

# GMTOAC bi-monthly newsletter

This newsletter is a brief snapshot of works undertaken by GMTOAC on behalf of Gunditjmara. This is the first edition. If you have any comments or suggestions of what you would like to see in this newsletter, please let us know on [reception@gunditjmirring.com](mailto:reception@gunditjmirring.com)

## Award finalists:

We are excited to announce that our partnership work with University of Melbourne has earned us a spot as a Finalist in the Engagement Australia 2023 Excellence Awards in the category, Excellence in Indigenous Engagement for Budj Bim On-Country Learning and Research. These Awards identify and celebrate the most exciting engagement activities undertaken by universities that demonstrate far-reaching impact and innovation in the Australian and New Zealand economy and community.



The partnership with Melbourne University began 10 years ago with a meeting on-country at the Budj Bim Cultural Landscape and has given many students from across the university an opportunity to experience on-Country learning, to engage with Gunditjmara in several design and research projects, and to learn about Gunditjmara cultural heritage and the ancient engineering practices at Budj Bim. One focus of the project has been to elaborate our seasonal calendar so that it reflects the complexity of the seasons and the rich cultural interrelationships between Gunditjmara people, place and practices.



## On-Country Camp – Save the Date

GOMTAC are proposing to host an on-country camp for mob from 22 – 26th January. The camp will be based at Lake Condah Mission with trips and activities into different parts of Gunditjmara Country. We are hoping to yarn together about weeyn (fire) and pareeyt (water) and connect to country, culture and each other through a range of activities.



**Presenting to the world:**

In early September some of the GMTOAC World Heritage team attended the International Council of Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS) General Assembly in Sydney. ICOMOS is a non-governmental international organisation dedicated to the conservation of World Heritage Listed monuments and sites, such as the Budj Bim Cultural Landscape. Erin Rose, GMTOAC's Budj Bim World Heritage Executive Officer, gave a presentation on Budj Bim at Sydney Town Hall to the 500+ attendees.

Well Done, Erin!

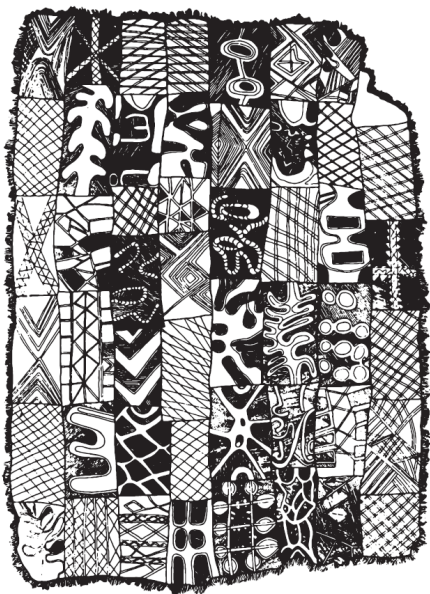


**Registration of very important cultural places:**

Gunditj Mirring has provided opportunities for Gunditjmara to participate in the cultural heritage registration of very important cultural places.

The registration of Deen Maar Island as cultural landscape Gunditjmara gathering was held with both Gunditj Mirring and Eastern Maar assisting with the preparation. Deen Maar Island is in the shared B area of the Eastern Maar and Gunditjmara native title determination 2012. Gunditjmara also had a gathering at Mt Dundas to view the Punyole rock art and discussing the registration of the rock art and whether the registration protects the Punyole rock art and landscape which holds it.

Matthew Phelan and Alison O'Conner from First Nation State Relations Group – Barwon Grampians Heritage Program lead the registration process.



### **Fish monitoring:**

At the beginning of October GMTOAC and WMAC staff completed fish monitoring training with Arthur Rylah Institute. We undertook a range of sampling techniques such as electrofishing, fyke netting and bait netting at Lake Condah, and drag netting and glass eel netting at the Fitzroy estuary. We even managed to capture a tiny baby eel or glass eel. They arrive in spring at the Fitzroy River mouth on Gunditjmara Country from the Coral Sea over 3000km away and once conditions are right, will travel up-stream to grow into adult eels.



### **Gunditjmara Offshore Renewable Energy Symposium:**

On 17 and 18 August, Gunditj Mirring hosted the Gunditjmara Offshore Renewable Energy (Climate Change) Symposium. Mob heard from a range of speakers on climate change, approaches to renewable energy, marine spatial planning, the proposed designation of the Southern Ocean, and potential impacts from offshore renewable energy. Following the presentations, mob came together to discuss what we've learned and to identify the next steps for the Gunditjmara's position on offshore renewable energy.





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