

A word from the CEO....

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

When people return to Willum Warrain after some time away, they often comment on how much our Gathering Place continues to grow and change. Alongside the improved amenities and new features, the natural environment around us is flourishing, adding even more beauty, strength and spirit to this special place.

Looking ahead, we are excited to see a number of important projects now being implemented by Bindara Group on behalf of our community. These developments will support the next stage of our growth and help us meet the needs of our members, visitors and future generations.

- An extension to the community shed veranda, funded by the Australian Men's Shed Association and DFFH
- A new meeting room, funded by the Aboriginal Community Infrastructure Program The fit-out of the new meeting room, funded by the National Indigenous Australians Agency. The duplication of our Koorie Plant Trail, with exciting new tour exhibits funded by the Department of Jobs, Skills, Industry and Regions

Together, these long-awaited developments will strengthen facilities for mob, create more welcoming spaces for Cultural Tours and gatherings, and help us continue to share and celebrate culture with pride.

On a personal note, I also want to acknowledge Aaron's wonderful contribution to the Board, both as Treasurer and President. Aaron has served with humility, generosity and deep commitment. His love for our community is clear, and he has always done everything he can to help Willum Warrain flourish.

Yoway, Uncle Peter

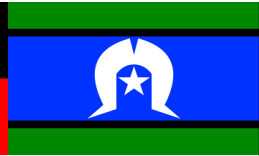


TOURS - A SNAPSHOT OF TERM 3



Introducing Jack Turner...

Jack is a proud Kamilaroi fella whose journey with Willum Warrain began through our Deadly Youth program. He is connected to Willum Warrain through family, Jack has been a familiar face at many of our events over the years. His employment journey with us began in our Bush Nursery as part of our school holiday program, and we're excited to now welcome him to the nursery team. Alongside his work at Willum Warrain, Jack is also studying a double Bachelor's degree in Engineering and Mathematics. We're proud to have Jack as part of the Willum Warrain team and look forward to supporting him as he continues to grow, learn and achieve.



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, for our Elders we've planned a *morning tea* on **Friday 9th October from 9.30am - 11am** and a *luncheon* on **Saturday 31st October from 11am – 2pm**
Our NEW Deadlier Teens program is growing in size, new members are welcome anytime! There are two sessions scheduled this term, first one is on **Friday 23rd October from 5pm - 6.30pm** and the final program for the year is on **Friday 20th November 5pm - 6.30pm**.
All Cultural programs will finish up this year week ending 3rd December 2026.
We finish off the year with Our BIG MOB Kristmas on Friday 4th December from 11am – 2pm and our Koorie Kids' Kristmas 4.30pm - 7pm.
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

Tours - Cultural Immersion & Awareness training...



Looking to visit Willum Warrain and experience what we have to offer? Bring a group, book a Cultural tour or Awareness training online and make a day of **meaningful cultural learning and connection**. Enhance your experience with a choice of **hands-on workshops**, add a **volunteer session in our Bush Nursery**, and stay for a bite to eat and a yarn. Our engaging and interactive cultural experiences can be tailored to suit your organisation, group or curriculum requirements, providing a meaningful opportunity for learning, connection and team building. Sessions explore a range of topics including Aboriginal culture, artifacts and traditions, Indigenous plants, Country, contemporary issues and more. For all enquiries <https://www.willumwarrain.org.au/tours/>

For merchandise - Shop instore or online...

Willum Warrain has a great range of **high-quality JB t-shirts**, available in-store or online, featuring unique Indigenous designs created by Mob.
Go to: www.willumwarrain.org.au/merchandise to see the full range and order yours today!
Our collection features a range of designs celebrating Indigenous plants, animals and Country. We also have hats, caps, totes and stickers available.
Adult tees: Sizes S - 5XL
Kids' tees: Selected designs available in sizes 2 - 14
Every purchase helps support Aboriginal cultural programs, community and self - determination.
"Wear the art. Support community. Keep culture strong."



Want to get involved?

Come along each week on Fridays from **11am–1pm** and join our friendly team of local volunteers in our Bush Nursery. Learn about the native plants of our local area, gain hands-on experience in **plant propagation and work in our community garden** whilst connecting with community. **Lunch is provided.**
No experience necessary, just bring your enthusiasm and gloves! We'd love to have you join us. **Come along and get your hands dirty with us!**



“ A safe gathering place for all community members...”



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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 4, 2026

WK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
1	5 OCTOBER TERM 4 BEGINS	6 10am - 2pm Men's group *1	7 10am - 12pm Bush Kids Play group *1&2	8 10am - 2pm Women's group *2 4pm - 5.30pm Deadly Youth *1&2	9 9.30am - 11am Elder's Morning Tea*1&2 11am - 1pm Community drop in & Gardening *4	10	11
2	12 	13 10am - 2pm Men's group *1	14 10am - 2pm Bush Kids Play group *1&2	15 10am - 2pm Women's group *2 NO PROGRAM DEADLY YOUTH	16 10am - 2pm WW Koorie Kid's Day Out (Primary School MP only) *5	17 	18
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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)

After six and bit years on the Board, including serving as both Treasurer and President, I have decided to step down from my role. It has been a privilege to contribute to Willum Warrain over this time, and I feel deeply proud of all that we have achieved together.

I am especially proud of our community and of the way Willum Warrain has grown into such a special place. Our weekly cultural programs continue to be popular and deeply valued, creating important opportunities for mob to gather, connect and strengthen culture together.

There are also a number of important events coming up in Term 4, and I warmly encourage everyone to come along where they can.

Although I am stepping down from the Board, I will of course still be around at events and programs whenever I can. I look forward to staying connected with the Willum Warrain community and continuing to support our Gathering place into the future.

Aaron Simmler - President



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Aboriginal community,
encouraging cultural
strengthening, promoting
health, and providing a safe
gathering place for all



CULTURAL PROGRAMS, TERM 3 2026



SAVE THESE DATES

Friday 16th October
KOORIE KIDS DAY OUT *5
(For Aboriginal students at
primary schools across the MP)
10am - 2pm

Saturday 24th October
AGM *3
11am - 12pm

Saturday 31st October
ELDER'S LUNCH *1&2
11am - 2pm

Friday 4th December
BIG MOB KRISTMAS COOK UP
*3&4
11am - 2pm

Thursday 10th December
KOORIE KIDS' KRISTMAS *1&2
4.30pm - 7pm

