

b) Both traditional and contemporary expressions of heritage and identity are both vital for the improvement of the socioeconomic status of Aboriginal people. They allow Indigenous peoples to express issues they are facing and how to overcome these issues to the broader community of Australia. Traditional expressions include ceremonies, Dreamtime, and corroborees. Contemporary forms include dance, film, places of significance, cultural sites and sport.

Traditional expressions of heritage and identity allow non-Indigenous Australians to see the traditional aspects of the traditional life of Aboriginal peoples. Traditional expressions can be seen today in films and other media forms. The film "Ten Canoes" displays the significance of law and dreamtime and how Indigenous people used those to educate younger members of their community. It also portrays how things like building canoes, hunting and gathering food were done traditionally. This allows non-Indigenous people to see the Aboriginal lifestyle before colonisation and therefore see the negative outcomes of colonisation. This displays the need to improve the socioeconomic status of Indigenous Australians and the need to maintain culture and identity.

Ceremonies are another traditional expression of heritage and identity. In the 2000 Sydney Olympics Opening Ceremonies Aboriginal



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and Torres Strait Islander peoples were able to express their identity to not only ~~Australians~~ Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and also to the world. They played traditional songs using instruments including didgeridoos and wood clapping sticks. They were dressed in traditional clothing with head pieces. They performed the smoking ceremony which allowed individuals of the past to connect with individuals of the present as one. The spiritual symbol that was displayed had eyes, a nose, ears but no mouth. This meant that it could not pass judgement on any individual. The ^{also} Dharawal Dance company of the Dharawal nation performed during the opening ceremony, with dances displaying local ~~fauna~~ fauna including a kangaroo and seagull. This involvement of Indigenous Australians allowed the world to see how unique and special their culture is, which also portrayed the need to improve their socioeconomic status. At the time of the Sydney Olympics Aboriginal people protested around the country to portray their lack of equality. This received worldwide recognition ~~for~~ for the need ~~to~~ of Aboriginals to achieve equality.

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Places of cultural and spiritual significance allow Indigenous Australians to express their heritage and identity. Booderee National Park is owned by the Wreck Bay community of the Dharawal nation. Booderee means 'bay of plenty'. The park has significance as it allows local fauna to be protected under

the National Parks and Wildlife Act. The community is involved in how the park is ~~to~~ cared for and ~~any iss~~ consulted on any issues of ~~consultation~~ conservation. This park also teaches local youth how to use native fauna in correct ways. ~~the~~ Boorderee allows Indigenous peoples of Wreck Bay to express their heritage and identity.

Other cultural sites: Hill 60, Five Island, Windang island.

- Dharawal nation - important for culture etc.
- films- Bran Nue Dae, The Sapphires,
- Sport - Patrick ~~B~~ sprinter - broke 10 seconds in Japa in 2005 - first Aust., 17th fastest man in history
- Cathy Freeman - carried both flags after her win
- Art - can be copied - world renowned - increase of interest in Aust.

Expressions of heritage and identity allow other individuals to see the need to improve socioeconomic status of Aboriginal peoples.

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