**Remember Indigenous Service**

**All Welcome**

**“Our History, Our Story, Our Future”**

**We Will Remember Them**

National Reconciliation Week 2016 will take place around Australia from 27 May to 3 June, providing an opportunity to focus on reconciliation between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.

As part of National Reconciliation Week, DVA will work alongside Indigenous Veterans, Ex-service and Community organisations, the RSL, State and Federal Agencies to hold a number of ceremonies across Australia to commemorate the service and sacrifice of Indigenous veterans.

A service will be held at the State War Memorial in Kings Park on Wednesday, 25 May 10:00am.

All Indigenous veterans and their families as well as the wider veteran community are welcome to come along. Current and Ex-serving members are welcome to take part in the pre-ceremony march pass. Relatives of former Servicemen and Women are also welcome to take part and wear medals.

**Guest Speaker: DR RICHARD WALLEY OAM**

Dr Richard Walley OAM is a Nyoongar man of the South-West regions of Western Australia within Nyoongar country. Musician, artist, director, actor, writer, linguist, activist, educator – the extraordinary versatility of Richard Walley has seen him wear many hats over his long and illustrious career.

Richard has been awarded an Order of Australia Medal and two honorary doctorates for his contribution to the promotion of Nyoongar Culture and the Arts. In 2010, Richard received the ‘Citizen of the Year’ Award in the ‘Indigenous leadership’ category of the WA Awards.

Over the past thirteen years, Richard has been working with Australian, European and American companies as a cultural consultant and presenter and has participated at the perfume industry ‘Centrefolia Conferences’ in France over the past 5 years presenting Cultural and Indigenous business opportunities.

Richard lectures on Aboriginal Culture within the education system and the private and public sector. He has continued participation in Nyoongar community cultural and contemporary events including the annual Survival Day Concert and Wardanji Festival.

Richard engages in cultural advisory and education, which he carries out through his family owned company Aboriginal Productions and Promotions.

A fluent speaker of Nyungar language, a role model for Aboriginals and non-Aboriginal people alike, Richard continues to push boundaries, continually developing personally whilst always focussed on the bigger ‘community’ picture of Culture, Arts and Environment.

For more information about the ceremony contact Kathryn Lloyd, Department of Veterans’ Affairs on 9366 8261 or email Kathryn.lloyd2@dva.gov.au