Indigenous Significance

Living Deadly Way

Indigenous (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) people living on the Fraser Coast were invited to have their say about being an Indigenous person and living on traditional country of the Badtjala (Butchulla) people. They provided the following responses to the statement: The best thing about being an Indigenous person is...?

Understanding Indigenous Identity

Our Place – Our Say

"Having the ability to adapt to changes with a positive upbringing."

Shane Nelson

"To me we should all be treated equal."

Emma George

"Knowing you belong to a group of very special people and to this 'country'. It absolutely rocks to be an Indigenous person."

Shawn Wondunna-Foley

"Learning about culture and cultural values and implementing them into everyday life and to live a more spiritually sound and harmonious life knowing that our ancestors were strong, that we have that strength too and that we can pass this strength on to our children."

Linda Wondunna-Foley.

"Unique."

Anastasia Revell

"No matter what colour you are, everyone should be treated equal."

Annette Tanna

"Developing your own sense of integrity and conviction to enable a person to grow and mature as confident adults although it can be challenging. Knowing who you are and knowing where your place is in the whole scheme of things."

Felicity Pollard

"I'm proud of being a Indigenous or Aboriginal person."

Mary Kieley

"That my children have family that's there for them no matter what happens."

Amy Ryan

"Being in a community where we are accepted."

Elizabeth George

"Being proud of who you are and don't forget where you come from."

Herbert Tanna

"Culture—family and land."

Paul Steyger

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Renee Waterton

"The relationship and connection we have with one another that can flow over to the wide community and friends."

Phyllis Klupp

"Be proud of my culture. Helping people."

Gail Belton

"Culture, history, Spirituality. Part of an old culture and keeping it alive!"

Joe Marsh

"Having a unique culture, history and belief. Having a bond when you talk to another Indigenous person."

Richard Garling

"Living deadly to me is: non-Indigenous people finding out I own two homes and building a new one. Pulling up at a boat ramp in my new four-wheel drive and boat to go fishing. Some people cannot handle Aboriginal people being equal in status."

William Rainbow

"Opportunities to education programs."

Fay Gillham

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Fred Wondunna making sand sculptures in glass bottles at Kira Beach, 1934, Gold Coast, slq neg. 190296



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