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A BIG WIN FOR ADELAIDE AND INDIGENOUS EDUCATION

The Adelaide Convention Bureau, in a simultaneous announcement being made at the 2017 World Indigenous Peoples Conference on Education (WIPCE) in Toronto is thrilled to announce the triennially held event will be held in Adelaide in 2020.

WIPCE brings together Indigenous representatives from across the globe to share strategies and developments for culturally grounded Indigenous education and attracts the world's most respected Indigenous education experts, practitioners, and scholars.

Over the course of its 30 year history, the conference has become recognised as the largest and most diverse Indigenous education event in terms of leading discussion on contemporary movements in education that support Indigenous worldviews.

WIPCE was won for Adelaide following a bid by the Bureau working in collaboration with Professor Peter Buckskin, Dean: Aboriginal Engagement and Strategic Projects, from the University of SA with support from the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation Hon. Kyam Maher. The win is a fitting celebration in this, the 50 year anniversary of the 1967 referendum and 25 year anniversary of the Mabo decision.

The 3000 delegate event lasting several day will add an impressive \$13.2m to the state's visitor economy and much to the delight of hotels, provide 17, 872 bed nights whilst creating 119 jobs. It was supported by the State Government's bid fund which aids in bringing events of this calibre to Adelaide.

Quote from Damien Kitto, CEO, Adelaide Convention Bureau

Winning this event is another example of the Bureau working with local experts to identify and bid for highly regarded international conferences. The soon to be opened phase two of the Adelaide Convention Centre redevelopment has enabled us to bid for these large size events that were once beyond our reach. That we are a new but successful player in this arena is testament to the Bureau's strategy for promoting and selling Adelaide as a highly desirable destination for such lucrative events. The direct and indirect benefits they bring to the state should not be underestimated

Quote from Professor Peter Buckskin – Dean: Aboriginal Engagement and Strategic Projects, University of South Australia

'Tauondi College in partnership with the South Australian Education and Training Council is honoured and humbled to be selected to host the next Worlds Indigenous Peoples Conference on Education (WIPCE) in Adelaide in 2020.

Sharing and showcasing our culture and knowledges with other Indigenous global citizens as the oldest living culture of humanity will be an honour and privilege.'

Quote from Hon. Kyam Maher, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation

This event provides an opportunity for South Australia to showcase Aboriginal culture - the oldest surviving culture on earth - to the rest of the world. Besides the immense benefit to the state's economy, it will also provide a valuable opportunity for South Australians to learn about different Indigenous cultures. I look forward to showcasing the work that we are doing here to keep culture strong for Aboriginal South

Australia. I also thank the Kurna people for supporting Adelaide's bid for WIPCE 2020 and the team who put it together, particularly Peter Buckskin.

Quote from Hon. Susan close, Acting Minister for Tourism and Minister for Education and Child Development

I'm thrilled Adelaide has been named as the 2020 host for the World Indigenous Peoples Conference on Education which will put South Australia in the global spotlight on this incredibly important issue. It will also give us a wonderful opportunity to showcase our soon to be completed \$400 million Adelaide Convention Centre redevelopment and is a great example of why we've committed a \$14.5 million budget boost to the events and convention bid fund which is a significant driver of our visitor economy.

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