



## Opening Ceremony Program

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2014

10:00am to 11am

Master of Ceremonies – Dennis Bobongie

1. WELCOME to Country – Gary Mooney, traditional owner from Yuibera clan
2. Deirdre Comeford, Mayor of Mackay
3. Jason Costigan, Member for Whitsunday (representing Glen Elmes, Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and Multicultural Affairs)
4. Tim Mulherin, Member for Mackay
5. Mrs Bonita Mabo, AO (patron ASSI.PJ)
6. Aunty Rowena Trieve, (2013 Cultural diversity recipient and respected ASSI elder and former MADASSIA president)
7. Melina Fakatava (nee Togo), ASSI.PJ Secretary reading an ASSI Chronological History.
8. Starrett Veava, President of MADASSIA
9. Verinica Griffin, **President** of Kanaka Voices, reading her poem 'We are not forgotten'
10. Emelda Davis – ASSI.PJ President

To be followed by Morning Tea service in the foyer and a simultaneous screen the highlights from Wantok 2013 (Brisbane) State Library QLD in the auditorium.

Thanks to the participants and we look forward to our discussions over the next few days.

