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Yarnteen leads the way

Yarnteen Ltd will be the first Indigenous organisation to launch a Reconciliation Action Plan on Tuesday 3rd February. Yarnteen was established in 1991 with a vision for *a sustainable future rich in opportunities for Aboriginal people to share in the wealth of Australia and build respect for our culture and the environment*

The RAP program, coordinated by Reconciliation Australia, involves organisations in taking specific, measurable activities in three key areas of reconciliation: building relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians; demonstrating respect for Australia's Indigenous culture and heritage; and creating employment and opportunities for Indigenous Australians.

Executive Director, Ms Leah Armstrong, commented that "Yarnteen has always strongly advocated the importance of partnerships with the private sector and without a real commitment backed by long-term actions from the private sector, genuine Aboriginal participation in the main economy will remain a failure for a truly reconciled Australia."

Yarnteen's Reconciliation Action Plan outlines how the organisation will build respectful relationships and capitalize on opportunities that arise to teach the broader Australian community about Australia's Indigenous history and living culture.

Where: Yarnteen Creative Enterprise Centre
840 Hunter Street Newcastle West
When: Tuesday 3rd February 2009
11:00am

Mr John Galligan, Director of Corporate Affairs and Citizenship, Microsoft Australia, will launch the RAP and other guests include Ms Barbara Livesey from Reconciliation Australia. Entertainment includes a performance by sensational young Indigenous artist, Sharnee Fenwick.

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