



**THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL,
THE LORD MAYOR OF PARRAMATTA
COUNCILLOR SCOTT LLOYD**

Dear Community Member

YOU ARE INVITED

**TO THE COMMEMORATION TO MARK
200 YEARS SINCE THE OPENING OF
THE PARRAMATTA NATIVE INSTITUTE**

TIME

1:00PM

DATE

SUNDAY 18 JANUARY 2015

VENUE

MAIN HALL, PARRAMATTA TOWN HALL

RSVP

ELLEN ROSS OR SHELLEY STEPHENS

BY FRIDAY 9 JANUARY 2015

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ON 28 DECEMBER 1814 GOVERNOR LACHLAN MACQUARIE HOSTED A NATIVE FEAST IN THE GROUNDS BEHIND ST JOHNS CHURCH, PARRAMATTA ON WHAT IS NOW PARRAMATTA CHURCH ST MALL.

A MONTH LATER ON 18 JANUARY 1815 THE NATIVE INSTITUTE WAS OPENED TO "EDUCATE" LOCAL ABORIGINAL CHILDREN IN THE WAYS OF THE NEW COLONIAL SOCIETY.

THE INSTITUTE BECAME THE FORERUNNER TO OTHER SCHOOLS AND MISSIONS THAT WERE FOUNDED ON ASSIMILATIONIST POLICIES THROUGHOUT AUSTRALIA.

FOR MANY ABORIGINAL PEOPLE THIS MARKED THE ATTEMPTED SEVERING OF ABORIGINAL PEOPLE FROM THEIR TRADITIONAL CULTURE AND LAND AND WATERS, AS WELL AS THE SEPARATION OF ABORIGINAL CHILDREN FROM THEIR FAMILIES.

IN THIS REGARD THE PARRAMATTA NATIVE INSTITUTE IS A SIGNIFICANT SITE FOR ABORIGINAL PEOPLE AND FOR THE BROADER AUSTRALIAN COMMUNITY.

