



BUNURONG LAND COUNCIL

ABORIGINAL CORPORATION

ICN 3630

THE BUNURONG BULLETIN - JUNE 2024

HERE'S WHAT HAS HAPPENED IN THE LAST MONTH, AND WHAT'S TO COME!

We're excited to bring you the latest news and updates from Bunurong Country. Your connection and active participation are the heart of our community!

We would like to express our gratitude to all our members who have continued to support us. Your dedication keeps our community strong and vibrant.

Feel free to reach out if you have any questions or suggestions or if there's anything specific you'd like to know more about. Your feedback is invaluable to us.

We look forward to sharing these updates and more as we continue to grow and thrive together!

If you have any questions about the information below, please contact BLCAC at membercontact@bunuronglc.org.au.

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KNOW YOUR RIGHTS AS A BLCAC MEMBER

As a member of our corporation, you hold certain rights that empower you to actively participate in our community. Understanding these rights puts you in a better position to make a difference.

One of your key rights is the ability to vote at meetings. Voting at a general meeting or AGM allows you to be directly involved in the important decisions shaping our corporation.

Other rights include:

Accessing certain information

Requesting to call a general meeting

Proposing a resolution at a general meeting (provided the correct steps are followed)

Remember, our Directors are also members and have rights too.

For a full list of Members' Rights, please download the factsheet from the ORIC Website.

June Board Meeting in Review

EXCITING NEWS: FIRST ROUND OF MEMBER APPLICATIONS HAVE BEEN REVIEWED!

The moment you've been waiting for is here! The Board has completed the review of the first round of pending member applications.

If your application was accepted, keep an eye on your mailbox for a welcome pack. This pack includes written confirmation of your acceptance, a Members' Rights Factsheet, the Member Code of Conduct, and the BLCAC Rule Book. You can also request to receive this information via email.

Occasionally, some membership applications require additional information. In these cases, the Board may request further documentation to make a decision on your membership, as outlined in Clause 4.3(c) of the BLCAC Rule Book. If this applies to you, you will be contacted by mail or email with a letter requesting the necessary documents.

If you encounter any issues please get in touch with the office via phone or email membercontact@bunuronglc.org.au.

MAKE A TIME TO MEET WITH SHAWN!

We're thrilled to announce that Shawn Andrews from Buneen Consulting is joining us to support our ongoing work!

Shawn is a proud Mununjali, Migunburri man from the Yugembeh language group, with extensive experience in leading truth-telling, reconciliation, and mediation processes with Traditional Owners. He's here to connect with our members and the Bunurong community.

Interested in having a chat with Shawn? You can reach out to him via email or telephone. Shawn is flexible and can meet in person, online, or receive written submissions—whatever works best for you!

Shawn Andrews: www.shawn-andrews.com

Conversations with Shawn can be confidential at your discretion.



Buneen Consulting



JOIN US IN CELEBRATING NAIDOC WEEK

This year's theme, "Keep the Fire Burning, Blak, Loud, and Proud," honours the rich history, culture, and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Embrace the spirit of NAIDOC Week and celebrate the strength and resilience of Indigenous communities across Australia. Let's come together to listen, learn, and keep the cultural fire burning brightly!

FLAG RAISING AND SMOKING CEREMONY

DATE: TUESDAY 9TH JULY 2024
TIME: 12PM - 2PM
VENUE: BLCAC HEAD OFFICE
LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED
PARKING IS LIMITED

WOMEN'S OPEN WORKSHOP: MAKE A COIN PURSE OUT OF STRING

WORKSHOP HOLDER -
AUNTY DYAN SUMMERS

DATE: WEDNESDAY, 10TH JULY 2024
TIME: 11AM - 2PM
LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED
MAX 20 PARTICIPANTS

BUNURONG ONLY WOMEN'S WORKSHOP: BASKET WEAVING WITH GRASS

WORKSHOP HOLDER -
AUNTY DYAN SUMMERS

DATE: THURSDAY, 11TH JULY 2024
TIME: 11AM - 2PM
LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED
MAX 10 PARTICIPANTS

ALL EVENTS AND WORKSHOPS WILL BE HELD AT THE BLCAC HEAD OFFICE, FRANKSTON.

PLEASE RSVP TO MEMBERCONTACT@BUNURONGLC.ORG.AU BY MONDAY, 8TH JULY 2024. NUMBERS ARE STRICTLY LIMITED.

Aunty Dyan Summers is a proud Bunurong Elder Woman, deeply connected to her heritage and community. As an active member of the Bunurong community, Aunty Dyan is dedicated to supporting equity, transparency, community and identity.

In 2021 Aunty Dyan was honoured with the Mornington Peninsula NAIDOC Aboriginal Elder of the Year Award. Aunty Dyan is deeply proud of her Bunurong heritage and cherishes the opportunity to work on Bunurong country.

Aunty Dyan

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**KEEP THE FIRE BURNING!
BLAK, LOUD AND PROUD**
7-14 JULY 2024

NAIRM MARR DJAMBANA

NAIRM MARR DJAMBANA NAIDOC FLAG RAISING

**KEEP THE FIRE BURNING!
BLAK, LOUD & PROUD**

NAIRM MARR DJAMBANA

32 NURSERY AVE

FRANKSTON -

10AM - 12.30PM

8 JULY, 2024

SMOKING CEREMONY & WELCOME TO
COUNTRY

DANCE PERFORMANCE BY DEADLY
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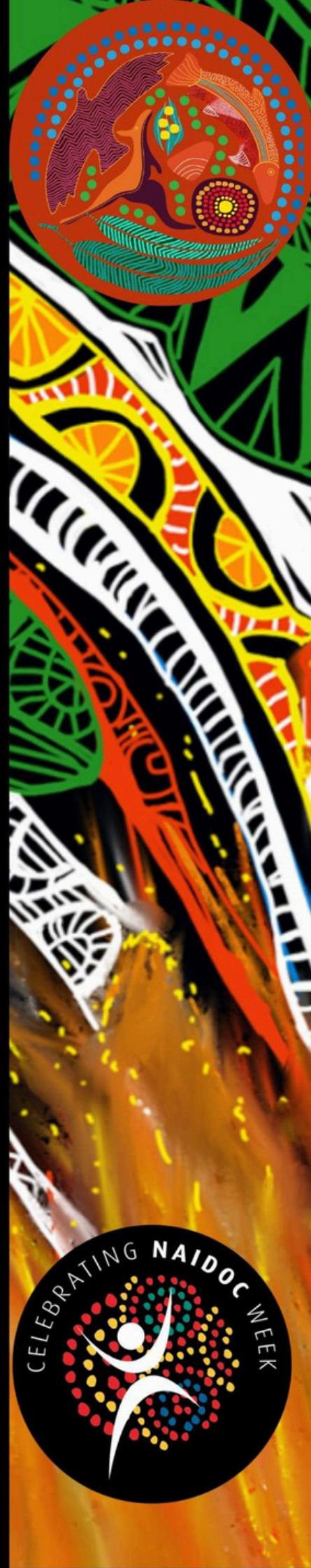
MORNING TEA

NAIRM POP UP - MERCH

NMD MEN/WOMEN PROGRAM ART
SALES

ABORIGINAL YOUTH PHOTO EXHIBITION
- ELIZABETH MURDOCH COLLEGE

CALL NAIRM OFFICE ON 97 83 1521 FOR INFORMATION





BALUK ARTS

NAIDOC CELEBRATION

Baluk Arts is excited to invite the public to our annual NAIDOC celebration for 2024. Join us in celebrating the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

MONDAY 8TH JULY, 1 PM – 3 PM
ALL WELCOME / CATERING AND BEVERAGES PROVIDED

SMOKING CEREMONY AND WELCOME TO COUNTRY
(by Bunurong Land Council)

UNVEILING OF THE BALUK ARTS POSSUM SKIN CLOAK
WE WILL LAUNCH OUR OWN POSSUM SKIN CLOAK, CREATED COLLABORATIVELY BY OUR MEMBERS AND FACILITATED BY ILUKA SAX-WILLIAMS.

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National Indigenous Australians Agency



**KEEP THE FIRE
BURNING!
BLAK, BLOUD
AND PROUD**

7-14 JULY 2024

Koolin-ik ba kirrip- buluk

NAIDOC Week

at Royal Botanic Gardens Cranbourne

Community members are invited to celebrate NAIDOC Week 2024 by joining in the range of activities at Royal Botanic Gardens Cranbourne that celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture.



For bookings & more information scan the QR code or visit rbg.vic.gov.au/naidoc

Tuesday July 9

Nature and Culture Art for Kids
with Sammy Trist

10am - 2pm

Drop-in, no booking required

Boonwurrung Storytelling for kids
with Jaeden Williams

11am and 1pm

Drop-in, no booking required

Wednesday July 10

Paint your Story
with Nina Wright

10am - 1pm

12+ years old, booking required

Marngrook Making
with Jaffa Richardson

1.30pm - 4pm

12+ years old, booking required

Thursday July 11

Bushfood Walking Tour with
Hudson 10am - 1pm 10+ years
old, booking required

Bushfood Tasting Experience
with Rebecca Moon

1.00pm - 4pm

10+ years old, booking required



Royal Botanic Gardens Cranbourne acknowledges the Traditional Owners of the land on which we work and learn, and pay our respects to their Elders past and present.

Bunurong Community Highlights

OUR CONNECTION OUR COUNTRY



EXHIBITION BY KOBİ SAINTY
BUNURONG ARTIST

CULTURE ON THE HORIZON: EXPLORING OUR HERITAGE THROUGH ART

Congratulations to Kobi Sainty on His Art Exhibition: "Our Connection, Our Country"

We are thrilled to announce and celebrate Kobi Sainty's upcoming art exhibition, "Our Connection, Our Country."

In "Our Connection, Our Country," Kobi Sainty, a talented Bunurong artist, vividly portrays the profound connections to Bunurong Country. Through his artwork, Kobi explores relationships with water, community, and country, reflecting his life and experiences in contemporary Melbourne as a Bunurong artist and community member.

Exhibition Details:

When: 26 June - 20 July 2024

Where: The Track Gallery, 47 Miller Crescent, Mount Waverley

Opening Hours: Wednesday - Friday (12 noon-4pm) and Saturday (11am-3pm)

Admission: FREE

We encourage everyone to attend and share in this celebration of Bunurong culture and artistry. Congratulations, Kobi, on this incredible achievement!

Bunurong Community Highlights

BLCAC LEVEL UP WITH ORIC TRAINING

Recently, the Board of Directors and CEO participated in a Governance Training workshop facilitated by ORIC.

This comprehensive workshop focused on corporate governance for members and directors, providing a thorough introduction to key aspects of running a corporation effectively.

This training ensures that our leadership is well-equipped to guide the corporation toward success with transparency and accountability.

We urge to you check the ORIC website for more courses and training opportunities.



UPDATE FROM THE AIATSI SUMMIT

We were excited to present the Traditional Owner Cultural Landscapes Strategy at this year's AIATSI Summit with FVTOC.

Alongside GLaWAC and FVTOC we shared practical examples of Traditional Owners restoring cultural landscapes on Country.

The Strategy envisions a progressive approach to enabling Traditional Owner management of Country. It bridges the gap between Western natural resource management and kinship with Country, bringing cultural landscapes to life.

Prepared by Traditional Owners and facilitated by the Federation, our current focus is on holding the government accountable for supporting and enabling Traditional Owner care for Country.



STRONG COUNTRY TEAM IGNITE ECO-BURN AT BUNYIP

Recently, the Strong Country team led an ecological burning program at Bunyip on Bunurong Country.

This activity, a part of a collaborative community grant initiative in the aftermath of the 2019 bushfires, was a joint effort between the Strong Country team and the Bushfire Cooperative Research Centre (BCRC). The ecological burning program, also known as a 'cool burn', was a strategic approach for ecological restoration.

Overall, it was a remarkable opportunity for the Strong Country team to demonstrate their expertise in fire ecology and commitment to the community by bringing fire back to the Country.

Let's give a huge shoutout to the team for their hard work and dedication to preserving and enriching our beautiful Bunurong Country! Let's work on bringing people together, protecting culture, and working together to keep our communities safe! 🌍



POOKILA COMEBACK: A WIN FOR CONSERVATION ON BUNURONG COUNTRY

We're thrilled to announce a major triumph for the Pookila conservation program!

Just last month, 28 Pookila, previously known as the New Holland Mouse, made their grand return to Bunurong Country at the Royal Botanic Gardens Cranbourne.



This program is a true team effort, involving Moonlit Sanctuary, Zoos Victoria, Royal Botanic Gardens, the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action, Gippsland Water, Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation, and GLaWAC. Together, they've made it possible for these amazing little creatures to flourish once again.

Let's celebrate this success and the bright future it promises for Pookila on Bunurong Country!

RECONCILIATION WEEK

On Country Networking Day at Powlett River Kugerungmome

Community partners recently participated in an On Country Networking Day led by the Bunurong Land Council at Powlett River Kugerungmome. This event, held during National Reconciliation Week, was an enriching experience for all involved.

Throughout the day, Traditional Owners from the Bunurong Land Council exchanged knowledge about various projects to protect the river as it flows from Korumburra to the sea at Kilcunda. The event featured water testing demonstrations and insightful discussions about the estuary and its current management practices.

We also shared ideas and explored future possibilities for understanding, restoring, and caring for this valuable cultural landscape. We are grateful for the opportunity to collaborate with key partners on these important initiatives, to learn from each other, and to share our knowledge.



Membership Application Checklist

Thank You for Following the New Membership Application Process!

We appreciate everyone who has followed the new membership application process. The updated form streamlines the assessment process for the Board, making it easier to review your applications.

If you're unsure where to start, please follow the checklist below. Should you need further assistance, don't hesitate to contact us at membercontact@bunuronglc.org.au. We're here to help you through every step of the process.

- DOWNLOAD THE NEW MEMBERSHIP FORM**
- COMPLETE YOUR CONTACT DETAILS**
- ADD FAMILY BACKGROUND (AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE)**
- NOMINATE YOUR PREFERRED AAG (ONLY ONE)**
- ATTACH YOUR IDENTITY DOCUMENTS**
- SIGN, DATE AND RETURN THE MEMBERSHIP FORM**



HAVE WE GOT THE RIGHT CONTACT DETAILS?

HELP US TO KEEP IN TOUCH WITH UPDATES, EVENT INVITATIONS, AND OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION FROM BLCAC.

CONTACT US VIA EMAIL, OR PHONE THE BLCAC OFFICE TO UPDATE YOUR DETAILS!

MEMBERCONTACT@BUNURONGLC.ORG.AU

Work with us at BLCAC

EXCITING OPPORTUNITIES AT BLCAC!

Looking for your next adventure? We've got some fantastic job openings at the Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation (BLCAC), and we want YOU to join our team!

We're on the hunt for passionate individuals to fill the following positions:

LINGUIST:

Utilise your linguistic expertise to support and enrich our cultural initiatives.
Apply via Seek by 3rd August.

RECONCILIATION ACTION PLAN LIAISON OFFICER (IDENTIFIED ROLE):

Facilitate effective communication and collaboration in advancing our Reconciliation Action Plan. Apply via Seek by 26th July.

CULTURAL VALUES ADVISOR:

Guide the integration and promotion of cultural values within our organisation.
Apply via Seek by 26th July.

CURRENT VALUES ADVISOR (IDENTIFIED ROLE):

Contribute to shaping and upholding our organisational values.
Apply via Seek by 26th July.

STRONG COUNTRY SUPPORT OFFICER:

Play a vital role in preserving and supporting the natural environment and cultural heritage of our land.
Apply via Seek by 24th July.

Spread the word and let's grow our BLCAC family together!

