

# **DIRRUM FESTIVAL**

Recognise | Inspire | Lead

The aim of Dirrum Festival is to encourage debate, discussion and deep contemplation of issues facing us on a local, national and global level. Past speakers include Kevin Rudd (former Prime Minister of Australia), Stephanie Rice (former Olympic Swimmer), Ian Chubb (former Chief Scientist of Australia), David and Emma Pocock (former Wallaby, and environmental advocates) and many other inspiring speakers.

It began as a Radford College initiative in 2013 and is based on the Ngunnawal phrase Dirrum Dirrum - meaning 'red' - the colour of blood and earth. By way of compassionate engagement and deep contemplation of ethics and social justice issues facing our planet and community, Dirrum aims to challenge social norms and inspire sustainable action.

The festival itself is also a celebration of ethical food, stalls and music. Last year (2021), we adapted our festival to be accessible both virtually and in person. This only increased our ability to connect with people. Expanding our ability to share the Dirrum festival not only with our local Canberra community but with broader Australia, and even internationally.

For the common good