

North West towns to be recognised in iconic relay launch

CLONCURRY locals are invited to be part of history in the making when the movement to recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in the Constitution arrives in town today.

The arrival to “The Curry”, the arrival point of the first QANTAS paying passenger flight in 1922, comes just weeks after the national airline publicly announced support for the movement by unveiling a new QantasLink Q400 aircraft showcasing a large RECOGNISE logo on its livery.

At the launch, Qantas Ambassador and Australian of the Year Adam Goodes said it was wonderful to see Qantas stand with him and more than 218,000 Australians as supporters of RECOGNISE.

“It’s so important that every one of us plays our part in campaigning for this referendum and securing a resounding YES vote,” he said.

Now, the nationwide relay is inviting Cloncurry locals to a morning tea today (correct) at 10am at the Cloncurry Community

Precinct Open Space.

The Recognition Relay will visit Mount Isa on September 12.

Young campaigner for Recognise, Cass Goodwin said: “The relay gives communities across the nation a chance to be part of the movement to recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in our country’s Constitution – and to ensure there is no place for racial discrimination in it.”

“Currently there is no mention of the 40,000 years of remarkable history, culture and languages prior to European settlement in Australia.

This is something that makes us unique and can be a source of pride for all Australians.’

“Our constitution also still has sections that allow for racial discrimination, like section 25 which allows the states to ban a whole race of people from voting.”

“This is a chance to do something truly unifying for our nation, and we hope locals will come along to meet the crew and hear more about this important movement.”