

Reception for repatriation delegates

Launceston Airport, 1pm, Tuesday 6 December



Tasmanian Aboriginal delegates, Jarrod Edwards and Thomas Riley, are bringing the ancestral remains of three people home to Tasmania from Canberra. The delegates arrive at Launceston airport on Tuesday 6th December at 1pm.

Members of the Aboriginal community are invited to a reception at the airport to welcome home our ancestors with Jarrod and Thomas.

The three ancestors had been traditionally buried after their deaths about 2,000 years ago. Their resting place was disrupted mid last century and their remains were taken to Canberra to be studied. They have been stored at an institution there ever since. The Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre negotiated the repatriation of our people's remains to Tasmania so we can return them to their tribal lands and their spirits can be put to rest.

The Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre has actively campaigned for the return of ancestral remains for over 40 years and has been successful in achieving many repatriations from Tasmanian, national and international museums and other institutions.

Please arrive at the airport before 1pm.

