build a platform for understanding our nation’s **history, story, and future**, which is the theme of this year’s National Reconciliation Week,” Mr. Carter said.

Adam Goodes Michael O’Loughlin and have been Lendlease’s RAP Ambassadors for three years and will play a key part in launching our second RAP later this year.

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