

GMTOAC bi-monthly newsletter

This newsletter is a brief snapshot of works undertaken by GMTOAC on behalf of Gunditjmara. This is the 4th 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

Lake Gorrie Burn

On Sunday 13th May, GMTOAC fire crew with CFA and DEECA conducted a planned burn at Lake Gorrie, part of the Budj Bim Cultural Landscape, to assist with the management of the South African Honeybush.

The South African Honeybush is an invasive plant species - all parts of the plant are toxic, and seeds are easily spread through wind.

To our local partners from DEECA and the CFA - a big thank you, the sharing of skills and knowledge provides a great learning opportunity, and continues to strengthen the strong partnerships we already have.



Museums Victoria Cadetship Program

Museums Victoria is offering a Cadetship Program for First Peoples youth aged 16 – 22.

The opportunity is open to those in year 10, 11 or 12, or those who have completed/left secondary education.

This program offers a unique chance to gain valuable work experience, develop new skills and explore a diverse range of career pathways within Museums Victoria. These opportunities are available across all venues, including Melbourne Museum, Scienceworks and the Immigration Museum.

The cadetship program will be tailored to the specific interests and needs of each cadet, offering experiences ranging from sciences and technology to media and communications.

This will allow First Peoples youth to explore existing interests and discover new and exciting career paths all while developing their skills in a supportive and dynamic environment.

CONGRATULATIONS DAMEIN!

GMTOAC wish to congratulate former CEO, Damein Bell on his appointment to the position as CEO for the First Peoples Assembly of Victoria.



Native Police Barracks

In April the GMTOAC Heritage, Policy & Research team and representatives from Heritage Victoria had a site visit to the former native police barracks to discuss registration.

The barracks were built in 1842 and were operational between 1843 – 1849.



Budj Bim Council Members – Expression of Interest

A reminder recruitment is underway for Gunditjmara Budj Bim Council members. If you're interested and/or need assistance please contact Erin at our office on 5527 1427.

Gunditj Mirring Traditional Owners Aboriginal Corporation



**Calling for
Gunditjmara
Budj Bim Council
Members**

**Expression of Interest forms are
to be submitted to
Gunditj Mirring TOAC
by COB
7 June 2024**

Please contact reception@gunditjmirring.com if you have any questions

The Budj Bim Council oversees the implementation of the Cooperative Management Agreement for Budj Bim National Park.

The Budj Bim Council has representation from the Victorian Government and Gunditj Mirring TOAC. There are 6 seats reserved on the Budj Bim Council for Gunditjmara people.

Gunditj Mirring TOAC provides nominations to the Victorian Minister for Environment for the Budj Bim Council.

Gunditjmara provide the majority of members on the Budj Bim Council. Members are full time members to the Budj Bim Council but if a member is an apology for a meeting, then an alternate member is available to fill in.

The Budj Bim Council meets four times per year.

Gunditj Mirring TOAC is seeking nominations for a new council membership for a 3-year term, from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2027.

Current Gunditjmara representatives on the Budj Bim Council include:

Members

1. Delsie Lillyst
2. Colleen Hamilton
3. Dale McDonald
4. Eileen Alberts
5. Tahlia Warren-Brand
6. Walter Saunders

Alternate members

1. Denise Lovett
2. Vacant
3. Vacant



KELLIE FRANKLAND-SAUNDERS

LAVA FLOW

23 May - 2 August 2024

Exhibition Opening
Friday 31 May / 6pm
Smoking Ceremony 6:30pm

RSVP 03 5522 2263
arts@portlandartscentre.com.au
4a Glenelg St, Portland, VIC. 3305

PORTLANDARTSCENTRE



Kellie Frankland-Saunders is a proud Kilcarer Gunditj and Gilgar Gunditj Traditional Custodian of the Gunditjmara Tribe of the South West of Victoria.

Kellie has been practising traditional and contemporary art for over 25 years. Kellie also teaches art based Cultural Awareness to Indigenous and non-indigenous peoples.

Kellie's artwork reflects the traditional Gunditjmara style and her deep connection to the land and the many sites of cultural and spiritual importance in the South West of Victoria.

Exhibition opening event is at the Portland Arts Centre on Friday 31 May at 6:00pm. All welcome.

Exhibition is running from Thursday 23 May – Friday 2 August

Gallery open Mon-Fri from 10am-4pm.

Free admission to all exhibitions.



EXPRESSION OF INTEREST PROJECT TEAM - RENEWABLE ENERGY & CLIMATE CHANGE

Are you interested in the
**Renewable Energy &
Climate Change**
impacts on
Gunditjmara Country?

We need Gunditjmara community members to form a project team to support the development of a **Gunditjmara-led Renewable Energy Policy Position** and a **Climate Change Strategy**.

Gunditjmara project team participants will be remunerated for their time and expertise in line with sitting fees.

AS A VALUED PROJECT TEAM MEMBER YOU WILL...

- Be invited to **attend meetings** with consultants, proponents, government bodies and other stakeholders where relevant to the project development
- Provide advice to **assist with project delivery**
- Assist to **identify opportunities** that would enhance the outcomes for Gunditjmara with respect to renewable energy and climate change on country
- Be a voice and assist to **engage the Gunditjmara community** to understand renewable energy and climate change impacts on country
- Assist to **shape the policies and procedures** required for future application of the concept.

~ EOI CLOSES TUES 24TH JUNE 2024 ~

Contact Joanna at joanna@gunditjmirring.com or **5527 1427** for more information



Help shape the journey to Treaty!

Following on from our incredible three-day Statewide Treaty Gathering, where mob from across Victoria came together to share their ideas and hopes for Treaty, we're bringing the conversation to the regions. This Regional Treaty Gathering is a chance for Community in the South West to get together, yarn with your elected Assembly Members, learn more about Treaty and have your say. We'll also have a feed and activities throughout the day. Then, at 6pm join us for a community dinner.

→ Portland Golf Club —12pm, 25 June 2024

Very soon, we'll be sitting down with the Victorian Government to negotiate a Statewide Treaty — and nothing is off the table. So we want to hear your ideas, think big and push hard!

Please note: This is a free event for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people in the South West. Registrations are essential.

Attendees will receive a \$50 fuel voucher to contribute towards their expenses.

To find out more about our journey towards Treaty here in Victoria, visit firstpeoplesvic.org

Offshore Petroleum activities – Presentation Series

Recently there have been a number of petroleum companies proposing offshore activities, that have the potential to impact on Gunditjmara Nyamat Mirring (Sea Country). An online presentation series is being offered to Gunditjmara to provide information independent of the petroleum industry.

A poster for an 'Online Presentation Series'. The background is light blue and green with stylized illustrations of a seal, a snake, a spider, and an offshore oil rig. The text is in white and dark blue. The title 'ONLINE PRESENTATION SERIES' is in large, bold, white letters. Below it, the subtitle 'Potential impacts of offshore petroleum activities on Nyamat Mirring (Sea Country)' is in dark blue. The dates and times are listed in white: '15 MAY: 6.30 - 7.30 PM', '22 MAY: 7:30 - 8:30 PM', '30 MAY: 10:00 - 11:00 AM', and 'JUNE: TBC'. At the bottom, it says 'For more details and to register attendance, visit www.gunditjmirring.com' in white.

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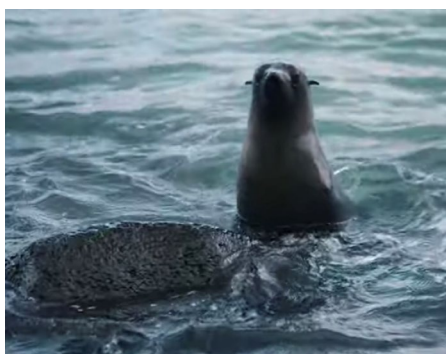
For more details and to register
attendance, visit
www.gunditjmirring.com



Nyamat Mirring Sea Country Video

We are incredibly proud of our Nyamat Mirring Sea Country video.

If you haven't seen it, be sure to check it out on Youtube "Nyamat Mirring - Protecting our Sea Country" or contact the office on 55271427 for a link.



How proud are we of the Nyamat Mirring Plan!

How about being involved in developing the Gunditjmara Sea Country IPA?

Over the coming year we are working on this IPA Plan of Management and deciding on which parts of coastal country (from Convincing Ground to Yambuk and including Deen Maar), as well as the boundary of sea country, which we want to include in this IPA.

There will be a few ways to be involved – on-country visits, online surveys, meetings, photography and other artwork contributions, even the development of a logo!

Be as involved as you want!

Please reach out to Christine by email christine@gunditjmirring.com or at GMTOAC's office 5527 1427.

