

2021 Walter Silvester Memorial Lecture: 'Truth, Treaty and Transformation'

free online public lecture to be presented by

Jason Kelly and Frank Brennan SJ AO

on Tuesday, 26 October 2021 at 5.30-7pm [AEDT]

No registration required

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Jason Kelly states: "I'm a proud Mutthi Mutthi/ Wamba Wamba man. I am a father and grandfather. My passion for mob and justice was instilled in me by grandparents Alfred Kelly (Wamba Wamba) and Alice Kelly (Mutthi Mutthi, 1988 National Aboriginal Person of the year). I was honoured to attend the National Dialogue at Uluru as an elected Victorian Community member. I have spoken at the African Union of Nations in Ethiopia highlighting the continual significant imbalance between Aboriginal rights and obligations and Non-Aboriginal rights and obligations and the continual impacts of past government policy and practices. I stand on the values of Integrity and human rights and have sound knowledge of the United Nations Declaration of Indigenous People Rights. Treaty is about recognising OUR sovereignty and our ability to have self-

sustained services on country in accordance with Aboriginal Lore. I believe in the ability for economic self-determination via the deadly work done before by our Elders who drafted PAY the RENT and how this concept is still relevant as part of and beyond Treaty. Treaty is about us mob taking back the reigns. You cannot have peace without justice and Treaty, and pay the rent is a step towards justice."

Frank Brennan SJ AO is a Jesuit priest and Rector of Newman College at the University of Melbourne. He is a Distinguished Fellow of the PM Glynn Institute at Australian Catholic University (ACU), an Adjunct Professor at the Thomas More Law School at ACU and research professor at the Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture. He chaired the National Human Rights Consultation for the Rudd Government and was a member of the Turnbull Government's expert panel which conducted the Religious Freedom Review. The Morrison Government appointed him to the Voice Co-Design Senior Advisory Group to help guide the Co-Design process to develop options for an Indigenous voice to government.



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