

Nyurra wurriyn ? (Hello, how are you? *Wathaurong*),

We are so excited to start 2022 off with a busy term 1 and have all the mob back. We are launching our new pregnancy program, **Bubups Wrapped in Culture**, which aims to support expecting parents of Aboriginal babies create a strong cultural connect pre-birth.

Bush Playgroup wrapped up 2021 with Uncle Peter teaching us to throw **boomerangs**, making Aboriginal art and learning all about *Turrum* (She-oak). Our Bubups really love exploring our bush trail and seeing all the animal life in our waterways, we are so lucky to have such a deadly space to learn in.

Women's Group finished the year off decorating plant pots, making *native flower wreaths* and outing to view middens and lunch at Aboriginal owned cafe **Two Left Sisters**. Our group of sistas have created such a safe and welcoming space, it's wonderful to be part of a strong community of women. Thanks to the **5Point Foundation**, **Evans5 Fund** and **Mornington Peninsula Foundation** for supporting our Women's Group with a 3 year funding commitment providing stability and certainty for the future.

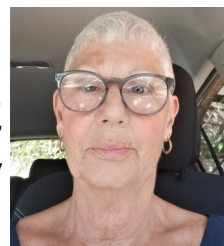
Looking forward to seeing everyone for a deadly Term 1 2022!

Taneisha Webster—Executive Officer Women's Business



## Introducing our new Cultural Lead—Elders Programs...

Willum Warrain was very excited to welcome Auntie Andrea Cowling, proud Gunditjmara woman, into this new role at the end of 2021. In this role, Auntie Andrea will be supporting Willum Warrain Elders', facilitating our Elders' Yarning Circle and key Elders' events throughout the year. Auntie Andrea will be at Willum Warrain every Wednesday during school term.



## Introducing our new Cultural Support—Youth Programs...

Willum Warrain was very excited to welcome Kyah Stephens, a proud Nganniwai man, back to our Gathering Place as the Cultural Support—Youth Programs. In this role Kyah will be supporting Aboriginal young people through our Aboriginal Youth Cultural Mentoring Program, Deadly Youth, Men's Group and other youth events/programs throughout the year. Kyah will be at Willum Warrain every Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.



## Introducing our new Administration Officer...

Willum Warrain was very excited to welcome Sammy Vullers to our Gathering Place as Administration Officer. In this role, Sammy will be supporting our operational needs, memberships, social enterprise development and marketing. Sammy will be at Willum Warrain every Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Her position has been funded by sub-fund Tripple.



Willum Warrain acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the lands our Gathering Place is located, the Bunurong / Boon Wurrung people of the Kulin Nation, we pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging.



Men's Group working in their new space

Uncle Peter & Kyah with our new hut

Bree & Nola in the nursery

## Opening hours...

**Tuesday to Friday 9.30-3.30pm**



## What's coming up at Willum Warrain



We have a few special events to note this term. The gathering place is turning 8 this year and we want to celebrate our achievements with community, so we are holding a **BBQ Saturday 26th March**. The *Koorie Youth Summit* will take place **Friday 1st April** and our theme is Arts and Culture. Our *Elders' Yarning Circle* and *Carers' Yarning Circle* will be on **25th February** and **25th March**, respectively.

## Support Aboriginal Owned Business and Willum Warrain by

Buying one (or many) of our indigenous plants grown at Willum Warrain in our **Bush Nursery**. We will be launching two new lines of plant t-shirts this term, **Top 5 Deadly Flowers** and **Top 5 Wetlands Plants**, including *pike*, *bluebell*, *vanilla lily*, *nardoo*, *polango*, and more so keep an eye out on our website and Facebook. Give us a call to see what other indigenous plants we are growing or check out our website.

[www.willumwarrain.org.au/willum-warrain-aboriginal-bush-nursery/](http://www.willumwarrain.org.au/willum-warrain-aboriginal-bush-nursery/)



Book in for a **Cultural Immersion Tour** or a **Cultural Awareness Session** at Willum Warrain and learn about Aboriginal culture, indigenous plants, native animals and so much more. Available to kindergartens, schools, teachers, TAFE's, University's, agencies, community groups and more!

Or check out our online shop for Willum Warrain **Merchandise** including, t-shirts, tote bags, stickers, hats and cards. We have a range of new merchandise launching 2022!

[www.willumwarrain.org.au/merchandise/](http://www.willumwarrain.org.au/merchandise/)



## Volunteer at Willum Warrain

Willum Warrain is seeking enthusiastic community members to donate time throughout the school term. We have a wide range of activities that require varied skills. Let us know your skills and experiences so we can match them to one of our programs.

**Don't Forget to Keep Your Details Up To Date!**



"a safe gathering place for all community members..."

## Contact Us

Give us a call for more information about our programs and Koori Services on the Mornington Peninsula.



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Thank you -





PROGRAM – TERM 1 2022

WK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
1	Closed  Term 1 Begins	1 February  10-2pm Men's group *1	2 10-12pm Bush Kids Play Group *1&2	3 10-2pm Women's group *2	4 11-1pm Community drop in & Gardening *4  10-2pm Covid-19 Booster Clinic *1&2	5	6 
2	7 Closed	8 10-2pm Men's group *1	9 10-12pm Bush Kids Play Group *1&2	10 10-2pm Women's group *2  4:30pm-6pm Deadly Kids *1&2	11 11-1pm Community drop in & Gardening *4	12 10-12pm Women's Weaving *3	13 National Apology
3	14 Closed 	15 10-2pm Men's group *1	16 10-12pm Bush Kids Play Group *1&2	17 10-2pm Women's group *2  4:30pm-6pm Deadly Kids *1&2	18 11-1pm Community drop in & Gardening *4	19	20
4	21 Closed	22 10-2pm Men's group *1	23 10-12pm Bush Kids Play Group *1&2	24 10-2pm Women's group *2  4:30pm-6pm Deadly Kids *1&2	25 11-2pm Big Mob Cook Up*3  10-2pm Elders' Yarning Circle *1&2	26 10-3pm Welcome Baby to Country *1&2	27 
5	28 Closed	1 March  10-2pm Men's group *1	2 10-12pm Bush Kids Play Group *1&2	3 10-2pm Women's group *2  4:30pm-6pm Deadly Kids *1&2	4 11-1pm Community drop in & Gardening *4	5	6 10-1pm Men's Group *1&2
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7	14 Closed  Labor Day	15 10-2pm Men's group *1	16 10-12pm Bush Kids Play Group *1&2	17 10-2pm Women's group *2  4:30pm-6pm Deadly Kids *1&2  <i>National Close the Gap Day</i>	18 11-1pm Community drop in & Gardening *4	19 10-3pm Bubups Wrapped in Culture *1&2  Balnarring Ngargee	20
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9	28 Closed	29 10-2pm Men's group *1	30 10-12pm Bush Kids Play Group *1&2	31 10-2pm Women's group *2  4:30pm-6pm Deadly Kids *1&2	1 April 11-1pm Community drop in & Gardening *4  9-2.30pm Koorie Youth Summit*1&2	2 10-1pm Men's Group *1&2	3
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\*1.Aboriginal Men & kin \*2.Aboriginal Women & kin \*3.Aboriginal & non-Indigenous members \*4.Open to the public.  
Follow Willum Warrain on Facebook for further details <https://www.facebook.com/WillumWarrain/>



A word from the President...

ya. nina nayri? (Hello. How are you going? *palawa kana*),

What an end to 2021 with so many mob turning up for our two deadly events, *Children's Kristmas Party* and *Big Mob Kristmas Lunch*. Whilst it was another tough year finishing the year off gave us such joy and excitement for 2022.

A special thank you to our staff who put in hours of work organising and delivering Christmas hampers to our community. Their amazing effort saw over 60 hampers go out to support families, all thanks to the **Ramsay Foundation and Fellowship of Indigenous Leaders**.



This term we are looking forward to celebrating our **8th Birthday** with all our community and the many achievements of the Gathering Place. Willum Warrain has been growing our staffing team with the addition of 4 new staff and a further 5 positions advertised this year. We pride ourselves on being a culturally safe and welcoming workplace and aim to be an employer of choice for our young mob.

With our Masterplan endorsement by Council last year we will be *focusing on healing* the additional parcel of land now a part of Willum Warrain. The team will be extending the *Pun Pun* (billabong) by creating new waterholes and planting aquatic plants and trees. This exciting project adds to the impressive 1st place award Willum Warrain received last year in the state-wide Sustainable Communities / Tidy Town competition for environmental regeneration. Thanks too to **Lord Mayor's Charitable Foundation, Sustainable Table and Annamila Foundation** for supporting our Bush Nursery with staffing and infrastructure grants.

Lastly, I would like to thank community members Indigenous and non-Indigenous allies who have supported our *social enterprises* over the past year, whether by purchasing a plant from our *Bush Nursery*, a t-shirt or tote bag, and booking in for a **Cultural Immersion Tour** or **Cultural Awareness** session. Your support increases our Gathering Place's financial security, creates employment opportunities for mob and assists our organisation to move towards autonomy and self-determination.

All the best,  
  
Jeanette Kaindel—President

A word from the Executive Officers...

Yura, maroomba bigi (Hello, good day, *Jandai*),

Men's Group has had a deadly term focusing on regenerating the new **men's area** which we acquired as part of the Masterplan. The fellas have burnt the ground, built a walkway/bridge and developed a vision for the space. We also spent a few weeks working on our men's *possum skin cloak*, creating cultural designs and burning them on.



Our Deadly Youth group spent the last of 2021 making art, building a hut and making damper. This term we have heaps of fun cultural activities planned, as well as a **Cultural Camp** during the Easter holidays. We were pleased to received government funding to develop an *Marram Nganyin Aboriginal Youth Cultural Mentoring program* aimed at supporting Aboriginal mob 12-25 years grow into strong community leaders and create prosperous futures for our young people.

Yoway,  
  
Peter Aldenhoven—Executive Officer Men's Business

*“ A vibrant and confident Aboriginal community, encouraging cultural strengthening, promoting health, and providing a safe gathering place for all community members”*



Service Stream commissioned painting—artist Bree Webster

SAVE THE DATE

Sat 12th Feb  
Women's Weaving

Sun 6th March  
Men's Group

Sat 26th March  
8th Birthday

Sat 2nd April  
Men's Group

**Children are our Elders of tomorrow.**  
**Always safe at Willum Warrain.** 