

[View this email in your browser](#)



## YAPENYA - CELEBRATING 10 YEARS OF OUR RSA!



**The BENDIGO sign has been Djaara-fied in the lead up to our YAPENYA celebrations!**

It will stay Djaara-fied for the whole of November as we commemorate 10 years of our Recognition and Settlement Agreement - and the many achievements since 2013.

Don't miss this opportunity to get some deadly photos!

Read on to find out about public events and activities during our week of YAPENYA celebrations.

.....

### **We're getting on with the job, post-referendum**



DJAARA, the Dja Dja Wurrung Clans Aboriginal Corporation, is very disappointed in the referendum outcome.

But, despite a bruising, negative campaign, 40 per cent of Australians – and 45 per cent of Victorians – voted to support an Indigenous Voice to Parliament.

We are heartened by the incredible show of support for the Voice in the leadup to the

For Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples, debate around the referendum and the no result have opened wounds, leaving us raw and bereft. The true impact will become evident only in the coming weeks, months, years.

But we are strong. We are proud. We are resilient. We will not let the referendum results distract us from our work.

We will continue to support our community. We're getting on with the job of healing Country and healing Dja Dja Wurrung People.

This November, DJAARA will celebrate the 10-year anniversary of the signing of our Recognition and Settlement Agreement with the State of Victoria in 2013.

Through our RSA, we are, increasingly, at the table with government and leading work on Country.

We have grown, over the past decade, from a small organisation to one of Bendigo's large employers, with more than 200 staff.

Dja Dja Wurrung People have more opportunities to heal Country, practise Culture, develop careers, build businesses, participate in community.

When Dja Dja Wurrung People are strong, Country is strong. When Traditional Owners are empowered, great things happen – not just for our own communities, but for all.

This November, we will reflect on and celebrate our significant achievements and look ahead to how we will continue to make still greater contributions to our community.

We still have so much to do.

[Read the full statement from Rodney Carter](#)

**YAPENYA: check out our public events!**

This November, DJAARA celebrates 10 years since the signing of our historic Recognition and Settlement Agreement (RSA) with the Victorian Government, on November 15 in Rosalind Park, Bendigo.

From 11 to 18 November, we're hosting YAPENYA - an eight-day program of events and activities to celebrate and showcase what the Dja Dja Wurrung Group has achieved over the past 10 years and look ahead to the future.

As we come together in celebration, we do so in honour of our Ancestors, with gratitude for the wisdom of our Elders, and with a profound commitment to creating a brighter path for the next generation.

YAPENYA is for our Elders, our Members, our staff, our allies, and the wider community.

**We invite you to come along to our public events and activities featured below.**

**YAPENYA Art Exhibition 14-17 November**

Celebrations with an Art Exhibition at Dudley House.

Come and see artworks by Kerri Douglas, Peta Hudson, Racquel Kerr, Daikota Nelson, Tamani Nicholls, Rebecca Phillips, Samantha Roberts, Maddy Saunders, Stephanie Taylor, Suzanne Taylor and more.

**Dates:** Tuesday 14 - Friday 17 November

**Time:** 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

**Location:** Dudley House, 60 View St, Bendigo



## YAPENYA Twilight Market 16 November

YAPENYA Twilight Markets will feature Dja Dja Wurrung artworks, stalls, food trucks and yabby races.

Come along and support local First Nations businesses.

**Date:** Thursday, 16 November 2023

**Time:** 2:30 pm - 9:00 pm

**Location:** Dudley House (rear), 60 View St, Bendigo



## Dja Dja Wurrung Group Showcase 13-17 Nov

Come and yarn with us at the marquee in Rosalind Park!

Dja Dja Wurrung Group project teams will be present all week to show some of the deadly work currently underway within the Corporation and its enterprises.

Check out the image displays, or come and play lawn games.

**Date:** Monday 13 - Friday 17 November

**Time:** 9:30 am - 4:30 pm

**Location:** Rosalind Park, Bendigo



## Ulumbarra CBD Walking Tours - Mon, Tue, Fri

Tour and uncover the rich cultural histories of Bendigo. Step into the city's past, present, and future, and explore the living culture of Dja Dja Wurrung People.

Witness the commitment to preserving Cultural Heritage, the surrounding significant sites, and the inspiring collaboration between the State Government and local First Nation Communities. Leave with a deeper appreciation of our unique history and unbreakable bond of community.

**Available:** Monday, Tuesday, Friday

**Time:** 10:00 am – 2.00 pm

**Location:** Ulumbarra Theatre, 10 Gaol Rd, Bendigo

Please [register](#) to hold your place.

[Book Now](#)

---

## DJAARA Lights 2021-2024

Experience the six seasons by Troy Firebrace and Drew Berick, with one of Bendigo's most unique cultural activation experiences.

Learn more about Djaara Lights [here](#).

**Dates:** Daily from 7 November 2021 - 2024

**Time:** 7:00 pm – 11.00 pm

**Location:** Oscars Walk and Bath Lane precinct, Bendigo



---

## OTHER CELEBRATIONS

---

### Five years of Joint Management



DDLMB Chair Uncle Graham Atkinson delivers the keynote address at the anniversary of the Joint Management Plan launch.

In another milestone, the Dhelkunya Dja Land Management Board (DDLMB) recently celebrated five years of Joint Management.

The Board was established through DJAARA's Recognition and Settlement Agreement (RSA) to develop a Joint Management Plan for the six Dja Dja Wurrung parks. The parks were returned to Dja Dja Wurrung People for Joint Management in 2013 as part of the RSA.

The DDLMB's Joint Management Plan was adopted in 2018. Since then, the Board has worked closely with Joint Management partners, DJAARA, DJANDAK, Parks Victoria and the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action, to oversee and support the Plan's implementation.

[Read media release](#)



*Copyright © 2021. Dja Dja Wurrung Clans Aboriginal Corporation trading as DJAARA.  
All rights reserved.*

**Office Hours:**  
Monday - Friday  
9:00am - 5:00pm

**Our mailing address is:**  
PO BOX 1026 Bendigo VIC 3552

Want to change how you receive these emails?  
[You can update your preferences](#) or [unsubscribe from this list](#).