

SUNDAY, JULY 5, 2026 | 2.30–4.30 PM >> 37 Heliopolis Parade, Mitchelton

Artwork by Aunty Denise Proud

Truth-Telling

with **Dr Thom Blake**
followed by refreshments & networking



DR THOM BLAKE is a Queensland historian whose work has made a **major contribution to truth-telling** about Aboriginal history in Queensland.

He is best known for **A Dumping Ground: A History of the Cherbourg Settlement**, the definitive history of the Cherbourg Aboriginal settlement first published in 2001 and republished in a second edition in 2023.

The book draws on archival records, maps, letters and the oral histories of former residents to reveal the impact of government control on Aboriginal families, while honouring the resilience, cultural strength and community memory that endured at Cherbourg.

A Dumping Ground won the *2002 NSW Premier's History Award State Records Prize.* Dr Blake's wider work includes historical research, heritage interpretation and community-based history projects across Queensland, **including work connected with Aunty Ruth Hegarty and the story of Aboriginal leader, pastor and activist Don Kawanji Brady.**

At this truth-telling session, Dr Blake will speak from his decades of research into Cherbourg and Queensland's history of reserves, removals, institutional control, survival and resistance.

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Sunday, JULY 5th
at MITCHELTON LIBRARY,
2.30 – 4.30 PM
for the next
'Truth-Telling Session'
with DR THOM BLAKE

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