

An exhibition that dares to share

A gift of presence – the spirit of reconciliation

Reconciliation, arguably one of the most important issues facing our society today, is given fresh time in the sun with the State Library of Queensland's Centenary of Federation exhibition *A gift of presence — the spirit of reconciliation*.

More than forty Indigenous and non-Indigenous Queenslanders from all walks of life — politics, small business, sport, education, farming, the arts and the law are represented by their images and personal statements on reconciliation.

They come from Brisbane, Burketown and beyond, vary in age from 13 to 103 years and have an enormous range of life experiences.

Curated by Wayne Coolwell, former ABC journalist and reconciliation activist, *A gift of presence* speaks volumes, and dares to share personal views that are capable of generating further healing debate.

Photographer Suzanna Clarke has captured the spirit of these people in magnificent black-and-white images

that complement their statements to perfection.

It is an exhibition that will open our hearts and minds and is a strong reminder that reconciliation is a subject for all Australians.

The following people have given the gift of their presence to the exhibition: Joe Adams, Barbara Arnison, Ledda

Pina-Barber, Most Rev John Bathersby, Sir Joh Bjelke Petersen, Logan and Vi Booth, Robert Bundall, Nellie Chong, Camilla Cowley, Des Dunne, Catherine Freeman, Pauline Hanson, Matilda Hill, Marita Hird, Dr Cherrell Hirst, Jackie Huggins, Chris Hurley, Neta Kemp, Nickieta Kent, Pattie and Terry Lees, David Malouf, Steve Mam, Darby McCarthy, Ethel Munn, Narelle and



photo by Suzanna Clarke

Image of Evelyn Scott and grandson Vincent Scott from *A gift of presence — the spirit of reconciliation* at the State Library of Queensland from Saturday 2 June – Sunday 21 October 2001.

Terrisetta Ned, Karah Pelayo, Richard Percy, Laurie Portch, Ian Porter, Leah Purcell, Tom Pyne, Brad Rodhe, Adele Savage, Evelyn Scott, Yassarie Smith, Ted Smout, Heather Toby, Nicole Watson, Herb Wharton, Emma Woods, Murandoo Yanner, and Richard Young.

A gift of presence opens at the State Library of Queensland on 1 June 2001 at 6pm. ■

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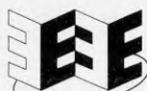
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