Truth Telling conversation with eminent historian

Eminent Australian historian Henry Reynolds will discuss his new book, *Truth Telling*, at an event in Launceston on Thursday evening.

The book, *Truth-Telling, First Nations sovereignty and the Uluru Statement*, questions the legal position of British land claims by providing evidence that the sovereignty of Australia’s First Nations peoples was recognised by European international law in the 18th and 19th centuries and that the British annexation of the continent was not seen as acceptable at the time.

In doing so, it strengthens the arguments and recommendations made in the 2017 Uluru Statement from the Heart.

The *Australian Book Review*’s Sarah Maddison described the book as a “forensic historical accounting of the legal and moral failings of the colonial project” and “most definitely a book that Australians should read”.

Moderated by University of Tasmania Vice-Chancellor Professor Rufus Black, Professor Reynolds will be joined at this event by Professor Kate Darian-Smith, (Executive Dean & Pro Vice-Chancellor, College of Arts, Law & Education) and Professor Greg Lehman (Pro Vice-Chancellor, Aboriginal Leadership) to discuss his book, First Nations sovereignty and the Uluru Statement.

**Venue:**
Lecture Theatre 5, Sir Raymond Ferrall Centre, Newnham Campus.

**When:**
1 July 5:30-7pm

This is a free event, being held in-person and streamed online.

**Bookings are essential and can be made online:** [https://www.utas.edu.au/events/2021/july/in-conversation-with-henry-reynolds](https://www.utas.edu.au/events/2021/july/in-conversation-with-henry-reynolds)

**About the author:** Professor Henry Reynolds grew up in Hobart and was educated at Hobart High School and the University of Tasmania. In 1965 he accepted a
Professor Reynolds is the author of 20-plus books, which have won awards including a Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission Arts Award, an Australian Book Council Award, a Queensland Premier's Literary Award and a Prime Minister's Literary Award. In 2000 he took up a professorial fellowship at the University of Tasmania. His most recent book is Truth Telling: History, Sovereignty and the Uluru Statement. On August 1 his biography of the great Tasmanian warrior chief Tongerlongeter, written with Nicholas Clements, will be published by New South.

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