

Troubie Theatre in association with PIE Productions

Present

LET'S BRIDGE THE GAP



The Performer

Fred Reid comes from the **Daingattie tribe of North Western NSW**. A member of the Stolen Generation, Fred was separated from his family in the mid 1960's. He started performing in schools over twenty years ago and his mission has been to encourage a deeper understanding of Aboriginal experience, people and culture.

The Performance

In **LET'S BRIDGE THE GAP** Fred talks on the history of his people and of the Daingattie tribe's traditional way of life. With the assistance of one or more of his children Fred demonstrates dances, artefacts, the meaning behind the music and sounds of the didgeridoo as well as the design and symbolism of the dress and body-paint that he and his children are wearing. *On request Fred can tell a dreamtime story.*

Fred can also reflect upon the varied experience of Indigenous people today and the many challenges faced in adapting to life in modern Australia. *On request Fred can focus on specific issues such as: **Land Rights, the Stolen Generation & Indigenous health.***

Using audience participation, a gentle, humorous communication style and a lifetime of experience, Fred establishes a strong rapport with students and teachers: Encouraging a positive, fun and intelligent understanding and empathy for Aboriginal culture and history.

Each session begins with a welcome to country dance and concludes with question time.

Comments & Reviews

DEPT of Education: *"The presentation of Aboriginal culture by Fred Reid is excellent value. He varies his presentation for different age groups. He covers music and musical instruments, male and female artefacts, stories of the Dreamtime, painting and body art. Aspects of traditional culture are woven throughout – clans, sacred rituals and laws governing male and female roles. An impressive show."*

Russell Vale School: *"Fred is to be congratulated on a very informative and entertaining performance. He conveyed an important message in a very sensitive and appropriate, highly professional manner."*

Rutherford Tech. HS, NSW: *"Awesome, Fantastic, Wonderful."*

Suitable: 5 - 12.

Duration: 55 minutes.

Cost per student:

\$6.05 (\$5.50 + 55c GST).

Minimum per session:

\$726 (\$660 + \$66 GST) if less than 120 students.

Requirements:

Microphone & Stand.