



Australian Fabian Society



Invites you to an evening forum Is Reconciliation a Lost Cause?

Speaker: Dr Quentin Beresford, Edith Cowan University, Perth

whose recent book "Rob Riley-An Aboriginal Leader's Quest for Justice" has won the 2006 Human Rights Award for Non-Fiction.

The story of how modern Australia has failed to make a lasting settlement with its Indigenous people is embodied in the life of one of the nation's most widely recognised Aboriginal leaders, Rob Riley.

The life of Riley contains powerful, universal themes; early triumph over adversity; the search for justice; and disillusionment over reformist politics. Not all will agree on either his vision or his political methods. But Riley's legacy is to force us to reflect on why the battle for reconciliation has slipped off the National agenda, and what this says about the nation.

But is reconciliation a lost cause? For the past ten years too many messages in the media have given a false impression that all indigenous people are failures. There are numerous examples of Indigenous success stories that receive no media attention at all.

How should we build on these positive outcomes? Should we take the lead from the State Government in setting the agenda for the future of reconciliation in this State? This year marks the 40th Anniversary of the 1967 referendum, the most successful referendum in our nation's history, which gave the Federal Government a clear mandate to implement policies to benefit Aborigines and to enable Aborigines to be counted in population statistics. What better time is there to explore new ways of meeting the challenges in our communities? Please come and join our discussion.



Dr Quentin Beresford

Where: Duncan Kerr's Office
Ground Floor
Cnr Collins & Harrington Streets, Hobart

When: Sunday, 18 February 2007

Time: 5pm

Cost: \$3 Member
\$5 Non-members
\$2 concession

ALL WELCOME

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