A word from the CEO....

Yura. Maroomba bigi.



As Aaron mentioned, Treaty becoming a reality will reckon with the past. We can't wait for this to happen! After the disappointment of Voice, there is a positive pathway forwards now in our state.

Thinking of the future, we have some exciting events coming up this term at your Gathering Place. Our annual Koorie Kids' Day Out is on the 17th of October (funded by our long term supporters, Ross Trust) with Aboriginal students from local Peninsula primary schools gathering for a day of culture and connection.

Also, arguably one of our most important mob only days each year, our Elders' Lunch is on insert date (funded by Koondee Wonga-gat Toorong). This is the day we celebrate the deadly contribution our Elders make to our community.

Finally, I thought I might update you on the wonderful work being done by Tammie Sipthorpe in her new role as Aboriginal Education Liaison Officer. Tammie has contacted just about every school on the Mornington Peninsula seeking to build connections between Aboriginal students, their families and Willum Warrain. It is a 3-year position and will have considerable impact over time. Any schools wishing to connect with Tammie can contact her on edulo@willumwarrain.org.au or phone 0493182801.

Yuway
Uncle Peter Aldenhoven

WILLUM WARRAIN TOURS, TERM 3 2025



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.



CULTURAL IMMERSION TOUR—MASTER'S STUDENTS FROM MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY

Opening hours… Monday to Friday 9am - 4pm

What's coming up at Willum Warrain…

For the Elders this term, we have a **morning tea** on the **8th October from 10am—12pm** and an **Elder's lunch** on the **8th of November from 11.30am—2pm.**
Our Kristmas Big Mob Cook Up is on **5th of December from 11am.** Come together to help prepare a delicious Indigenous-inspired lunch, then sit down with community at our long table to enjoy the meal we've created. A beautiful way to connect before we take a well-deserved break.



Come and visit our Bush Nursery….

Explore our diverse range of locally grown Indigenous plants, all carefully propagated from seed right here by our committed team of Indigenous staff and volunteers.
Tube stock available from just $3.00 – ready for planting now!

Come visit our Bush Nursery, open Monday to Friday from 9am to 4pm.
For large orders, please email: hl@willumwarrain.org.au. For any enquiries, contact Felicia on 0475 762 047

Book Cultural Awareness Training or Cultural Immersion Tours Online and add on a Cultural workshop & more!

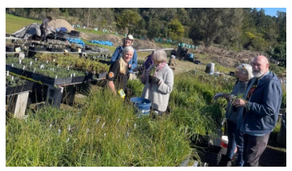
Visit www.willumwarrain.org.au/programs/tours to check available dates and make a booking anytime! Make a day of it and enhance your experience with optional add-ons such as morning tea, lunch or a native bush nursery plant to take home and plant in your garden.
Our engaging and interactive sessions can be tailored to align with business or curriculum needs. We explore a wide range of topics focused on Aboriginal culture and traditions. For all enquiries or bookings:
Email: tours@willumwarrain.org.au or call 0494 306 177

ON SALE - STOCK CLEARANCE — 50% off (these designs only!)



End of stock clearance - only $20 each Premium cotton screen-printed tees. Get in quick, limited stock. Click this link to purchase or check out our full range of merchandise www.willumwarrain.org.au/merchandise/
All proceeds support Aboriginal-led programs and self-determination initiatives.

Interested in Volunteering?



Come along to our Bush Nursery on Fridays from 11am to 1pm. It's a great way to meet new people, learn about local Indigenous plants, and gain hands-on skills in propagation and planting.
No experience needed – just your enthusiasm!
Lunch is provided, and everyone is welcome.

" 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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WILLUM WARRAIN'S PROGRAMS – TERM 4, 2025

WK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
1	6 **OCTOBER** **TERM 4 BEGINS**	7 **10am - 2pm** Men's group **1*	8 **10am - 12pm** **Elder's Morning tea** **1&2* **10am - 12pm-** Bush Kids Play group **1&2*	9 **10am - 2pm** Women's group **2* **4pm - 5.30pm** Deadly Youth **1&2*	10 **11am - 1pm** Community drop in & Gardening **4*	11	12
2	13	14 **10am - 2pm** Men's group **1*	15 **10am - 12pm** Bush Kids Play group **1&2*	16 **10am - 2pm** Women's group **2* **4pm - 5.30pm** Deadly Youth **1&2*	17 **11am - 1pm** Community drop in & Gardening **4*	18	19
3	20	21 **10am - 2pm** Men's group **1*	22 **10am - 12pm** Bush Kids Play group **1&2*	23 **10am - 2pm** Women's group **2* **4pm - 5.30pm** Deadly Youth **1&2*	24 **11am - 1pm** Community drop in & Gardening **4*	25 **10.45—12pm** **AGM** **4*	26
4	27	28 **10am - 2pm** Men's group **1*	29 **10am - 12pm** Bush Kids Play group **1 &*2*	30 **10am - 2pm** Women's group **2* **4pm - 5.30pm** Deadly Youth **1&2*	31 **11am - 1pm** Community drop in & Gardening **4*	1 **NOVEMBER**	2
5	3	4 **10am - 2pm** Men's group **1*	5 **10am - 12pm** Bush Kids Play group **1&2*	6 **10am - 2pm** Women's group **2* **4pm - 5.30pm** Deadly Youth **1&2*	7 **11am - 1pm** Community drop in & Gardening **4*	8 **11.30am - 2pm** **Elder's Lunch** **1&2*	9
6	10	11 **10am - 2pm** Men's group **1*	12 **10am - 12pm** Bush Kids Play group **1&2*	13 **10am - 2pm** Women's group **2* **4pm - 5.30pm** Deadly Youth **1&2*	14 **11am - 1pm** Community drop in & Gardening **4*	15	16
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9	1 **DECEMBER**	2 **10am - 2pm** Men's group **1*	3 **10am - 12pm** Bush Kids Play group **1&2*	4 **10am - 2pm** Women's group **2* **4pm - 5.30pm** Deadly Youth **1&2*	5 **11am—2pm** **KRISTMAS BIG MOB COOK UP** **3*	6	7
10	8	9	10	11	12 **4pm - 6pm** **KOORIE KIDS KRISTMAS** **1&2* **END OF TERM 4**	13	14

*1.Aboriginal Men & kin *2.Aboriginal Women & kin *3.Aboriginal & non-Indigenous members *4.Open to the public.
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A word from the President...



Martu karu winggap, ("Good day friends" in Bunganditj)

As we head into Term 4, it feels like the year has flown by. Willum Warrain has been alive with activity, and it's been great to see so many of you down at the Gathering Place, whether it's been for programs, yarning, or just spending time together at our home away from home. This last term of the year is always special. It's a time where we come together to celebrate, reflect on what we've achieved, and look ahead to the future. We've got plenty happening before the year wraps up, so I encourage you to join in where you can and keep connected with our community.

Significantly, Treaty legislation is likely to be passed in coming weeks by the time you read this, providing a reckoning with the past and empowering Victorian First Peoples into the future. That change we have so longed for is finally arriving. On a micro-level, mob will be pleased to learn that the meeting room extension plans are being finalised (doubling the space for mob and tours) and will hopefully go to tender this term with an early 2026 timeline for the build.

Looking to next year, there's a lot to be excited about. We'll keep growing our programs, growing our young ones, and strengthening our voice as a community. Thanks again to everyone who continues to support and be part of Willum Warrain. Together we're building something really powerful for our mob, our families, and the next generations.

Aaron Simmler


WILLUM WARRAIN'S ELDERS



WILLUM WARRAIN'S BOARD MEMBERS

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

- Willum Warrain's Vision



SAVE THESE DATES

Wednesday 8th October
ELDER'S MORNING TEA & YARNING CIRCLE **1&2*
10am - 12pm

Saturday 25th October
AGM **1&2*
10.45am - 12am

Saturday 8th November
ELDER'S LUNCH **1&2*
11.30am - 2pm

Friday 5th December
KRISTMAS BIG MOB COOK UP **3*
11am - 2pm

Thursday 11th December
KOORIE KIDS' KRISTMAS**1&2*
4pm - 6pm