Pauline McLeod Awards for Reconciliation 2019

Announced 5–7pm 29 May 2019 | Woollahra Council Chambers

Waverley Council participating schools
- Bondi Public School
- Moriah College
- Wairoa School
- St Catherine’s

Number of overall schools involved: 21

Partners: Eastern Region Local Government Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander members
Inner West, Bayside, Waverley, Woollahra, Randwick and City of Sydney Councils

Program:
- Parents, teachers, families and students had the opportunity to view the art exhibition
- Dr Peter McKenzie conducted the Welcome to Country
- Warada Dancers from Soldier Settlement performed two dances
- Cr WY Kanak announced winners of Primary School Art Competition
- Cr WY Kanak announced for winners of High School Film Competition
- Roderick McLeod announced Pauline McLeod award winners
- Food & drinks and view artworks
- Close

Highlights:
- Roderick McLeod (Brother of Pauline McLeod ) presented the awards for Reconciliation.
- Warada dancers braved the freezing weather and performed 2 dances for the crowd.
- Food catered by Goanna Hut
- Music by Mi-Kaisha

Winners of the Pauline McLeod Primary School Art Competition

K2
First Place: Honor Maple-Brown, Ascham, ‘Our Precious Land’
Second Place: Elke Millar, Ascham, ‘First Australians – Traditional Owners’
Third Place: Freja, Bondi Public School
Highly Commended: Noah Stewart, Orange Grove Public School, ‘Truth and Justice’

3-4
First: Ruby Levitt, Reddam House, ‘Before and After’
Second: Tahlia McMaster, Kensington Public School
Third: William Davidge, The Scots College, ‘Sorry’
Highly Commended: James Blanche, Bondi Public School
5-6
First: Madeline Havilah, Wilkins Public School, ‘Stolen’
Second: Emma King-Li, Randwick Public School, ‘Injustice Through Time’
Third: Alyss Mutuota, Coogee Public School, ‘Stolen’
Highly Commended: Yeram Lee, Orange Grove Public, ‘Stolen’

Group
First: Randwick Public School, ‘Land Rights’
Second: The Scots College, ‘Was I invisible? Am I invisible? I will be visible’
Third: Ramsgate Public School, ‘Yuwing’
Highly Commended: Brighton Le Sands Public School, ‘Growing Together’

Winners of the Pauline McLeod High School Short Film Competition
- The Bowen College (Youth off the Streets)
- Carla Mitchell, Angus Cox-Paton, Earon Bonic and Gian-Luca Ambrosino

Winners of Pauline McLeod Award for Acts of Reconciliation

Azar Muhammed – Waverley
Azar (who likes to be known as Zizi) Muhammed from the Waverley Council area.
- Zizi Muhammed has been working for Waverley Family Day Care as an educator since 1982. She is a champion for Reconciliation and her achievements in embedding Aboriginal perspectives within daily care deserve recognition. Zizi Muhammed enacts Reconciliation by celebrating Sorry Day, Reconciliation week and NAIDOC Week and she encourages Aboriginal language acquisition skills by using the Wiradjuri digital app. She Acknowledges Country, nourishes oral cultural transmission and shares Dreaming stories

Richard Davies- Waverley
- Richard Davis, a Member of the Jewish Community, consistently recognises and Acknowledges Country in his meetings and community engagement. He attends as many Aboriginal NAIDOC and Reconciliation Week activities as he can and, afterwards, communicates the joy and worth of participating in these activities to the wider community. In that sense, Richard Davis is an important ‘word of mouth’ proponent for quietly achieving Reconciliation in our community.
- He continually has community ideas for events and recognition of important community heritage in which he is always careful and considerate to plan with a First Nations’ perspective

Aunty Pearl Martin – Waverley
- Aunty Pearl has been consistent in recognising Indigenous ANZACs and represents as a local Maori Elder the Indigenous contribution in the ‘NZ’ of ‘ANZAC.’ Aunty Pearl has previously accompanied Uncle Harry Ally of the Indigenous Veterans Committee, and Cr. Dominic Wykanak, to lay a wreath of Remembrance on ANZAC Sunday and Remembrance Day at Waverley Council Park Cenotaph.
- Aunty Pearl for many years has been integral to the inter-cultural relationships between Aboriginal Torres Strait Islander and Maori Peoples. She is a supporter of her community, local Councils and recognises the local ‘People of The Land’.

John Staines – Inner West
- John Staines is a local Aboriginal Elder who works, lives and achieves across the ERLGATSIF region. He has worked within the Redfern community for years. He also dedicates his time to other Elders in the community that are isolated by voluntarily spending quality time with them over coffee and breakfast at least once a week.