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We warmly invite you to join us for a very special evening:

Connecting Culture to Country Forum

 *Toowoomba City Library*

 *Tuesday 16 September, 6–8pm*

At a time when our relationship with land and nature is so often reduced to resources and profit, this forum is about something deeper. It is about listening, learning, and remembering that **Country is sacred, and we are part of it.**

First Nations peoples have always carried this truth. As Yorta Yorta and Dja Dja Wurrung artist Jandamarra Cadd says:

“It is all centred around *Gulpa Ngawal* (deep listening). Listening for the internal language and the creative flow of life force that flows through us all.”

And as Uncle Bruce Pascoe reminds us:

“The land is not the problem. The land is the solution.”

On the night, we will be blessed to hear from:

✦✦ **Conrad Bauwens** – Wakka Wakka Traditional Owner and Custodian of Gummingurru

✦✦ **Paul Carmody** – Senior Lecturer in First Nation Studies, University of Southern Queensland

✦✦ **Jandamarra Cadd** – Yorta Yorta, Dja Dja Wurrung artist and storyteller

Together, they will share wisdom on how we can **connect our culture and spirituality to Country**, and how this can guide us toward a more respectful, regenerative way of living.

This is more than an event—it’s an invitation to step into a deeper way of seeing, one that honours and protects the land as sacred. If we are to build a society that restores nature and respects future generations, we must first learn to live in right relationship with Country.

[Buy \\$10 tickets here](#)

Snacks will be provided by our friends at Toowoomba First Nation Allies.

With respect and deep listening,

Ahri Tallon

Coordinator

Darling Downs Environment Council

✨ **P.S.** Spaces are limited. Please share this invitation with friends, family, and colleagues who would value an evening of truth, culture, and connection.



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