



# Welcome to Country

**Aunt Sylvia Scott**

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**COLIN JAMES:** To start off, though, I would like to introduce Mrs Sylvia Scott. She's an elder of the Wiradjuri Tribe, her people from the Eora Nation, and her mother was an activist in the 1930s, and Mrs Scott, or as she's known to everyone, Aunty Sylvia, is here to greet us with a traditional welcome. If you can please welcome Aunty Sylvia.

**SYLVIA SCOTT:** Thank you very much, Colin.

Minister Sartor, ladies and gentlemen, special guests, it's a very great pleasure to be here today. I often read about Christopher Reeve, I think he was a wonderful man, so strong, and it's very sad and I wish you all the best with Re:Connections. I don't think the miracle will happen in my day, but it will happen. So I wish you all the best.

I would like to give a sincere and warm welcome to all of you, to the traditional land of the Gadigal People of the Eora nation. Our people have wandered these shores down here. For myself it's very spiritual down this end of the town because our people wandered these shores many, many years ago. I would also like to give a sincere and warm welcome to people from other countries to our land, our beautiful country, Australia. So thank you very much and have a wonderful forum.

**COLIN JAMES:** Thank you, Aunty Sylvia. Thank you.