

# Ngatanwarr

Honouring The Old ,Empowering The New



NEWSLETTER 16—DATE 17 NOVEMBER 2021

## AGM Notice

Wednesday 23rd  
February 2022 5pm  
(Followed by community dinner)  
Harris Street  
Reserve

To RSVP, please contact  
Gunditjmara via phone on  
55591234 or via email on  
admin@gunditjmara.org.au

Please note those attending will need to present proof of Covid-19 vaccination, check in and hand sanitise upon entry to event. Those who are not vaccinated are required to wear a face mask on entry to the event, which we can supply.

## Community Dinner October

Aunty Glenda getting her meals and gift packs delivered straight to the front door by Maurice (Mo) Home Care Support Worker and one of the dinner delivery drivers.

Pictured:

Steven Debono with his gift pack, Stormi, Trephy, Chey & Bec coming down to Harris St to pick up their meals and gift packs COVID Safe ways off the deadly staff.



## Kinship—Return to Country

**“Plan a Return to Country” they said.” It will be fun” they said and they were right.**

A Return to Country is the birthright of every Aboriginal child and the power of such an experience cannot be underestimated in anyway. Kinship found themselves with two very enthusiastic Mutti Mutti children, followed by incredible support from both the Kinship carer and Mutti Mutti family members.

Cultural Support Advisor Tash took care of our primary concern regarding Cultural considerations. Kinship Case Manager Onni supported the Kinship Carer, both young persons and the families we were to meet and spend time with on Country. We spent time at Lake Mungo where we met with family and had a traditional smoking ceremony to Welcoming the children to Country. After the children received the Welcome they were gifted possum skins from Gunditjmara.

The kinship carer has since shared that the children were changed by their Return to Country experience. While they have always been culturally aware little people, they are now also very proud in saying out loud that they are Mutti Mutti Mob as they drag their much loved and now no longer pristine possum skins from pillar to post daily, and we love that.



### Head Office

135 Kepler Street, Warrnambool VIC 3280  
(03) 5559 1234

### Medical Clinic

3 Banyan Street, Warrnambool VIC 3280  
(03) 5564 3344



## Indigenous Remembrance Day

On the 1st day of November we acknowledge and remember all the Aboriginal people who fought and lost their lives while defending our country.

A ceremony was held at Cannon Hill, lead by Uncle Locky, with a great turn out from both indigenous and non-indigenous people from our community who were there to pay their respects. There were guest speakers, a smoke ceremony and wreaths placed by different organisations in Warrnambool.

## We're Reopening!

We're excited to announce that in line with the Victorian Government's easing of restrictions announced on Thursday 18th November 2021, that our Head Office doors will reopen to the community from **Wednesday 24th November.**

We thank you for your patience. You will be asked whether you have checked in with the QR code. Please note those attending will need to present proof of Covid-19 vaccination, check in and hand sanitise upon entry. Those who are not vaccinated are required to wear a face mask on entry, which we can supply.

Please be friendly to our reception staff. We are also offering a printing service for those who need hard copies of their vaccine certificates enquire with our reception staff.

Meet our trainees!

Tissa Agnew



Recently, we've had a few new trainees start at head office in Kepler Street. So, we thought we'd introduce them to you and let you know a little bit about them!

Today's trainee is Tissa Agnew

"Ngata All,

My name is Pattica-Anne Agnew, but a lot of the community will know me as Tissa. I'm 37 years old, and have a 13-year-old boy, Phoenix. I'm a proud Gunditjmarra woman with family ties to both the Framlingham and Lake Condah Missions. I am enjoying my time so far here at Gunditjmarra, and happy to be back around, and working for/with, my mob."

**ACCO COVID VACCINE VAN**  
COMING TO WARRNAMBOOL!

Week Starting  
29 November

Protect MOB

VACCINO GUNDITJMARA  
proudly partnering with  
StarHealth

**DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE OUR NEWSLETTERS OR NEEDS TO UPDATE THEIR INFO WITH US?**

You can now update your information on our website!

Visit [www.Gunditjmarra.org.au/Newsletter](http://www.Gunditjmarra.org.au/Newsletter)

# Community Notices

Are you interested in caring for our children in out of home care?

We are looking for community members who are interested in joining our respite carer pool.

Respite care can be one off temporary short term care, a day, overnight, weekends, school holidays or more regular/ongoing.

It could be in your home or in the child's home or somewhere else.

All care arrangements will be tailored to both you and the child/children so it will be the best fit possible.

If this sounds like something you might be interested in call or email Kellie Rogers on the details below:

kellie.rogers@gunditjmara.org.au

0455318724



## Elders Group Outings

Last chance to come along before the Christmas break!

### Geelong Elders Camp

Wednesday 1 December to Thursday 2nd December  
Visit to Werribee Zoo on Wednesday  
Overnight stay at Ocean Grove Chalet  
Thursday visit to Narana Aboriginal Cultural Centre

### Thursday 16 December

Lunch and Outing to the Tyrendarra Cultural Gallery

### Thursday 8th December

Harris Street Lunch and Activities

### Thursday 23 December

Christmas Lunch Meal & Break up with Lee Morgan Singing  
Harris Street Reserve

No groups from December 30th 2021 to January 26th 2022



## Aboriginal Women's Group

### 2022 Expressions of Interest

We are looking at creating an Aboriginal Women's Group to commence in 2022.

We would love to hear from you and to hear your ideas!

To find out more:

Contact 5559 1234 and speak with reception, or fill out our online form at [www.gunditjmara.org.au/womensgroup](http://www.gunditjmara.org.au/womensgroup)



## Calling all Gunditjmara Artists!

We're looking for Gunditjmara artists to create contemporary artwork for our Christmas card design this year! Your artwork can be something new or existing and will be used on cards for our staff, stakeholders and partners.

The top 6 designs will receive a **\$50 voucher**

Open to ages 12 years and over

How to submit your work:

Email: [media@gunditjmara.org.au](mailto:media@gunditjmara.org.au)

In person: 135 Kepler St Warrnambool

Closing date: Friday 26th November 2021



# Community Notices



VACSAL *Connecting Culture Project*

## Program timeline:

1. 18th November  
Session one 4:00pm-4:40pm - Cultural awareness and identity  
30 min break  
Session two 5:10pm-5:50pm - Connection to country & language
2. 25th November  
Session three 4:00pm-4:40pm - Sport and culture  
30 min break  
Session four 5:10pm-5:50pm - Art: designing a West Vic Eels warm up top

For more information, or to register a child in the program, please contact Troy on the information below:

Troy Lovett- Community Development Officer  
troyl@vacsal.org.au  
0428 058 059



First Peoples' Assembly of Victoria

## When Elders speak, we listen.



Aunty Charmaine Clarke,  
Co-Chair of the Interim Elders' Voice



Uncle Andrew Gardiner,  
Co-Chair of the Interim Elders' Voice

### Respect, Connectedness, Knowledge base, Lore of the land

Elders are crucial in providing us with their knowledge, history, wisdom and resilience. Their voices must be heard, and respected on our shared journey towards Treaties in Victoria.

The First Peoples' Assembly of Victoria is conducting community meetings open to Elders to participate in designing the structure, role and responsibilities of our permanent "Elders' Voice" which will play a crucial role in informing and guiding our work.

### We want to hear from you!

Sitting fees are paid to Elders for attending consultations and contributing their insight.

Registrations can be made via [firstpeoplesvic.org](http://firstpeoplesvic.org) or calling 1800 TREATY (1800 873 289).

Get in touch for more information or to enrol so you can have your say in Assembly elections.

With the changing COVID lockdown restrictions, our face-to-face consultations may not always be able to continue as planned. In the event of any lockdown cancellations, Aunty Charmaine and Uncle Andrew will always be available for one-on-one consultations with Elders via phone or Zoom. Phone consultations can also be arranged, regardless of lockdowns, if you find this more convenient.

To arrange this, please call 1800 TREATY (1800 873 289) and select option 2

We're committed to ensuring everyone is safe, especially our Elders. We look forward to seeing you face-to-face as soon as we can. For the most up-to-date information on face-to-face consultations, visit our website: [firstpeoplesvic.org](http://firstpeoplesvic.org).

Monthly online event

## South-West Network Treaty Yarn

Join us on the first Monday of every month to hear updates on Treaty and the work of the First Peoples' Assembly of Victoria.

We're committed to ensuring our Community has a space that is safe and culturally appropriate to talk openly about Treaty.

On the first Monday of every month, we'll be holding Zoom sessions for Community in the South-West region. Community in the South-West are invited to attend, ask questions and have an open yarn about Treaty with their Members.

Contact Joey Saunders  
0406 450 896 / [JosephS@firstpeoplesvic.org](mailto:JosephS@firstpeoplesvic.org)

Find out more and register at:  
[firstpeoplesvic.org/SouthWestNetwork](http://firstpeoplesvic.org/SouthWestNetwork)



## 2022 Woorrangalook Victorian Koori Surfing Titles

Urquharts Bluff

5th & 6th February 2022

First Timers, Beginners, Advanced, All Abilities welcome.

### DIVISIONS

- Under 6's Mixed - Under 10's Boy & Girls
- Under 13's Boys & Girls - Under 16's Boys & Girls
- Under 18's Boys & Girls - Open Men & Women
- Masters Men & Women

Saturday 5th February  
Junior Division, Open & Master Women Presentations

Sunday 6th February  
Open & Masters Men Presentations

This Is A Drug & Alcohol Free Event

Contact Details  
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