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Opening Speaker:
Dion Devow

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Dion Devow

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ACT Australian of the Year

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Dion Devow is a Canberra based business man and the Managing Director of Yerra (www.yerra.com.au) and Darkies Designs (www.darkiesdesigns.com.au). Dion was born and raised in Darwin and is of both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander descent and is Traditional Owner for the Palm Island Group of Northern Queensland, (Manbarra) and also has heritage that stems from Darnley Island in the Torres Straits. Dion has a Bachelor of Applied Science in Health Education and has supported Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people's access to health, justice, and education for more than 20 years in Canberra ACT.

Dion worked as a Member of the ACT Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education Consultative Group from 2009 to 2014 and for much of that time was the Deputy Chair, and has recently been elected to the ACT Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elected Body (www.atsieb.com.au). Dion uses this 20 years of experience to work as a consultant specialising in community engagement within Health, Education, Justice and is now consulting within the Business sector to assist Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to reach their dreams and aspirations with respect to business.

Dion is recipient of the 2017 ACT Australian of the Year, winner of the 2014 ACT NAIDOC Business of The Year, and the current 2016 ACT NAIDOC Person of The Year, Dion is also the ACT representative for the First Australians Chamber of Commerce and Industry (<http://facci.org.au/>).