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BUSINESS TACKLING THE MOST DIVISIVE ISSUE IN AUSTRALIA WINS NATIONAL TELSTRA BEST OF BUSINESS AWARD

Australia's trusted authority for Indigenous cultural awareness and Ally training, <u>Evolve Communities</u>, is thrilled to announce that it has won the National Building Communities award at the 2024 Telstra Best of Business Awards.

Being selected as one of 50 finalists from an initial 22,000 applications, Evolve Co-Directors, Aunty Munya Andrews and Carla Rogers, were already delighted becoming one of 7 National Winners was icing on the cake.

At the Telstra Best of Business Awards National Judging last week, they went up against an impressive array of fellow <u>Building Communities State Winners</u>, including Manapan Furniture, Accessible Homes Australia, and The Conversation.

The judges were impressed with the scale of their business and their ability to make the world a kinder place. By holding equality at its core, they recognised that Evolve Communities are tackling the most divisive issue in Australia with a unique model that promotes respect and inclusivity for all. Their no blame, no guilt, no shame philosophy ensures Evolve's programs remain refreshing and forward focused; with the judges noting that Aunty Munya's influence on social media will help Australia move forward with gentleness and kindness.

"What an honour and a privilege to be associated with all of you beautiful, talented and creative people," said Aunty Munya to her fellow Finalists in their acceptance speech.

Aunty Munya went on to thank Telstra for acknowledging their efforts to build communities of Allies.

Carla Rogers also thanked Telstra, the judges and Alumni and went on to say: "First Nations peoples only account for about 3% of our population - our vision is for non-Indigenous people like myself to join our thriving communities of Allies who value

and learn from each other and from First Nations people, to create a kinder, more inclusive Australia... Together we can do this."

Evolve Communities have developed a range of resources, books and programs to teach their practical 7 Steps to Reconciliation and Allyship™.

If you'd like to develop your confidence and skills as an Ally, you can access free resources on their website and follow them on TikTok, Instagram, LinkedIn and YouTube.

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<u>Evolve Communities</u> is Australia's trusted authority for Indigenous cultural awareness and Ally training. Led by Aboriginal Elder, LinkedIn Top Voice and Author, <u>Aunty Munya Andrews</u> and non-Indigenous Community Engagement Specialist, Churchill Fellow and Ally, <u>Carla Rogers</u>, their goal is to inspire ten million Allies to create a kinder, more inclusive Australia.

For further information, and to arrange a joint interview with Aunty Munya and Carla, contact Maria Raines, Marketing Manager, Evolve Communities, maria@evolves.com.au, 0426 967 10

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Note: Aunty Munya only interviews alone on the topics of Aboriginal Dreamtime, Spirituality and Languages.