



**January 19<sup>th</sup> 2012. 7.30pm**

**Beth Weizmann Community Centre  
306 Hawthorn Rd, Caulfield North.**

## **Kevin Russell**

**In the footsteps of William Cooper**

***-an Aboriginal "Hero to Jewish people"***

In 1939, a little-known Aboriginal Elder by the name of William Cooper petitioned the German Consulate in protest over the Nazi treatment of the Jews. This remarkable act led Israeli ambassador, His Excellency Yuval Rotem, to describe Cooper as a "hero to Jewish people" when it was commemorated in 2009. As Rotem said "The convenience of silence is as evil as the greatest crime" We rightly ask the question; where, in the 1930's, were all the William Coopers?



Cooper's great-grandson Kevin Russell is acutely aware of this question, and follows in his father's footsteps in many ways. He is highly active in improving the health and well-being of indigenous Aussies and involved in many related projects. He is widely travelled and has represented his community at local, state, national and international levels, and was nominated for Australian Of The Year in 2010. He has twice visited Israel to commemorate the actions of his great-grandfather, including being alongside Kevin Rudd at Yad Vashem, and addresses Jewish groups frequently. Now he is ACSI's first speaker for 2012.

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306 Hawthorn Rd, Caulfield North. **Donation \$5.00.** Tea, Coffee and Kosher snacks provided.



ACSI meetings are on the third Thursday of every other month. They last approximately two hours, and include presentations on issues relevant to anyone who supports Israel. The aim is to provide a regular source of reputable and relevant information with highly informed and qualified local, interstate and international speakers, in order to empower Christians and others to better advocate for Israel amongst their churches and peers.

***Tell your friends- bring them along!***

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