

The Minutes of Evidence project presents:

Just Encounters

Bringing Together Education, Arts & Research

Friday 15 August: from 10.00 to 3.30pm

State Library of Victoria: Village Roadshow Theatrette (enter via [179, La Trobe St](#))

A forum that will bring together leading people in education, the arts, research, community and government, to talk about new ways of engaging with history and structural justice. Forum themes include: the nature of settler colonialism in Victoria; the capacity of verbatim theatre to recreate history and stimulate broader engagement with issues of justice; the capacity of law and criminal justice to address structural injustice; the role of the arts in justice education; new ways of teaching history and justice in schools; and Indigenous and Victorian histories in the new national curriculum.

The forum features roundtables between scholars and practitioners discussing, debating and engaging with the important issue of structural and historical justice in Australia. Participants include experts in the fields of justice, education and the arts. The day will also include a 30-minute reading by actors of selected extracts from [Coranderrk: We Will Show The Country](#), a verbatim-theatre play which brings back to life the 1881 Coranderrk Inquiry, at which men, women and children of the Coranderrk community testified.

This event will be of interest to a wide audience including those seeking new approaches to education in history, civics and citizenship; academics interested in structural justice; staff in relevant government and community agencies; and senior school and university students. Teachers will find the day relevant to a range of curriculum areas and the forum will be appropriate for required Victorian Institute of Teaching professional development, particularly relating to the Australian Professional Standards for Teachers.

Just Encounters is presented by the ARC-funded Minutes of Evidence (MoE) project which draws on the 1881 Parliamentary Inquiry into the Aboriginal Reserve at Coranderrk to promote greater awareness of the effects of settler colonialism in Victoria's past and present, and a more open consideration of how to live together justly in the future. This unique collaborative project is creating a number of 'meeting points' to bring together leading Indigenous and non-Indigenous education experts, artists, researchers, and Community members. These aim to promote new ways of publicly engaging with historical and structural injustice through education, performance and research. In highlighting the significance of the 1881 Coranderrk Inquiry, researchers on MoE have supported the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development's production of an innovative and collaborative curriculum in *History and Civics & Citizenship* for Victorian secondary schools. In association with ILBIJERRI Theatre Company and La Mama Theatre, MoE has also presented a groundbreaking verbatim-theatre play *Coranderrk: We Will Show the Country* which brings to life the voices of Indigenous and European people who testified at the 1881 Coranderrk Inquiry.

Just Encounters is an opportunity to come together to engage in these conversations. At the conclusion of the forum the Minutes of Evidence project website will be launched. Lunch, morning and afternoon tea will be provided. All are welcome but seats are limited so please book early!

For catering and seating purposes, we kindly ask that you register your attendance to this event by registering online at: minutesofevidence.com.au/justencounters

Seats are limited so please register today to avoid missing out!

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Friday 15 August 2014, State Library of Victoria, Melbourne

9.45 – 10.00	Registration
10.00 – 10.15	<p>INTRODUCTION The Minutes of Evidence project, structural justice, and the <i>Just Encounters</i>’ forum</p> <p>Julie Evans Criminology/School of Social and Political Sciences, The University of Melbourne</p>
10.15– 11.15	<p>ROUND TABLE Innovative ways to connect Arts, Education and Justice A discussion with time for questions</p> <p>Chair: Caitlin Dullard La Mama Theatre</p> <p>Liz Jones Artistic Director, La Mama Theatre</p> <p>Lilly Brown Early Career Indigenous Researcher, Minutes of Evidence project</p> <p>Erica Sanders Senior Program Manager Education Partnerships, Arts Victoria</p> <p>Aunty Vera Briggs Secondary Schools Specialist Representative, Victorian Aboriginal Education Association Incorporated</p> <p>Vaso Elefsiniotis Research and Policy Officer, Victorian Aboriginal Education Association Incorporated</p>
11.15 – 12.00	<p>Teaching and Learning about History and Structural Justice</p> <p>Chair: Patricia Grimshaw History/School of Historical and Philosophical Studies, The University of Melbourne</p> <p>The Coranderrk Curriculum and Teaching Resources James Fiford Executive Officer, Social Education Victoria</p> <p>‘Talking Difference’: Addressing Racism in Schools and the Community Sam Boivin Senior Programs Officer, Immigration Museum, Museum Victoria/VicHealth Arts About Us program</p>
12.00 – 12.45	Lunch
12.45 – 1.30	<p>READING: <i>Coranderrk: We Will Show the Country</i> Performed by: Syd Brisbane, Peter Finlay, Greg Fryer, Liz Jones, Pauline Whyman</p> <p>Produced: La Mama Theatre Introduction: Giordano Nanni Minutes of Evidence project, The University of Melbourne/co-writer</p>
1.30 – 2.30	ROUND TABLE

	<p style="text-align: center;">Why History and Structural Justice matter A discussion with time for questions</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Chair: Nesam McMillan</i> Criminology, School of Social and Political Sciences, The University of Melbourne</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Chris Cunneen Criminology/Faculty of Law, University of New South Wales/James Cook University</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Lia Kent ANU College of Asia and the Pacific, Australian National University</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Chris Healy Cultural Studies/School of Culture and Communication, The University of Melbourne</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mark McMillan Melbourne Law School, The University of Melbourne</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">2.30 – 3.00</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">KEYNOTE PERSPECTIVES: 'Responsibility to Complexity in Structural Justice'</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mark McMillan Senior Lecturer in Law, The University of Melbourne</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Chair: Julie Evans</i> Criminology/School of Social and Political Sciences, The University of Melbourne</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">3.00 – 3.30</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">LAUNCH OF THE MINUTES OF EVIDENCE PROJECT WEBSITE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Chris Cunneen Conjoint Professor of Criminology, Law Faculty, University of New South Wales/James Cook University</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Chair: Jennifer Balint</i> Criminology/School of Social and Political Sciences, The University of Melbourne</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">3.30</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Afternoon tea</p>