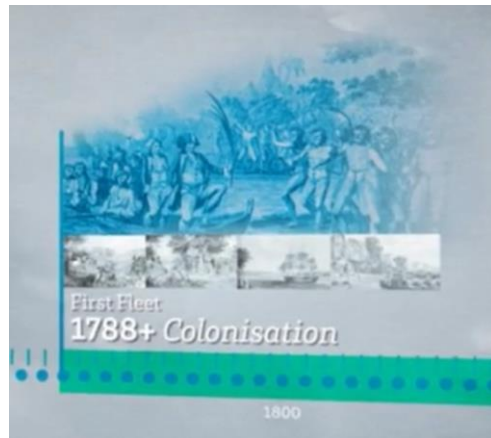


## Shared History - Timeline



### Colonisation

“A process when a country send settlers to a new place to establish control of the area and its indigenous population.”

Begins with the landing of the First Fleet and England declaring the land as empty – “**Terra Nullius**” (land belonging to no one).

The impact of colonisation still has consequences until now.



### Protection

Aboriginal people were seen as a dying race due to ongoing (foreign) disease, violence (massacres, sexual abuse of women & children) and dysfunction eg. substances (alcohol etc) from the colonisation.

Reserves, missions and institutions were created to provide protection. Their purpose changed over time, but separation from non-indigenous people & highly controlled environment was seen as a solution to many problems.



### Assimilation

Australia was still a very “British” country then. Indigenous people & migrants were expected to give up their heritage & adopt the dominant “white” culture & identity.

Some Indigenous children, particularly with lighter skin were separated from their families. To many, these children became known as the “**Stolen Generation**”.

### Social Activism

Indigenous activists emerged from the community, campaigning against discrimination towards the Indigenous people.



### Self Determination

Indigenous participation in policy and decision-making and in individual and community leadership began.

Some positive achievements & changes by the Indigenous people occurred, such as government recognition of Indigenous culture & creation of anti-discrimination law.

But some people found it difficult to adapt to the new way of life because they have spent most or their entire lives in highly controlled institutions.



### Recognition (the beginning of Recognition) – where we are now

The government starts to acknowledge the significant damaging impact of European settlement on Indigenous Australians, and starts addressing it.

Many significant events mark this period – some good, some not so good.

- High Court Recognition of Native Title
- National Apology by PM Rudd
- Northern Territory Intervention
- Distressing report into Aboriginal death in custody



### \*Relationship – where we are now & hope to be, “*Australian Together*”

You love people and each other because of God’s love, no matter what colour or background people have.

Reconciliation = Resetting the Relationship - healthier & respectful

In practical terms:

- Genuine friendship: 2 different people caring & sharing together
- Participate in local Indigenous activities like sports, arts etc

\*From Christian perspective