

## **Report from the third Women's Business meeting with Diyan Coe at the Tent Embassy, Canberra on Saturday May 15, 2021**

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A group of us met in good comfort in the new meeting tent at the Aboriginal Tent Embassy.

An essence of 'Women's Business' is that we don't write it all down, but listen and understand. And some of it is truly the thought-and-spirit realm of Women, and so we don't talk to Men about it. Men of course have their own Business, about which they do not talk to women!

Recorded below is some general information about ethics, values, balance, responsibility; which are openly known to all.

We reviewed the 'One-ness' of all things, events, and all Life; which incorporates the balance between emotional and moral extremes - between vanity, ego, anger, aggression, self-interest, hierarchy, domination - and modesty, empathy, patience, restraint, selflessness, mutual care etc. We need both sides, so that we can learn from mistakes and hostilities, and appreciate Justice. If we live well, then the balance should settle more to the side of Good.

We heard the mythic teaching stories about the creation of the Earth, Sun and Moon. And of the creation ancestors responsible for Vanity and Ego, and the eventual necessity to push them underground with flood and mud, to stop their destructive excesses. (A bit like the Noah's ark story).

All Life shares equal right to be, and we all have a responsibility to sustain and protect it. As Women, our particular duty of care is the protection of the next generations of Life.

As Women too, our minds are more influenced by the heart and spirit; the minds of Men are more influenced by the head. All people can recognise the Woman and Man who both reside in our minds; and thereby understand and respect each other, and know the proper activities for Female and Male minds.

(In our settlers culture, it seems that men have denied their female aspect of mind; whereas women know both very well! This is hugely reflected in the male political cultures which dominate most of the world today, and which govern our lives and our children's futures.)

We spoke about trauma and healing, and the ceremony connected with 'letting go', and the discovery and recovery of strength.

Women able to attend these Women's Business meetings have been much affected, and some very intense feelings expressed. It is truly a discovery about those whose lands were so ruthlessly annexed by our ancestors; who disdained their cultures, and shunned and ignored their depth, complexity, gentility, and insight.