

GMTOAC bi-monthly newsletter

This newsletter is a brief snapshot of works undertaken by GMTOAC on behalf of Gunditjmara. This is the second 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

International Award Winners:

We are thrilled to announce that our Gunditjmara community have received the 2023 UNESCO-Greece Melina Mercouri International Prize for the Safeguarding and Management of Cultural Landscapes recognising our preservation and care of the Budj Bim Cultural Landscape.

The Melina Mercouri International Prize is awarded every two years since 1999 and our community now joins a small group of communities around the world recognised for their work.

Gunditjmara have ensured that we protect the legacy of Gunditjmara ancestors, who developed sophisticated and extensive aquaculture systems along the Budj Bim Lava flow for more than 6,600 years year.

Our world heritage journey started over 35 years ago, we are honoured and humbled to receive this recognition.

A big thank you to our Gunditjmara community, Budj Bim Rangers, World Heritage Rangers, Budj Bim Council and National Park Rangers (and many others) their unwavering support has been instrumental in ensuring the ongoing protection and management of the Budj Bim Cultural Landscape.

A special mention to Uncle Denis Rose, who travelled to Paris to accept this award on our behalf. We wish him safe travels back home.

This recognition not only celebrates our past but also inspires us to continue our commitment to preserving and promoting our cultural heritage for generations to come. Thank you to everyone who has been part of this incredible journey.



And another award...

We are excited to announce that our partnership work with University of Melbourne was named as the winner at the Engagement Australia 2023 Excellence Awards in the category, Excellence in Indigenous Engagement for Budj Bim On-Country Learning and Research.

Pictured are Aunty Denise Lovett and Aunty Eileen Alberts who represented GMTOAC at the awards ceremony held in Sydney on Tuesday 21st November.





New World Heritage Rangers join our team

In November, two young Gunditjmara men, Ryli Walker and Jakobe Walker, joined our World Heritage team as World Heritage Rangers. We are happy to have more enthusiastic hands on deck to care for country and all the special sites across the Budj Bim Cultural Landscape. Welcome to the team Jakobe and Ryli!

Welcoming visitors from US and NZ First Nations

In early November, Nicky and Tyson hosted a group of US and New Zealand First Nations visitors on Gunditjmara country and showed them around the Budj Bim Cultural Landscape, supported by the Budj Bim Rangers and GMTOAC staff. This visit is a continuation of the exchange between Victorian, US and NZ First Nations people to learn from each other and discuss First Nations Water rights and issues. It was a great privilege to share time together and learn from each other and we look forward to the continuation of this exchange in the future.



We are looking forward to a busy, great year ahead...



Events and Opportunities:

Deen Maar Boat Tour - Saturday 3 February 2024

Boat tours are being offered to Gunditjmara to view Deen Maar (Lady Julia Percy Island) and surrounding Nyamat Mirring (sea Country) from the boat.

Tours will be leaving from Port Fairy. Tour departure times are yet to be determined but it is anticipated that there will be three timeslots available. Each tour will accommodate eight people and go for approximately three hours. This tour is not recommended for children under the age of 12.

Spots are limited. Depending on interest, additional tours may be offered in the near future when we run the Deen Maar Statement of Significance workshop.

If you are interested, please contact Micko Bell and visit the Gunditj Mirring TOAC website (www.gunditjmirring.com) to register. Registrations are essential by Wednesday 31 January 2024.



OFFSHORE OIL AND GAS CONSULTATION DAY

Saturday 17 February 2024

9:30am - 4:30pm

Ngootyoong Mara Cultural Healing Centre
90 Julia Street, Portland
Or Online

An opportunity for Gunditjmarra to hear from oil and gas proponents who are seeking to pursue projects within Nyamat Mirring.

Help shape the feedback on these proposed activities.

Visit www.gunditjmirring.com to register attendance by
Wednesday 14 February 2024

Travel allowance and sitting fees available depending on eligibility



Tae Rak Stage 2 - Design Workshop

Gunditj Mirring are seeking registrations for participation in a design workshop for Budj Bim Cultural Landscape Masterplan 2022-2030

Stage 1 of the 2022-2030 Masterplan is underway with Cooper Scaife Architect's (CSA) recently being appointed as Architect for the project.

Direction One of the 2022-2030 Masterplan is to 'Expand Activities and Events at Tae Rak Lake Condah'.

GMTOAC have secured funding from Regional Development Victoria to implement the following design and construction scope at Tae Rak Lake Condah:

Natural amphitheatre with seating for 250 people

Yarning circle consisting of cleared land, crushed rock base, rocks for seating and tanbark to surrounds

Outdoor covered BBQ area

Large scale signage interpretation

Operational buildings

Improved road access, carparking and lighting

Site infrastructure including solar PV system, onsite sewerage and wastewater tank, fire tanks, LPG tanks and water tanks

Initial planning (concept design only) for the international standard boardwalks and interpretation



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continuing connection to country

We are hiring with a number of exciting positions available

COUNTRY PLANNING & ENGAGEMENT OFFICER

Full Time

Key role for building community capacity, increasing participation and driving best practice engagement across the organisation.

Applications closing: 25 February 2024 - 5pm

TREATY TRADITIONAL OWNER ENGAGEMENT COORDINATOR

Part Time – Fixed term

Coordinate treaty readiness and nation building to support the organisation, its members, Gunditjmara native title holders and community.

Applications closing: 25 February 2024 - 5pm

INVASIVE SPECIES SUPPORT OFFICER

Full Time – Fixed Term

Support the implementation of invasive species projects across Gunditjmara Country.

Applications closing: 25 February 2024 - 5pm

ABORIGINAL & CULTURAL HERITAGE COMPLIANCE OFFICER

Full Time – Fixed Term

Ensure that Gunditj Mirring Traditional Owners Aboriginal Corporation (GMTOAC) meets its statutory role and obligations.

Applications closing: 4 February 2024 - 5pm



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CULTURAL SITE MONITORING OFFICER

Casual

Take part in cultural heritage site work activities on Gunditjmarra country.

Applications closing: continuous recruitment

***For a copy of the Position Description and further
information please contact Gunditj Mirring on***

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or

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You can also find more information on our website at

<https://www.gunditjmirring.com/>



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Budj Bim Cultural Landscape Tourism are hiring and have a number of exciting opportunities!

TOUR GUIDE COORDINATOR

Full Time

Lead and motivate a small team of Cultural Tour Guides to deliver a world class cultural day tour experience for our customers.

Applications closing: 25 February 2024 - 5pm

TOUR GUIDES

Casual, Part Time or Full Time available

Ensure all Budj Bim Cultural Landscape tours exceed visitor expectations and visitors acquire knowledge of the region.

Applications Closing: 25 February 2024 - 5pm

CHEF

Casual, Part Time or Full Time available

Ensure preparation and service of food is of the highest standard, provide guidance and teach others.

Applications closing: 25 February 2024 - 5pm

**For more information and to complete an
application please visit:
budjbim.com.au/contact/work-with-us/**