



Artwork excerpt: I Am Because We Are, 2019

This artwork was created by Safina Stewart, Wuthathi Country and Mabuiag Island

RAP UPDATE AUGUST 2026 - KIYANGANYIN (WE ARE ALL TALKING) RECONCILIATION

Cultural Capability Training

We continue to deliver the cultural capability training program with two more sessions in June. RAP Leaders, Kim, Simon and Jodi were joined by Bunurong facilitator, Jill West to deliver the session to leaders and staff.

Staff from Conservation and Infrastructure and Planning also benefited from a cultural values workshop with Adam Magennis from the Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation.

We really value staff feedback as we're reviewing and adjusting the program as we go so that teams find it valuable and it improves cultural capability of our people and organisation.

Staff are asked to write a pledge at the end of the session about how they will support reconciliation in their role moving forward. Here are some of the pledges so far.



Be curious

Incorporate reconciliation into Wildlife Rehab Centre

Initiate RAP action for I&P team

Bring others along

Build my confidence to do Acknowledgement of Country

Continue learning about Aboriginal culture

Incorporate more Indigenous knowledge into research

7 Seasons Documentary

During National Reconciliation Week, we screened the 7 Seasons Documentary followed by a panel discussion with producer, Clancy Lester and two of the Traditional Owners involved in the documentary.

We were privileged to hear from Jaeden Williams-Briggs, a Yalukit Willam man of the Boonwurrung people, and Kai Lane, trainee ecologist and Yorta-Yorta and Barapa-Barapa man about the work they do to look after Country and educate others.

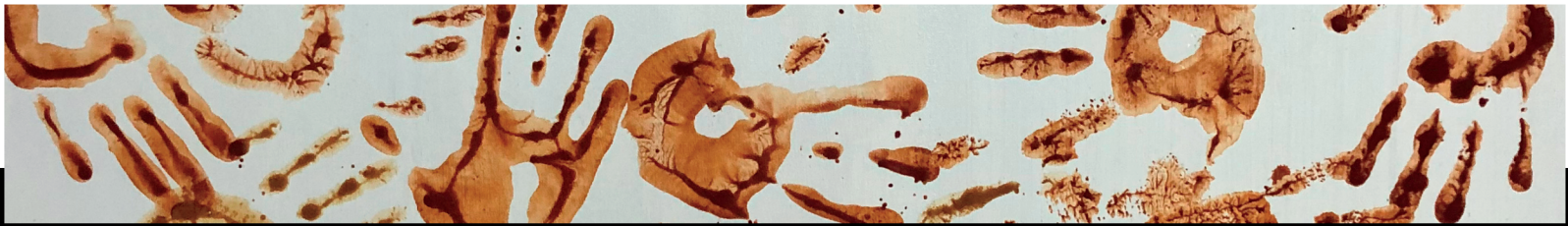
Watch the 7 Seasons documentary and learn more at <https://beesandblossoms.org>



Ngangga NAIDOC Week 2026

On Saturday 11 July, the community came together to celebrate NAIDOC Week at Ngangga at Berninnet with over 20 First Nations stallholders, cultural activities, and music. It was a great event with over 1000 people listening, learning and celebrating Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture, tradition and history.





RAP UPDATE APRIL 2026 - KIYANGANYIN (WE ARE ALL TALKING) RECONCILIATION

Our RAP achievements 2025-26



Five reconciliation events with over 1500 attendees



Cultural learning experiences provided to 100 staff



185 staff completed cultural awareness and cultural capability training



\$2.2 million spent in support of First Nations suppliers



Over \$18,000 provided to First Nations as donations and sponsorship



Majority Indigenous products sold in our Speciality Store



Bunurong self-determination is priority in 10-Year Strategy



Co-management of Swan Lake continues

Gellung Warl

Gellung Warl meaning *tip of the spear* in Gunaikurnai, is the new body created through Australia's First Treaty.

A democratically elected group of Traditional Owners representing and making decisions on behalf of First Peoples across Victoria.

Aboriginal people are the experts on their own lives and know best what does and doesn't work. Gellung Warl will get on with the work of delivering Treaty and making sure it gets better outcomes for Aboriginal people.



To learn more go to <https://gellungwarl.org/>

Dates of Significance



26 May
National Sorry Day

27 May to 3 June
National Reconciliation Week

3 June
Mabo Day

5 July to 12 July
NAIDOC Week

4 August
National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day

9 August
International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples

4 September
Indigenous Literacy Day

Add these dates to your calendar and get involved

Yani (come along) on a cultural learning journey

Here are some suggestions for how you can learn more about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture and history.



What to WATCH: The Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action worked with Traditional Owners to produce a 6-part documentary series that puts First Nations knowledge and leadership at the heart of climate change conversations.

Watch [here](#) or go to <https://www.dcceew.gov.au/> and search for 'First Nations climate change documentary'.



What to READ: Did you know there are actually 7 seasons in the year? Check out the deadly educational resources on Biik Bundjil aimed at helping organisations, educators and communities create healthier relationships with time, place, Country and one another. Go to <https://biikbundjil.com/>



What to EXPERIENCE: Bunurong artists Aunty Dyan Summers and Aunty Netty Shaw, and other First Nations artists, have created the the Water Bodies exhibition at Kingston Arts Centre. The exhibition is **on display until 29 August**. For more information, visit [@kingstonartsau](https://www.kingstonartsau.com.au)