

SOUTHERN WOMEN'S ACTION NETWORK



# Newsletter

## May 2026

*SWAN acknowledges the Bunurong / Boon Wurrung people, the Traditional Custodians of these lands and waters where we meet, work and live. We pay our respects to Elders, past and present. In line with our commitment to social justice, SWAN unequivocally supports First Nations People in their campaigns for sovereignty, self-determination, treaties and truth-telling.*

## Southern Women's+ Action Network

**Women of the Mornington Peninsula and across the Southern Metropolitan suburbs of Melbourne striving for social justice.**

*SWAN aspires to be a supportive community for all women, including ethnically diverse, differently abled, and those self-identifying as transgender or non-binary. We are committed to encompassing greater gender diversity in our membership, practices, social justice actions and in the terminology that we use.*

## SWAN NEWS Notice

### CONTRIBUTION END DATES for 2026:

So that you receive the NEWS on the first day of each month, the deadline date for 2026 will be the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month. For example, February 25<sup>th</sup> for March's newsletter, March 25<sup>th</sup> for April's newsletter, and so on - through to November 25<sup>th</sup> for December's newsletter.

### DIARY DATES:

To keep you informed on what's happening in our area, check out Diary Dates near the end of this newsletter.

We appreciate all contributions to SWAN NEWS and encourage members to provide information about events, activities and causes, including photos (as long as those photographed have given permission, and the photographer's name and/or source is included).

# SWAN'S SPECIAL OCCASION

**LAST CHANCE!**

We'd love you to come and celebrate SWAN's 30<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY with us!

**BOOKINGS HAVE BEEN EXTENDED to Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May.**



The invitation card features a purple and green wavy border at the top and bottom. In the top right corner is the SWAN logo with the text 'SOUTHERN WOMEN'S ACTION NETWORK' and 'Women striving for Social Justice'. The main text is centered on a light green background. On the left is a portrait of Ro Allen. On the right is a QR code with a Humanix logo. At the bottom left are logos for Mornington Peninsula Shire and Bendigo Bank.

**YOUR INVITATION**

**CELEBRATE SWAN's 30th ANNIVERSARY!**

*Sunday 24 May 2026, 12.00pm - 3.00pm*

*Safety Beach Sailing Club  
185 Marine Drive, Safety Beach (onsite parking)*

*\$60 per person, Concession \$40 (includes a two-course lunch)  
Bookings via QR Code by April 30*

*Guest Speaker: Ro Allen, Victorian Equal Opportunity & Human Rights Commissioner  
'Participation, Power & Progress: mobilising movements to be stronger together with women at centre'*

We invite all members, new and long-term, your friends and supporters to join us in celebrating SWAN's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year - a unique achievement for a women-led, volunteer-based community organisation.

**SWAN: Thirty Years on and still SOARING!**

**MORNINGTON PENINSULA Shire**

**Bendigo Bank**

**TICKETS: via QR Code or go to:**

**<https://events.humanitix.com/swan-30th-anniversary-lunch/tickets>**

**SWAN's 30<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY LUNCH at Safety Beach Life Saving Club on Sunday 24<sup>TH</sup> May** is drawing near. Come and enjoy a two-course lunch in a stunning setting with uninterrupted views of the bay!

Our Keynote Speaker for this very special occasion is **Victoria's Equal Opportunity and Human Rights Commissioner RO ALLEN**. Ro brings more than 25 years of experience in community services, governance and social justice.

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR OUR 30<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY LUNCH**

**WE STILL NEED YOUR HELP PLEASE! Can you assist at the lunch with any of these tasks?**

Contact: : [belinda.rodman1@gmail.com](mailto:belinda.rodman1@gmail.com) as soon as possible.

Thanks to those who have already put up their hands to help with preparations for SWAN's celebration lunch on Sunday 24 May. We still need a few more volunteers – especially to help with tasks that require IT skills!

- Someone with good laptop and relevant IT skills to operate the PPT.
- Assistance with monitoring microphones.
- Helping with room and table preparations, placing name cards etc.
- Assistance with setting up displays.
- Welcoming guests, showing them where to register and help with finding their seats.
- Assistance with raffle and door prizes.
- Taking good quality photos.
- Help packing up decorations and various items at the end of the event.

### **A MESSAGE TO MEMBERS ABOUT SOCIAL MEDIA**

*We would really appreciate if SWAN members could go to the **SWAN Instagram and Facebook** sites and Like and/or Comment on the postings. We need to let others know we are serious and that we are being heard.*

*Every extra Like and Comment will help us in pressing our cases for advocacy and **action** as well as promoting how SWAN is a place of connection and friendship for like-minded women.*

**Women's Spirit Project | Women Supporting Women To Transform  
has a new Virtual Spirit of Transformation program. Check it out at:**

<https://womensspiritproject.org/>

# SWAN BURSARY

The '**Val McKenna Young Women's Advocacy Award**' is in its second year and is awarded to one female student from Rosebud Secondary College and from Western Port Secondary College who has demonstrated a commitment to social justice. The **Mornington Peninsula Foundation** has been instrumental in facilitating SWAN's connections with both schools. On the 20<sup>th</sup> April, Susan Blackburn and Lyn Jones visited Western Port Secondary College, where Susan presented the SWAN Bursary to Year 12 student **Lara Bassingthwaighte**. Lara's teachers affirm that she *"has demonstrated authentic and sustained social justice values through her leadership, service to others and commitment to equity both within the school community and beyond."* Photo: Lyn Jones



## Donating to SWAN

We are a registered charity

Are you celebrating a special birthday or anniversary?  
Have you thought about a donation to SWAN as a gift?

**General Donations** support a wide range of SWAN initiatives:

<https://www.trybooking.com/au/donate/swan>

Alternatively, cash donations can be given to SWAN Treasurer Ros Beard

**'The Val McKenna Young Women's Advocacy Award'** supports our Education Bursaries for young women on their social justice journey

**Information about the Bursary and instructions for making a donation:**

<https://swanwomen.org.au/swan-donations-and-bursaries/>

**Did You Know?** Donations for the Bursary are tax deductible

# SWAN COFFEE CATCH UP



SWAN women gathered at Derril Café at Studio & Co. in Moorooduc on Sunday 19 April, enjoying one another's company and the gorgeous surrounds of bespoke craft shops, artist studios and a lush nursery. One member brought a friend who wanted to find out about SWAN. She wasn't disappointed! And that's the purpose of these Coffee Catch Ups – to relax and socialise and to welcome anyone curious about who we are and what we do.

Photos: Supplied

**Our next SWAN COFFEE (or Tea/Juice/Milkshake!) CATCH UP will be  
SUNDAY 20 JUNE 10-11.30am at another unique location:**

## **'RATTLING RED CAFÉ'**

In the Village out the back of the Tyabb Packing House, 14 Mornington-Tyabb Rd, Tyabb

This café is a 100-year-old vintage 'Red Rattler' train! There are private carriages with booth seating, plus outside seating on the decks and on the covered grassy area. Give yourself time to explore the range of antique shops that comprise the TYABB PACKING HOUSE.

**RSVPs and carpooling appreciated! [maureenfrances21@gmail.com](mailto:maureenfrances21@gmail.com)**

# SWAN Women Against Gender-Based Violence

**SWAN WOMEN AGAINST GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE**  
NEXT MEETING: Friday 29 May, 1.15pm, Mt Martha House Community Centre, Room 7,  
cnr Esplanade & Dominion Rd. Mt Martha. Contact: Maureen Donnelly [maurdone@gmail.com](mailto:maurdone@gmail.com)

**‘ARE YOU SAFE AT HOME?’ DAY** (Also known as AYSAH DAY)

**Monday 11 May** is fast approaching

<https://areyousafeathome.org.au/>



‘Are You Safe at Home?’ is a national initiative developed by Safe and Equal, designed to break down the fear and stigma associated with talking about family violence. This AYSAH day, help us encourage and empower individuals, workplaces,

and groups to take action by asking a simple but powerful question: ‘Are you safe at home?’

You don’t need to be an expert. Just by asking, listening and believing, you can have an enormous impact on someone’s journey to safety.

**Help us spread the word with SAFE+EQUAL’s COMMUNICATION TOOLKIT**

<https://canva.link/x19lfzhsi4m1xnk>

Share Are You Safe at Home? content on your social media and other communication channels and print and display resources in your local community and workplace.

Because anyone can experience family violence, and anyone can help end it.

**More Information** (info in 16 community languages):

[areyousafeathome.org.au](http://areyousafeathome.org.au)

[#AreYouSafeAtHome #AskListenBelieve](https://twitter.com/AskListenBelieve)

**HOW DO I ASK SOMEONE IF THEY ARE SAFE AT HOME?**

**ARE YOU SAFE AT HOME?**

It can be hard to know what to do if you're worried someone in your life is unsafe. Simply asking, listening to, and believing them can have a big impact. This flow chart is only a guide. Approach the conversation in a way that feels right.

**1. ASK**

- Ask the question, this can make a real difference
- Wait for a moment alone together
- Be patient, understanding and kind
- Don't make them talk if they're not ready to
- Try to talk to them in person
- Avoid asking over text or email, as this may not be safe
- Walking or sitting side by side can make talking easier

**If someone is in immediate danger ask if they want you to call triple zero (000)**

**2. LISTEN**

- Don't interrupt
- Don't judge

Dialogue examples:

- "Are you safe at home?"
- "I'm fine"
- "I'm worried about you. Is everything ok?"
- "I don't want to talk about it"
- "Are things ok in your relationship?"
- "No, I'm not safe"
- "I'm scared"

Advice for listening:

- It's ok to ask again later, if you're still worried
- Letting them know you are there for them can be really helpful
- They may not be ready to talk about it yet
- They may prefer to talk to someone else
- Offer to help them find a support service
- Respect their choices
- Remember abuse is never their fault
- Tell them they have choices and offer to help them figure out what to do next
- They might not be ready to take action, don't pressure them
- Understand that it can take time for them to leave safely
- Help them find and connect with support services safely, such as offering your phone to make a call

**3. BELIEVE**

- You don't need to be an expert
- You can connect them with support

Dialogue examples:

- "Ok. You can talk to me if anything changes"
- "That's okay, I'm here if you change your mind"
- "Is there anything I can do to support you?"
- "You can talk to me anytime"
- "Do you feel comfortable to talk about it?"
- "That behaviour is not okay"
- "Are you in danger right now?"
- "You don't deserve to be treated that way"
- "I believe you. Thank you for trusting me"
- "Let's find some information and look at your options"

**SAFE+EQUAL**

- ➔ Learn more about the signs of family violence and what to do if you are worried about someone you know.
- ➔ There are support services available, find one in your area.
- ➔ Supporting someone who is being abused can be difficult. Remember to look after yourself and get help if you need it.

Visit [areyousafeathome.org.au](http://areyousafeathome.org.au)  
Or call 1800RESPECT (1800 737 732)

**PLEASE HELP:**

**FAIR AGENDA needs our support in their pre-budget campaign for adequate funding for services to assist those experiencing gender-based violence.**

[https://www.fairagenda.org/womenssafety\\_delivery](https://www.fairagenda.org/womenssafety_delivery)

# FUND THE FRONTLINE: SUPPORT FOR EVERY SURVIVOR

FAIR  
AGENDA

Every person who reaches out for help after experiencing domestic, family or sexual violence deserves fast, compassionate help. But in every state and territory, women and children are waiting months - even years - for help.

up to  
**18**  
MONTH  
wait for sexual  
assault support  
in WA

In ACT, Domestic Violence  
Crisis Service can only answer  
**50%**  
of the calls it receives

**3**  
MONTH  
wait for domestic  
violence refuge  
accommodation  
in NSW

up to  
**12**  
MONTH  
wait for  
sexual assault  
counselling  
in VIC

**9**  
MONTH  
wait for sexual  
assault support  
in QLD

**3**  
YEAR  
wait for specialist  
support for children  
impacted by family  
violence, 2 year  
wait for adults  
in TAS

**200**  
WOMEN  
being turned  
away every  
month from  
one domestic  
violence  
service in  
Darwin, NT

In SA, sexual assault services  
are too far away for many  
survivors and domestic  
violence support. It has been  
described as:  
**"A SYSTEM IN CRISIS"**

Go to your local, state and federal MP's office and take a photo of yourself outside their office whilst holding the FAIR AGENDA flyer above. Send your photo to FAIR AGENDA on their Instagram or email to [info@fairagenda.org](mailto:info@fairagenda.org) FAIR AGENDA will use it in their budget campaign. Give the MP a copy too.

## SWAN Women for Housing Justice

SWAN Housing Justice group continues with advocacy and awareness raising via social media, local newspaper articles and letters to councillors and politicians.

Recent meetings included a visit from **Victoria Police District Superintendent Anne Rudd**. Anne was accompanied by **Snr Sergeant Melissa Martin**, who is transferring to the Rosebud Police Station shortly.

Issues discussed included the value of police attendance at SWAN's Round Table 2 on Housing and Homelessness last December, and an appreciation of ensuing positive relationships between local police and Southern Peninsula Community Support centre. Aspects of proactive and preventative policing programs were shared including, work with sporting clubs, schools and youth offenders.

The recent announcement of changes to the Victorian Labor Ministry Portfolios have seen **Nick Staikos** appointed as the new Minister for Housing and Building, and **Paul Edbrooke** appointed as the Minister for Renters. SWAN Housing Justice group sent letters congratulating both Ministers and provided an update on the housing crisis. This included a request to prioritise the Mornington Peninsula with its fair share of funding, to support our Community Support Centres, to provide local case management and outreach workers, to replace current crisis accommodation, and to provide more social and affordable housing.



#### **DONATIONS HELP:**

A list of needed items for Southern Peninsula Community Support Centre.

#### **DROP OFF:**

Southern Peninsula Community Support Centre  
878 Point Nepean Road,  
Rosebud  
Monday to Friday  
9.30am – 3.30pm

## Ageism in the Workplace

Request to complete a short survey

SWAN member Rosemarie Draper OAM thanks all those who participated in the interviews for this project. Rosemarie is hoping more women will complete the very brief SURVEY (only 6 questions) about any experiences they may have had with ageism in their workplace. Any identifiable information will be kept confidential.

**SURVEY:** <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HLCQMTV>

The project '**WORKPLACES FOR OLDER WOMEN – EXPERIENCES OF OLDER WOMEN**' explores ageism in the workplace of women 60+, with a focus on women's experiences and the impact this has had on them. Rosemarie is a professional social worker. She joined SWAN over two decades ago and is a former member of the SWAN Committee.

**MORE INFO:** <https://www.celebrateageing.com/theworkplace.html>

OR contact Rosemarie on 0435620191 or at [primroses4@icloud.com](mailto:primroses4@icloud.com)

# Grandmothers For Refugees (GFR)

Flinders-Dunkley GFR is a community advocacy group for the welfare and recognition of refugees and asylum seekers. Their work includes liaising with local councils, promoting refugee welcome zones, setting up library displays, letter-writing, distributing postcards for change, and participating in the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre annual food drive.

**NEXT MEETINGS: Friday 1 May & Friday 5 June, 10 – 11.30am, Frankston Library. All welcome.**

## Vigils outside St Paul's Cathedral

Grandmothers in Melbourne have begun a regular schedule of vigils outside St Paul's Cathedral in the city, scheduled for the third Thursday of each month at 12.30pm.

**NEXT VIGIL: 21 May, 12.30pm.** Everyone is welcome to join in.

Photo: Marilyn Hoban



## Multicultural Network

**ANNOUNCEMENT!** The Shire is creating a **MULTICULTURAL COLLABORATIVE NETWORK** and are inviting community members and local service providers to be part of it.

### **Purpose of the Network:**

- \* Strengthen communication and relationships with multicultural communities.
- \* Help create a safe, welcoming and inclusive Mornington Peninsula.
- \* Support connections between community, services and local projects.
- \* Share news, training, opportunities and updates.
- \* Work together to ensure multicultural communities are included and that their voices are heard and supported.

**First Meeting:** June 2026

**Ongoing:** Every **two months**.

**Expression of Interest:** If you would like to join the Multicultural Collaborative Network or learn more **Email:** [culture.connects@mornpen.vic.gov.au](mailto:culture.connects@mornpen.vic.gov.au) **Phone:** 03 5950 1516

# SWAN for First Nations

## Support for Victoria's Treaty



If you still haven't written to Jess Wilson MP, Leader of the Opposition, below are some points you can add to your own.

Email: [Jess.Wilson.MP@parliament.vic.gov.au](mailto:Jess.Wilson.MP@parliament.vic.gov.au)

Feel free to send any reply you may get to Maureen Donnelly so that she can provide you with facts to rebut exaggerated or incorrect responses: [maurdone@gmail.com](mailto:maurdone@gmail.com)

*Dear Ms Wilson*

*Victoria became the first state in Australia to enact a Treaty with its First Peoples in December 2025 – a historical milestone in our shared reconciliation journey.*

*As (for e.g. a member of a group committed to justice), I was inspired by the bipartisan support shown by the Coalition during the almost decade-long journey to Treaty. The subsequent announcement that the Coalition would repeal Treaty within 100 days of being elected suggests political expediency over values. This would make you the first government anywhere in the world in over a century-and-a-half to scrap a Treaty with First Peoples. Is this the legacy you want?*

*As the Opposition Leader, we call on you to exercise leadership and recognise this historic moment. I greatly admired your support of the Voice to Parliament and am disappointed at your recent withdrawal of support for Treaty. This is a chance to truly embody a fresh start and new generation of leadership by leading with unity, not division.*

*Yours etc.*

## All In for National Reconciliation Week 2026

**'The theme for National Reconciliation Week 2026 is All In, a call for all Australians to commit wholeheartedly to reconciliation every single day. All In makes clear that reconciliation is not a spectator sport and that all of us must step away from the sidelines and take action to make change. The theme also reminds us that reconciliation and advancing Aboriginal**

and Torres Strait Islander peoples' rights isn't a passive activity, and it is not solely the responsibility of First Nations people, who have carried the weight of championing, explaining and acting for far too long. Reconciliation will not happen by itself, and it will not happen without all of us.'

Source: Reconciliation Australia

## Reconciliation Week: First Peoples' Assembly Treaty Information Session

Tuesday 2 June, 5.15 - 6.30pm at the Safety Beach Sailing Club. Free. Details: <https://www.mornpen.vic.gov.au/Events-Activities/First-Peoples-Assembly-Treaty-Information-Session>



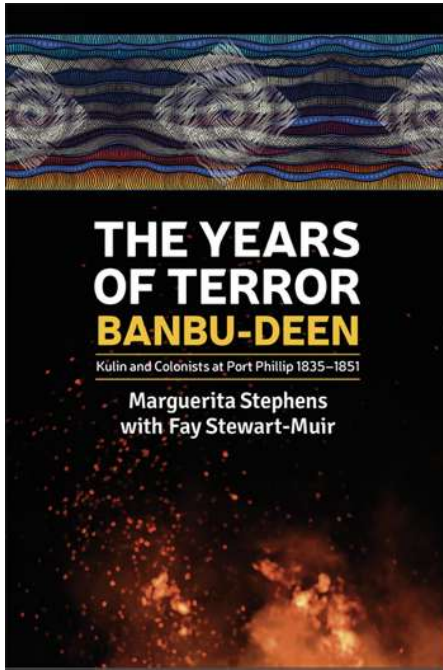
## Reconciliation Week: Author Talk at Mornington Library

*'The Years of Terror – Banbu-Deen'* with historian **Dr Marguerita Stephens** and Boon Wurung elder **Aunty Fay Stewart–Muir OAM**

Mornington Library | Wednesday, 27 May 2026 | 01:00 PM to 02:30 PM

Free, bookings essential:

<https://library.mornpen.vic.gov.au/Whats-On/Events/Author-Talk-Marguerita-Stephens-with-Aunty-Fay-Stewart-Muir-Mornington>



Join us during Reconciliation Week for a revealing and informative talk with Dr Marguerita Stephens and Aunty Fay Stewart-Muir as they discuss *The Years of Terror*.

***The Years of Terror: Kulin and Colonists at Port Phillip 1835-1851*** (Australian Scholarly Publishing, 2023) details the impact of the British invasion of Port Phillip on the Kulin people of central Victoria.

Based on the daily journal of Assistant Protector William Thomas, deputy to Chief Protector George Augustus Robinson, the book provides unsurpassed detail about the lives and deaths of Kulin men, women and children of the first generation to face the might of the British empire. It focuses on the fate of the Boon Wurrung of the Mornington Peninsula and the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung clans of the Yarra Valley.

Individuals hitherto lost to history reappear as multidimensional historic figures attempting both to resist the invasion and to accommodate it as best they could while witnessing and suffering the almost complete destruction of kin and culture. The work also details the moral and practical challenges faced by William Thomas and his wife Susannah, sent out from Britain to 'protect' the Kulin.

**WALKING TOGETHER MORNINGTON PENINSULA** is looking for more people to promote and support First Nations people, organisations, businesses and events.

**INQUIRIES and to receive the WT NEWSLETTER:**  
[walkingtogethermorningtonpen@gmail.com](mailto:walkingtogethermorningtonpen@gmail.com)

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/walkingtogether.morningtonpen/>

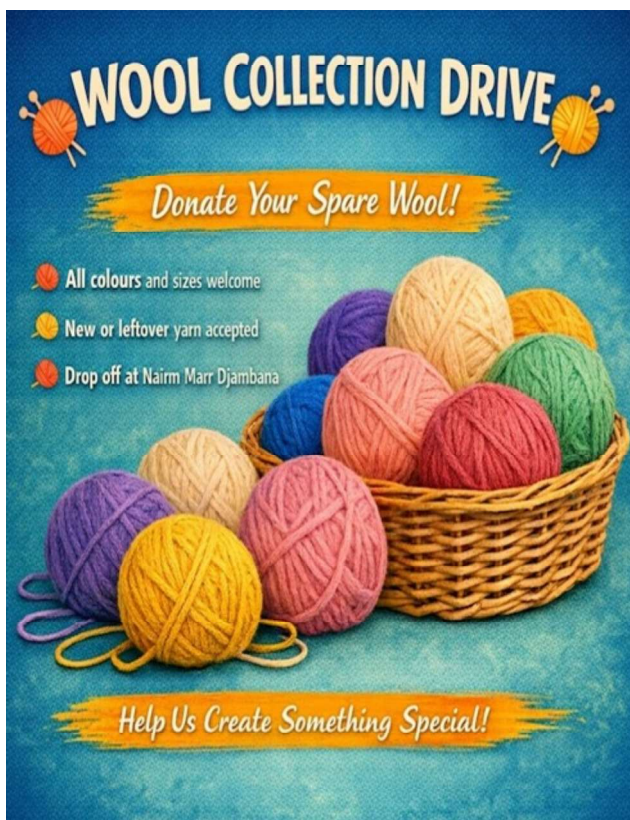
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/MorningtonPeninsulaYes23>



## Southern Peninsula Allies for First Nations Justice

**NEXT MEETING – ALL WELCOME: Deferred to June 19, midday**  
at Rye Community House, 27 Nelson St, Rye.  
Contact: [southern.peninsula.allies@gmail.com](mailto:southern.peninsula.allies@gmail.com)

*Aiming to amplify First Nations Voices, build community awareness, support Treaty and Truth-Telling and engage with First Nations communities locally.*



## **IS SPARE WOOL OR CRAFT MATERIAL GATHERING DUST IN YOUR CUPBOARD?**

Activity staff at **NAIRM MARR DJAMBANA ABORIGINAL GATHERING PLACE** are keen to take them off your hands and give them a new life.

These items will be used to bring community together in a creative and collaborative art project. Take donations to Nairm Marr Djambana 32 Nursery Ave in Frankston between 10am - 4.00pm on weekdays.

Further information:  
[admin@djambana.org.au](mailto:admin@djambana.org.au)

## **EXHIBITION AT BALUK ARTS**

**5 Davies St. Mount Eliza**

**Wamuya gowidja: left behind Janet Bromley and Baluk Arts members.**

**On show from 15 April - 12 May** to coincide with Earth Day.

Janet Bromley is a Yorta Yorta artist whose weaving practice sits at the intersection of cultural knowledge, environmental activism, and contemporary storytelling.

Janet's unique practice incorporates traditional weaving techniques with recycled materials and found objects.

[gallery@balukarts.org.au](mailto:gallery@balukarts.org.au)



*'Barmah Bush'* by Janet Bromley

# Nairm Marr Djambana: First Nations Cultural Workshops at South Side Festival Frankston 2026

Tuesday, 12 May 2026 | 10:00am - 1:00pm and 1:30pm - 4:30pm



Image courtesy of Nairm Marr Djambana

**FREE BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL**  
(03) 9783 1521 or Email: [admin@djambana.org.au](mailto:admin@djambana.org.au)  
Nairm Marr Djambana, 32 Nursery Avenue, Frankston

## ***Culture Through Learning at Nairm Marr Djambana: where tradition meets education.***

Be guided around the beautiful gardens of Nairm Marr Djambana and learn about native plants and First Nations traditions. Your session will include:

**Native Education & Garden Walk:** Engage with our cultural guide through the natural environment, sharing insights about native plants that have sustained generations.

**Traditional Tool Presentation & Demonstration:** Showcase of traditional tools that have shaped First People's lives.

**Yarn Local Native Plants:** Dive deeper into the stories of the plants that thrive in our ecosystem.

**Traditional Bush Food-tasting:** Sample tasty treats while learning about the nutritional benefits of these ingredients.

All ages. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

# Dates for your Diary



- **FRIDAY 1 MAY, 10-11.30am: 'Grandmothers for Refugees Meeting: Dunkley & Flinders'**, Frankston Library, Playne St. Frankston – new members welcome. More Info: Maryanne 0400 201 689 or [maryannebarclay5@gmail.com](mailto:maryannebarclay5@gmail.com)
- **UNTIL 12 MAY: 'Exhibition: Wamuya Gowidja: left behind'** by Janet Bromley and Baluk Arts Members, 5 Davies Ave, Mt Eliza. Details: p.14
- **TUESDAY 12 MAY, 10am-1pm; 1.30-4.30pm: 'Nairm Marr Djambana: First Nations Cultural Workshops'**, (part of South Side Festival Frankston 2026). Workshops at Nairm Marr Djambana, 32 Nursery Ave, Frankston. Free. Registration & details: p.15
- **SUNDAY 24 MAY, 12.00 – 3.00pm: 'SWAN 30<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION'**, Safety Beach Sailing Club, 185 Marine Drive, Safety Beach. Details pp.2-3. **Bookings essential for catering purposes by May 7:**  
<https://events.humanitix.com/swan-30th-anniversary-lunch/tickets>
- **WEDNESDAY 27 MAY, 1-2.30pm: 'The Years of Terror – Banbu-Deen'** with historian Dr Marguerita Stephens and Boon Wurung elder Aunty Fay Stewart–Muir OAM', Mornington Library. Details: pp.12-13. Free, bookings essential: <https://library.mornpen.vic.gov.au/Whats-On/Events/Author-Talk-Marguerita-Stephens-with-Aunty-Fay-Stewart-Muir-Mornington>
- **FRIDAY 29 MAY, 1.15pm: 'SWAN Women Against Gender-Based Violence meeting'**, Mt Martha House Community Centre, Room 7, cnr Esplanade & Dominion Rd. Mt Martha. Contact: Maureen Donnelly [maurdone@gmail.com](mailto:maurdone@gmail.com)
- **SATURDAY 30 MAY, 11am-1pm: 'Willum Warrain Reconciliation Family & Allies event'**, 10c Pound Rd. Hastings. Flyer p.12. Volunteers needed for food serving, set up & pack down. Contact Maureen: 0423806525
- **TUESDAY 2 JUNE, 5pm: 'First Peoples' Assembly Treaty Information Session'**, Safety Beach Sailing Club. Free, details p.12
- **SUNDAY 20 JUNE, 10-11.30am: 'SWAN Coffee Catch Up'**, Red Rattler Café at The Tyabb Packing House, 14 Mornington-Tyabb Rd. Tyabb. RSVP: [maureenfrances21@gmail.com](mailto:maureenfrances21@gmail.com) Details p.5

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SOUTHERN WOMEN'S ACTION NETWORK



**OUR MONTHLY NEWSLETTER** aims to inform readers of current issues and matters of interest.

**SWAN NEWS CONTRIBUTIONS** If you have information of interest to our members, please ensure you let the editor Moz Lucas know via [swanwomen@outlook.com](mailto:swanwomen@outlook.com) **Next Deadline 25 May 2026**

**PHOTO/VIDEO PERMISSION** Recent events and photos may appear on SWAN's Facebook page, Youtube, Instagram and website, as well as in SWAN NEWS. Please advise at the door of a SWAN meeting (or when prompted) if you do not wish to be in photographs or videos, otherwise we will take it that you are happy to have your photo published.

**PHOTOS NEEDED:** PLEASE EMAIL US GOOD QUALITY PHOTOS OF EVENTS/OCCASIONS OF INTEREST TO SWAN MEMBERS. INCLUDE THE PHOTOGRAPHER'S NAME AND ENSURE PERMISSION FROM THOSE PHOTOGRAPHED. SEND TO: [swanwomen@outlook.com](mailto:swanwomen@outlook.com)

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**Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/spwswan/>

**YouTube:** <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCHua3ynobWOxAUEfOPLt1yQ>

**Instagram:** <https://www.instagram.com/southernwomensactionnetwork/>

**DONATIONS:** <https://swanwomen.org.au/donate-to-swan/>

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- \* Farrells Bookshop: 143 Main Street Mornington (03) 5975 5034 [farrells.com.au](http://farrells.com.au)
- \* Millers Bread Kitchen: 116 Point Nepean Road Dromana 0411166685 [millersbread.squarespace.com](http://millersbread.squarespace.com)
- \* Nora's Pizza House: 2113 Point Nepean Road Rye (03) 5985 3967 [noraspizzahouse.com.au](http://noraspizzahouse.com.au)
- \* Secret Garden: 81 Main Street Mornington (03) 5975 0977 [secretgardenflowers.com.au](http://secretgardenflowers.com.au)
- \* 2 Left Sisters Café: 98 Watt Road Mornington (03) 5916 1133 [2leftsisters@facebook.com](mailto:2leftsisters@facebook.com)
- \* Zen Living: 70 Main Street Mornington (03) 5975 1013 [zenlivingmornington.com](http://zenlivingmornington.com)

## PARKING

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