

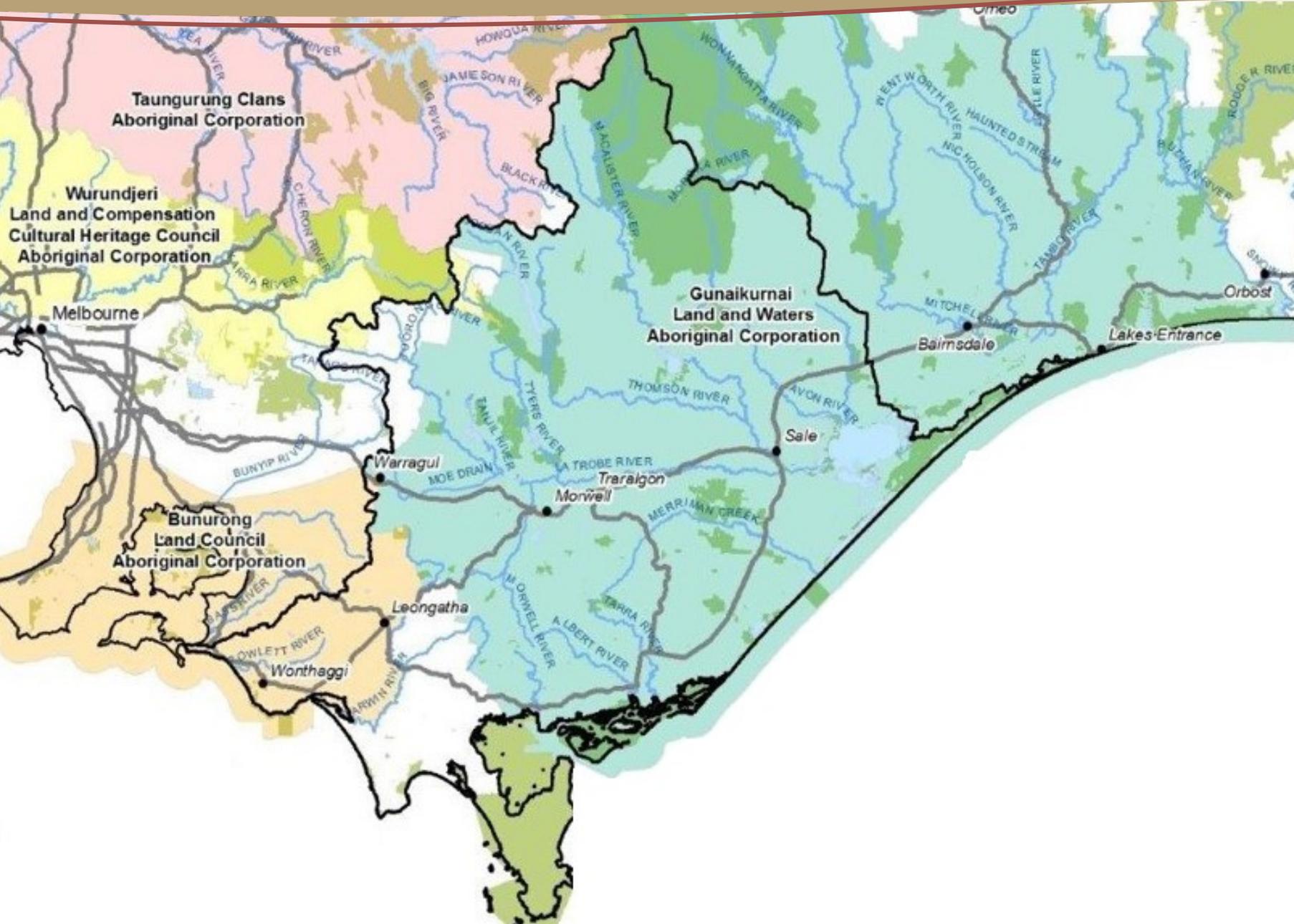


Aboriginal Cultural Heritage and Landcare in West Gippsland

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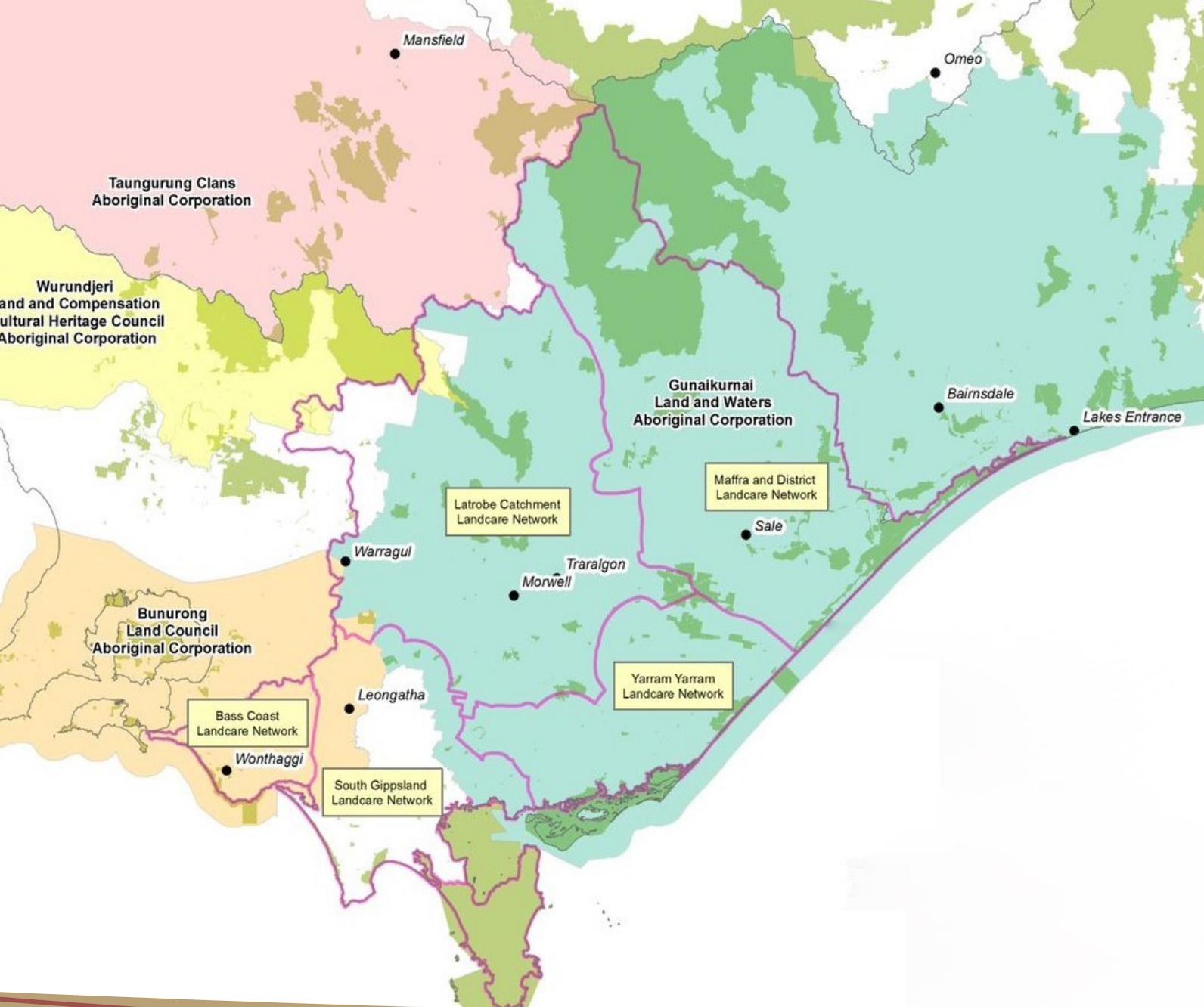
West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority





Who are we ?

- West Gippsland CMA
- Gunaikurnai Land and Water Aboriginal Corporation
- Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation
- Wurrundjeri Woi Wurrung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation



Landcare Networks

- Bass Coast Landcare
- Latrobe Catchment Landcare
- Maffra & Districts Landcare
- South Gippsland Landcare
- Yarram Yarram Landcare



Landcare in West Gippsland

5 Networks

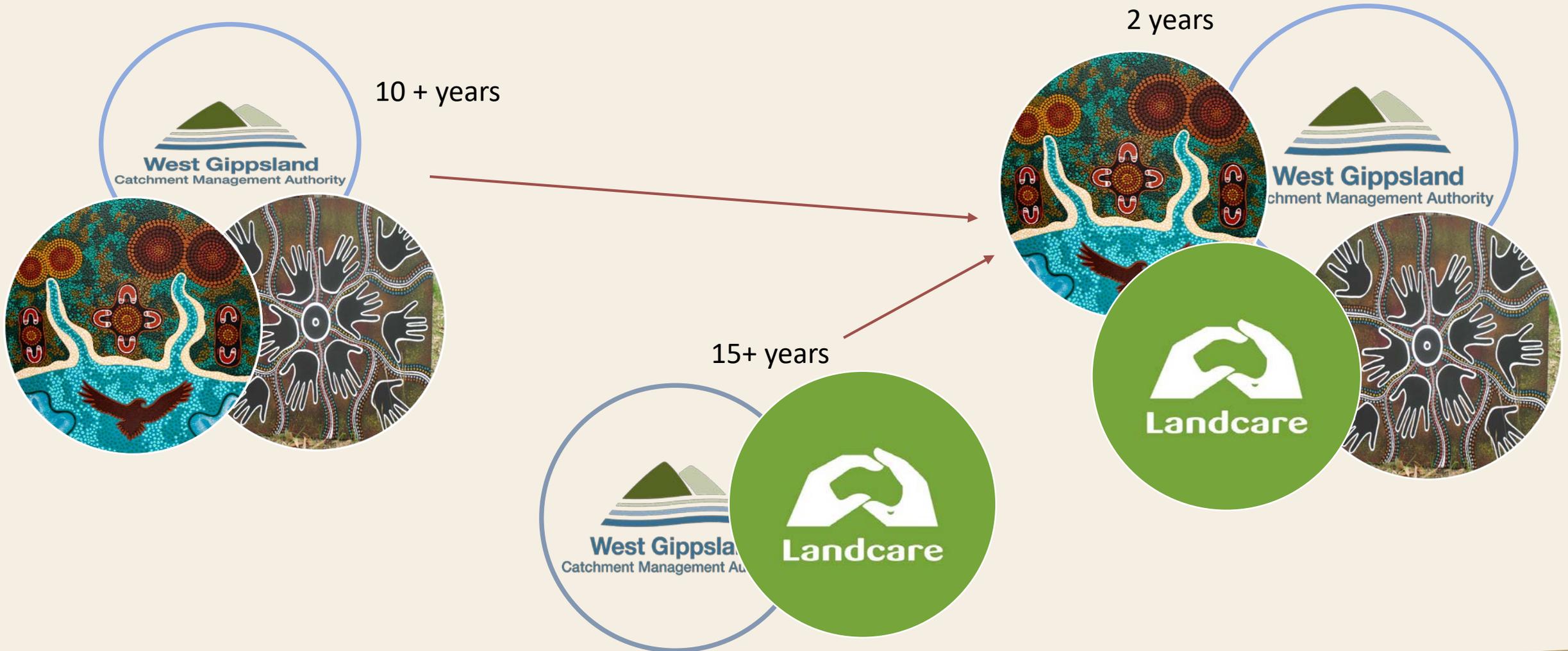
16 Staff

59 Landcare Groups

800 Landcare Member Volunteers



Importance of Relationships





Create a platform for Landcarers to learn more about their Traditional Owners

Upskill Landcare members in recognising Cultural Heritage and know what to do if they find it on a project site

Create an environment that is conducive to listening and learning from our traditional owners

How did we do this?



Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Guide

for Landcare and environmental volunteering groups and networks



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Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006 ABORIGINAL VICTORIA Preliminary Report Form

This form is intended for use by anyone who wishes to report a possible Aboriginal Heritage place. Aboriginal Victoria (AV) will endeavour to organise inspection of the place if the warrant is made out. The inspection will be carried out by staff of AV.

Aboriginal Heritage identification guide



Heritage Information Pack

Heritage Information packs (CHIPs) have been developed to assist Landcarers to protect Aboriginal Cultural Heritage in all the projects they undertake in their catchment region.



GUNAIKURNAI LAND AND WATERS ABORIGINAL CORPORATION (GLaWAC)

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Gunaikurnai Land and Waters Aboriginal Corporation (GLaWAC) is recognised as:

- Traditional Owner Body Corporate under Federal Native Title Act
- Registered Aboriginal Party (RAP) within their area of determination

These responsibilities include site protection of Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Values in accordance with the Aboriginal Heritage Act (2006), including Aboriginal Heritage Regulations (2007).

We, the Gunaikurnai, are the recognised sovereign owners of our land and waters.

Our successful Native Title determination has gone a long way to achieving social justice, and our proper role in the management of our land and waters. We have a long way to go to make this work on the ground.

The Gunaikurnai Land and Waters Aboriginal Corporation (GLaWAC) represents our rights and interests in protecting our land, waters, culture and people. The GLaWAC Board and staff are committed to making our Recognition and Settlement Agreement (RSA) work in the best interests of all Gunaikurnai and our land and waters.

The GLaWAC Board works under the guidance of our Elders, to implement our Native Title settlement outcomes, and to continue working towards self-determination and real social justice for our people.

This includes business outside of Native Title contexts that will build a strong, well governed corporation that can stand up for our people, and create opportunity for all, well into the future.



Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation (BLCAC)

Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation (BLCAC) is the Traditional Owner organisation that represents the Bunurong people of the South Eastern Kulin Nation. We aim to preserve and protect the sacred lands and waterways of our ancestors, their places, traditional cultural practices and stories.

Over the last 35,000 years, Bunurong people have adapted to a range of significant changes within our country. Our stories of the Bay flooding with water, asteroid impacts near Cranbourne, Arthur's Seat once being an island, volcanic activity in the western suburbs, the great floods, fires and earthquakes all speak of such events. Over 2,000 generations of our people have been here before us and we are still here.

The Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation represents the Bunurong people today, the traditional custodians of the land and waters that stretch from the Werribee River to Wilsons Promontory. We work closely with many stakeholders including shire councils, government departments, schools, archaeologists, developers and politicians.

Cultural Heritage Information Pack (CHIP)



What have we learnt?

TIME

LISTEN

RELATIONSHIPS

Where to from here?

We are committed to running On Country Cultural Heritage training sessions until such time as every Landcare volunteer in West Gippsland has been given the opportunity to attend.



