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Dear Claire,

We would like to express our support for Gosford City Library's Children's and Young Adult Team's "A Year in Our Town" program supporting the UN International Year of Reconciliation 2009.

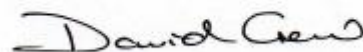
This innovative project will clearly contribute to the process of reconciliation through the creation of an online forum for young people in communities across NSW to share their stories. As stated on the project website "the first step to the reconciliation process between *any* groups is knowledge and understanding". The knowledge and understanding gained through this project will be valuable in moving towards more trusting relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.

Thank you for taking the initiative to establish this project. The NSW Reconciliation Council's purpose is "to advance the reconciliation process in NSW through the promotion of equitable and just communities that acknowledge and respect Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, cultures and values". We believe that the "A Year in Our Town" program will contribute towards a greater acknowledgement and respect for Indigenous peoples, cultures and values, and to a more reconciled Australia.

Kind regards,



Renee Williamson
Co-Chairperson



David Crew
Co-Chairperson