

A word from the CEO....

Yura, maroomba bigi — hello, and have a good day in Jandai.

Willum Warrain is growing. You can feel the momentum.

We recently secured funding for a veranda extension to our community shed and an expansion and refurbishment of our meeting room. Building will begin in the second half of 2026. These works will improve the amenity and flexibility of our Gathering Place and support cultural programs, community events and cultural tours.

We have also secured a tourism grant to enhance our Koorie Plant Trail enabling us to run more impactful Tours.

Michelle Stanway is our new Gathering Place Coordinator. Michelle brings strong cultural leadership in the women's and family space, along with a welcoming approach that will strengthen connection across community.

We are also pleased to have Kristy Mayer take on the role of Leading Hand in our Bush Nursery. Kristy brings passion, practical knowledge and deep respect for plants from Country.

Kristy will support three young people now working in the nursery: Shania Hribek-Goodwin, Jacob Cotton and Zander Mulholland, helping build skills, confidence and future pathways.

Our Bush Nursery now also has its own website, marking another step in strengthening this social enterprise and sharing our work more widely. Our future is looking bright.

Yoway, Uncle Peter Aldenhoven



A snapshot of Term 2



Introducing Kristy Maher...

Kristy is a proud Yorta Yorta woman with extensive experience in horticulture and grounds and garden maintenance. She loves growing and sharing knowledge about bush tucker, and brings deep care for plants and the environment to her work each day.

Introducing Shania Hribek-Goodwin, Zander Mulholland & Jacob Cotton...

We're excited to welcome our newest team members, who joined Willum Warrain this term. These young mob will be working in our Bush Nursery under the guidance of Felicia Upton and Kristy Maher, where they'll learn about Indigenous plants while developing valuable hands on horticultural skills. Their enthusiasm, willingness to learn, and commitment to caring for Country make them a fantastic addition to the team, and we look forward to watching them grow.



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.



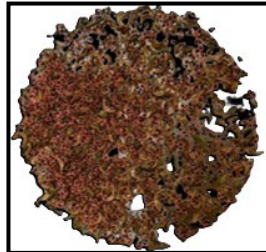
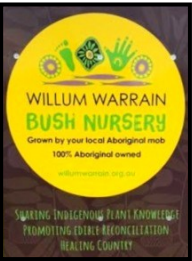
What's coming up at Willum Warrain...

This term, we have two activities planned for our Elders: an excursion on the 28th August from 10am - 2pm, and a morning tea on Fri 18th September from 9.30am - 11am followed by our **BIG MOB COOK UP** from 11am - 1pm. Willum Warrain will be running a Community Painting Day on **Sat 8th August & 5th September from 9am - 12pm for mob a project funded by DHEK DJA.** We'd love to see you there! Our Deadlier Teens program is growing in size each month and we welcome new members. We are pleased to announce that there are three sessions scheduled this term: **Fri 31st July, Fri 21st August and Fri 4th September from 5 - 6.30pm.** For all program enquiries - Contact Ange 0475 078 041 or email clwb@willumwarrain.org.au

Our Bush Nursery...

Planting season is here, and there's no better time to transform your garden with beautiful, resilient native plants.

Willum Warrain's Bush Nursery is fully stocked with a wide range of Indigenous plants and we are ready to help you get growing. If you're looking to create a thriving habitat, add unique bush tucker to your garden, or simply enjoy the beauty of Indigenous plants, there's something here for every space. We are open M - F from 9am - 4pm. For large orders, please email Felicia hl@willumwarrain.org.au or phone 0493332174



At Willum Warrain, we only sell plants that we have ethically collected and grown ourselves. We source seed from local provenance, ensuring every plant is genetically adapted to the unique conditions of its natural environment. By managing every stage of the journey from "seed to sapling" onsite, we can guarantee the authenticity, resilience, and Cultural integrity of every plant that leaves our care. To learn more about our Bush Nursery, explore our range of locally grown Indigenous plants, and discover how we're helping to heal Country, visit our **NEW website** at <https://bushnursery.com.au/>. Let us help you make a positive impact by planting the right plants in the right place.

Cultural Immersion tours & Awareness Training...



Visit <https://www.willumwarrain.org.au/tours/> to check availability and make a tour booking anytime! If you have time to spare make a day of it, enhance your experience with a choice of workshops, perhaps add a volunteer nursery session and stay for a bite to eat and a yarn. Our engaging and interactive sessions can be tailored to align with organisational or curriculum needs. We explore a wide range of topics focused on Aboriginal culture, artifacts & traditions, Indigenous plants, contemporary issues and more.. For all enquiries: tours@willumwarrain.org.au or call 0494306177

NEW merchandise Shop instore or online...

Add another unique design to your Willum Warrain collection! Our newest T-shirt, featuring a stunning **Copperhead Snake** design by **Bree Wills**, is **now available**. Sizes ranging from S - 5XL. We also stock 14 other popular designs exclusive to Willum Warrain. Many design celebrates Indigenous plants and animals. Kids sizes are also available in selected designs only from size 2 - 14. All proceeds from sales help fund Aboriginal programs and support self-determination. Shop instore (M-F 9am - 4pm) For all online orders - willumwarrain.org.au/merchandise/ or go to our website www.willumwarrain.org.au and click the "shop" tab. Hats, caps and stickers also available.



Got some spare time on a Friday? Interested in volunteering?

Join us each week in our Bush Nursery from 11am - 1pm. Become part of our friendly team of local volunteers, learn about plants native to our region, and develop practical skills in plant propagation and planting. **No experience necessary** just bring your enthusiasm! **Lunch is provided.** We hope to see you here soon!



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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 3, 2026

WK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
1	13 JULY TERM 3 BEGINS	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
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*1.Aboriginal Men & kin *2.Aboriginal Women & kin *3.Aboriginal & non-Indigenous members *4.Open to the public. *5. Mob only
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A word from the President...

Martu karu winngap (“Good day” my friends in Bunganditj)

Term 2 is always busy with two significant weeks in the First Nations’ annual calendar taking place. We began with a moving Sorry Day event, creating a mob and kin only space for truth-telling, reflection and healing. Our Reconciliation and Families Day brought families, friends and supporters together in a strong spirit of connection, to enjoy a deadly dance performance from Jarlo. We also marked 50 years of NAIDOC Week with a ceremonial flag raising and a community celebration launching our beautiful *Seeing Country* calendar. Looking ahead to Term 3, we are excited to host the Koorie Youth Summit for Aboriginal students in Years 7–9 from secondary schools across the Mornington Peninsula. I feel proud of the many ways our Aboriginal community strengthens cultural practices through programs and projects, and then shares cultural knowledge with the broader public on Tours and via our Bush Nursery. Thank you also to everyone who believes in Willum Warrain and helps keep our gathering place strong.

Aaron Simmler
President



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



RECONCILIATION, 2026



SAVE THESE DATES

Saturday 8th August
Saturday 5th September
COMMUNITY PAINTING DAY *5
9am - 12pm

Friday 28th August
ELDER’S EXCURSION *1&2
10am - 2pm

Friday 18th September
ELDER’S MORNING TEA *1&2
9.30am - 11am
BIG MOB COOK UP *3&4
11am - 1pm

Wednesday 23rd September
DEADLIER TEENS HOLIDAY
EXCURSION *1&2
10am - 3pm
Wednesday 30th September
DEADLIER TEENS HOLIDAY
EXCURSION *1&2
10am - 3pm

