

SOUTHERN WOMEN'S ACTION NETWORK



Newsletter

July 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 25th of the month. For example, February 25th for March's newsletter, March 25th for April's newsletter, and so on - through to November 25th 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).

Vale DENISE HASSETT



**SWAN pays tribute to our sister, our friend, our kindred spirit.
We will all miss her dearly.** *Judith Graley*

SWAN honours long-term member Denise Hassett who passed away on Wednesday 17 June 2026. Denise was involved in countless, varied activities to make a positive difference to our world. In 1996, Denise played a pivotal role in SWAN's formation: she was principal speaker at a community meeting of women across the Mornington Peninsula, held at Mt Martha House. This gathering led to the formation of SWAN as a forum for women to discuss social justice concerns. Denise had previously stood as ALP candidate for Flinders and was a strong advocate of community involvement in social justice. In 1997, she went on to become one of SWAN's first Committee members. *"I was at our early 'kitchen table' meetings from the very beginning and have seen the comradery between like-minded women grow and expand in our quest for justice and equality."* (Denise, 2026)

Judith Graley, founding member: SWAN members are mourning the loss of Denise Hassett, a wonderful woman who was there at the start of SWAN and has been there all the way in our 30 years of community activism, striving for social justice. Denise was a fabulously feisty woman - she was strong in her beliefs and did not back away from voicing her opinions. A regular stream of Letters to the Editor was a testament to her indignation and determination to promote the truth and call out hypocrisy and privilege. She was always on the side of those experiencing disadvantage discrimination and disdain. Denise cared deeply for others. As a community and political activist, she led by example and empowered other women to join with her and take up their own causes promoting fairness and equality. Denise was also the kindest, most generous and funny person, so very good company, a friend to so many and a person that we could all rely upon. Many people remember enjoying her delicious food when we have been experiencing illness and grief, also at times of celebrations and at SWAN meetings too.

Maureen McPhate, founding member: As a founding member of SWAN, Denise provided inspiration and encouragement, touching the lives of so many members now trying to grasp the very sad news of her passing.

Pat Sullivan: I first met Denise at a book launch in 1992 for Hazel Hawke's biography, and subsequently was at the very first meeting of SWAN - a breakfast which Denise did the catering for. Our paths crossed in many ways down the following years, and I loved how Denise did and supportive she always was. Any frustration with injustice, be it local, international, or anything in between, she always responded to with action. Her presence will be missed.



L-R: Denise and Molly ... true love ... plus a little ice cream. Cutting of the 30th Anniversary Congratulatory Cake with foundation members Judith Graley and Fran Rule.



Denise (centre) at SWAN's 30th Anniversary lunch, May 2026.

L-R: SWAN Coffee Catch Up April 2026. With Lynette Wilkes, also a SWAN member, and Lynette's birthday cake - made by Denise of course - at their monthly fish and chips night with Lesley Beasley. Denise and Lynette also played Scrabble once a month with Vivienne Nicholson, another SWAN member.

Photos: Yanni, Moz Lucas, Lesley Beasley & Supplied.

Susan Blackburn: Many years ago I met the indomitable Denise Hassett. What an inspiration! Denise was a person who did things!!! Community healthy food pantry, catering for the now defunct Mornington Movie Club, baking a delicious Christmas cake every year, movie visits to Rosebud with friends, U3A Mornington Film Club ... And of course - always - there have been SWAN meetings and actions for 30 years. I've been privileged to know Denise in many capacities and spend time with her. I admire, am astounded and inspired by her and all she has done - far more than I've recounted here. I'm very sad that Denise passed away on Wednesday 17th June. You will be missed by many Denise. I am so happy that you were part of the cutting of the recent SWAN 30th Anniversary Cake and that we have that fabulous smiling photo of you.

Lesley Beasley: Denise wasn't hard to put into words: big, bold, beautiful and brave. She said what she thought ... and meant what she said. The very epitome of speaking truth to power, whether at SWAN meetings with our wonderful speakers, standing up to politicians in the local paper, speaking her mind at protest meetings, or trudging down Main Street year after year, calling for an end to family violence. In amongst all that you'd never find a kinder person. Her friendships spread across the whole Mornington Peninsula, spanning 75 years (since she arrived aged three), and embracing any faith or creed or tax bracket - although definitely not every political persuasion. Come annual celebrations, book clubs, birthdays, countless lunches or for no reason at all she'd be at your door with a cake or a casserole or those fantastic muffins. If you were sick she'd be there with some soup. And if you were in trouble you barely had to ring. She'd be there in a flash with help and a hug and something delicious. SWAN has been so lucky to have her involved right from the start. She was a treasure back then ... and a treasure until the very end.



THANK YOU DENISE

NAIDOC WEEK

5 - 12 July 2026

Theme: 'Fifty Years of Deadly'

This milestone theme celebrates five decades of the formal NAIDOC movement, honouring generations of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander activists, artists, and communities who have championed culture, resilience, and change. NAIDOC stands for **National Aboriginal and Islanders Day Observance Committee**.

Source: naidoc.org.au



**NAIDOC
WEEK**
**50 YEARS
DEADLY**
5-12 JULY 2026

Paralpi by Zaachariaha Fielding

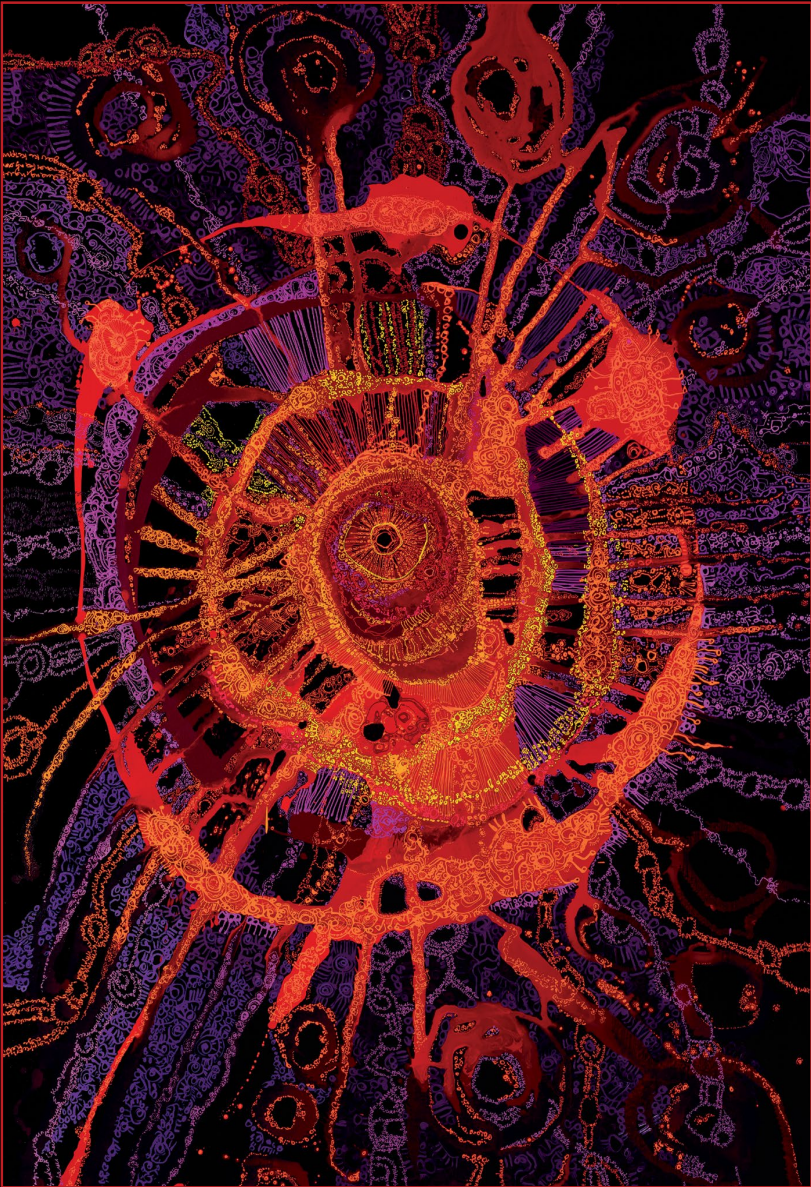
Paralpi extends Zaachariaha's acclaimed *Inma* series and reflects a deeply cultural and immersive narrative grounded in Country. The artwork depicts the sounds of *Paralpi*, a significant place just outside Mimili on the eastern APY Lands in South Australia. As Zaachariaha describes, *Paralpi* is a place where people come to embrace and celebrate children, where they are taught by Elders to move and mimic their Clan emblem – for Mimili, this being the maku (witchetty grub).

#NAIDOC2026
#FIFTYYEARSDEADLY
#NAIDOCWEEK

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SWAN Speaker Event: NAIDOC Week



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SWAN's Special
NAIDOC Event



Photo: Julian Meehan

Brittney HENDERSON

REAWAKENING BUNURONG LANGUAGE
(Ngawak ngul-nganhinhu)

Listen • Learn • Speak • Sing • Celebrate

Join us for an inspiring **NAIDOC** session led by proud Bunurong and Wiradjuri person **Brittney Henderson** — a young social justice advocate, weaver, artist, and aspiring politician. Brittney will share the remarkable story of the Bunurong Land Council's 'Language Reawakening Project' to bring the Bunurong language back into everyday use.

Come along and hear the story

This project was founded by highly respected Elders **Aunty Gail Kunwurra Dawson** (the Black Swan - celebrated for her life-long work in cultural heritage and language revival) and **Aunty Dy Summers**. Brittney was mentored by Aunty Gail and is a member of the language team. Learn how a language once suppressed and thought lost is being carefully reconstructed, word by word, sound by sound, with patience, knowledge and community strength. This work undertaken by the Bunurong Language Team has resulted in a Bunurong Dictionary.

Be part of the journey

Brittney will be accompanied by other members of the Bunurong Clan. This will be an interactive session, a chance for you to learn some Bunurong words, practise pronunciation, and share the joy of singing well-known songs in Bunurong language. And learn how you can help.

Do some homework

Go to

[https://50words.online/languages/Bunwurrung\(Boonwurrung\)](https://50words.online/languages/Bunwurrung(Boonwurrung))

if you would like to do some pre meeting preparation.

VENUE
Mt Martha House
466 Esplanade
(Cnr Dominion Rd)
Mt Martha

For women interested in
deepening their
knowledge of community
issues and promoting
action for social justice.

SWAN thanks our raffle
sponsors for their generous
donations:

**Willum Warrain Aboriginal
Association and Nairm
Marr Djambana**

9:30 AM | SUNDAY 19 | JULY | 2026



Thanks to Secret Garden for donating the beautiful flowers for our guest speaker



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OPEN 'Homework' LINK HERE: [https://50words.online/languages/Bunwurrung\(Boonwurrung\)](https://50words.online/languages/Bunwurrung(Boonwurrung))



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



Last month's **SWAN COFFEE CATCH UP** was at the unique location of **TYABB PACKING HOUSE GALLERIA & CAFE** abound with antiques, craft & speciality shops, and even a dedicated Christmas shop! Discussion varied between what's happening with the Shire's newly formed Multicultural Collaborative and why it's needed on the Peninsula, alternative therapies, travel escapes, and dealing with grief and loss. We welcomed Jacqui, a retired Social Worker and beautiful artist.

SAVE THE DATE: next Catch Up Sunday 16 August in SORRENTO. Details next issue.

RSVPs and carpooling appreciated! maureenfrances21@gmail.com

NEW: Multicultural Collaborative

Some SWAN members have indicated an interest in forming a new SWAN working group which focuses on identifying and supporting the needs of Mornington Peninsula residents from multicultural backgrounds. As part of the process of developing the working group and deciding upon its aims and activities, the group reached out to Cass Boyle, the Mornington Peninsula Shire's Community Multicultural Officer. In turn, Cass invited them to attend the inaugural meeting of a new Multicultural Collaborative Network she was planning to set up. This was held on 16th June 2026 and attended by five SWAN members, representatives from local multicultural groups plus organisations who work with multicultural communities. Discussions occurred about what individuals felt they wanted the new network to achieve. Feedback included opportunities to socialise and actions and campaigns to address racism and discrimination.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 18th August between 1.30-3.00pm at the Council Chambers in Mornington or people can join online. If any other SWAN members are interested in joining the SWAN Multicultural Working Group or the Multicultural Collaborative Network they can contact Rosemarie Draper on 0435 620 191 for more information.

MULTICULTURAL COLLABORATIVE NETWORK AIMS & STRATEGIES

The network will connect local service providers, community leaders, and the council to share information and strengthen connections with multicultural communities, supporting a safe and welcoming Mornington Peninsula. Our purpose is to connect people from different communities and services, share knowledge, and foster collaboration and inclusion for everyone.

Spreading the Word & Standing Together

- Run campaigns to speak up against racism and discrimination.
- Ensure people from all backgrounds and walks of life are seen, heard, and included in our community.

Sharing Skills & Handy Info

- Help set up info sessions with interpreters or translated guides so language isn't a barrier.
- Help everyone learn about legal rights, health updates, and tech/cyber safety (like spotting scams, alongside local libraries and police)
- Bring these services directly into the community.

Bringing People Together

- Host welcoming catch-ups like "Coffee & Connection" mornings to help new migrants and refugees find friends.
- Run community food festivals and use music, art and storytelling to bring everyone together.
- Tackle loneliness by sharing a meal and getting to know each other.

Teaming Up

- Build bridges between different cultural groups so we can pool our ideas and resources.
- Connect local charities, clubs, and services to work as one big team.

Opening Up Local Spaces

- Look at ways to make local hubs, and shared spaces easier for everyone to access and use

**** SAVE THE DATE ****



Louisa Dunkley Women's Health and Wellbeing Forum "Women Being Well"

Date: Saturday 8th August
Time: 2pm-5pm
Location: Patterson River Golf Club
47 The Fairway, Bonbeach VIC

Event partners



If you have any questions, please contact my office on
(03) 9781 2333 or jodie.belyea.mp@aph.gov.au.



Jodie Belyea MP
Member for Dunkley

BOOKINGS: <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1606997>

SWAN Women for Housing Justice: Update



SW4HJ members (L-R) Judith Graley, Beck Cridland and Belinda Rodman in discussion with David Southwick (left) and Paul Edbrooke (right). Photo: Supplied

With eight rough sleepers now having died on the Mornington Peninsula over the last eighteen months and a state election coming up in November - SWAN W4HJ have been continuing with their advocacy. After meeting with the MP Shire's CEO and other community services team leaders to discuss what is, and what is not, happening on the Peninsula, seven SW4HJ members, accompanied by our friendly support dog Bryn, visited the Parliament of Victoria on Wednesday 17 June.

We met with members across the aisle including Cindy McLeish, Shadow Minister for Women, Chris Crewther Member for Mornington, David Southwick Shadow Minister for Housing, as well as the Hon. Gabrielle Williams Minister for Women and Girls, the Hon. Paul Edbrooke Member for Frankston and Minister for Renters, and the Hon. Nick Staikos Minister for Housing and his staff.

We continued to advocate strongly for more funding and resources to come to the Peninsula for assertive outreach workers; crisis, transitional and longer-term affordable housing; for our fair share of the short-stay levy; and for support for the Shire's proposed Rosebud accommodation project for women and children. We were well-received and came away feeling that we had been listened to, but of course as always, real success will only be seen if some real action and change takes place ...



We also had lunch with Roberta Buchanan, CEO of the Women's Property Initiative. It was great to hear that their development of a social housing project in Hastings is progressing well - with the turning of the first sod happening earlier last week.

More Info: <https://wpi.org.au>

Left: Raising concerns with Cindy McLeish, Shadow Minister for Housing (far left). Photo: Supplied

The fabulous SWAN women of SW4HJ (L-R): Ros Beard, Beck Cridland, Monica Coyle, Susan Blackburn, Lynn Carpenter, Belinda Rodman and Judith Graley with the Hon. Gabrielle Williams Minister for Women and Girls (3rd from right).

Photo: Supplied



A list of urgently 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

OR:

Members can bring them to the next SWAN meeting and Belinda Rodman is happy to deliver.

SWAN Women Against Gender-Based Violence

National Plan to End Violence Against Women and Children 2022-2032: Second Action Plan

Your voice matters – complete this short 6 question survey by July 31

<https://engage.dss.gov.au/second-action-plan/second-action-plan-short-survey/>

SWAN WOMEN AGAINST GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

NEXT MEETING: Friday 31 JULY, 1.15pm, Mt Martha House Community Centre, Room 7, cnr Esplanade & Dominion Rd. Mt Martha. Contact: Maureen Donnelly maurdone@gmail.com



Exciting news! The SWAN Women Against Gender Based Violence group (SWAGBV) is joining forces with **The Frankston and Mornington Peninsula Family Violence Primary Prevention Collaborative** because of the scale of what we are taking on. In particular, we are embarking on a project to involve male allies in the campaign for women's safety and respect. The core members of WAGBV, as SWAN members, will be supporting the Collaborative and its working groups.

Left: Yanni, celebrated photographer, demonstrating his support for the SWAN WAGBV group's message: **'No to Violence, No to Silence: Respect Women'**.

Photo: Maureen Donnelly

Support the petition for a Royal Commission into the Killing of Australian Women and Girls. Go to: [Petition · Royal Commission into the Killing of Australian Women and Girls - Australia · Change.org](https://petition.royalcommissionintothe killing of Australian Women and Girls - Australia - Change.org)

Australia has lost more than 1300 women and girls to acts of violence since 2000. Yet there's been no national examination of the systemic failures and cultural attitudes underpinning our femicide epidemic. Please consider signing the petition to demand the Federal Government hold a royal commission into the killing of women and girls.

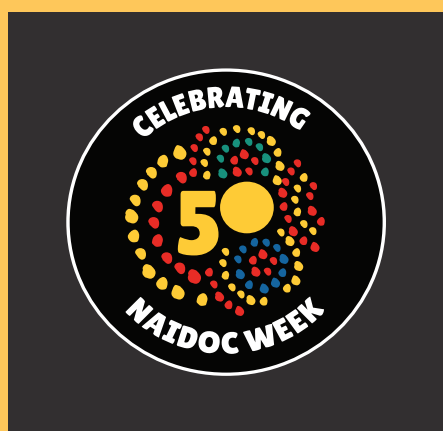
The Royal Commission would examine all unlawful deaths of women and girls, including intimate partner and domestic violence, associate violence (the violent deaths of women and girls by people known to them but who are not related) and stranger violence.

It would also examine the factors of violence against women which [Our Watch](#) describes as: Condoning of violence against women; Men's control of decision-making and limits to women's independence in public and private life; Rigid gender stereotyping and dominant forms of masculinity; and Male peer relations and cultures of masculinity that emphasise aggression, dominance and control.

SWAN for First Nations

NAIDOC: 5 – 12 JULY Theme: ‘FIFTY YEARS OF DEADLY’

NAIDOC Week events



**SWAN NAIDOC SPEAKER
EVENT** see p.5 for details

WILLUM WARRAIN ABORIGINAL ASSOCIATION

NAIDOC FLAG RAISING
Mon 6 July, 4 – 6pm

NAIDOC BBQ & LUNCH
Sat 11 July, 11am – 1pm

ADDRESS
10c Pound Rd. Hastings

CONTACT
0493 634 923
<https://www.willumwarrain.org.au/contact/>

Sunday 5 July, 2pm
FILM SCREENING – ‘THE LAST DAUGHTER’
Peninsula Cinema Rosebud
Suitable for 16 years and above
FREE: Bookings essential
<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/naidoc-week-film-screening-the-last-daughter-tickets-1991020207036>

Thursday 9 July, 10am-midday
**WELCOME TO COUNTRY, SMOKING CEREMONY,
GUIDED WALK with UNCLE JOSH WEST**
The Briars, 450 Nepean Hwy, Mt Martha
Suitable for children or adults comfortable walking 2 km at
an easy pace **FREE**

Saturday 11 July, 10-11am
WAPAYA AT THE BRIARS – EARTH MEDITATION
The Briars, 450 Nepean Hwy, Mt Martha
FREE: Bookings essential
<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/naidoc-week-wayapa-at-the-briars-tickets-1991024132778>

**NAIRM MARR
DJAMBANA**
GATHERING BY THE BAY

**NAIDOC WEEK 2026
AT Nairm**
Celebrating 50 Years of Deadly

Join us for a week of culture, connection and community
Honouring culture, strength, vision and legacy

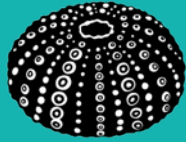
PROGRAM OF EVENTS

SATURDAY 4TH JULY, 2026
NOTE: CHANGE OF DATE
NAIDOC DINNER DANCE
6:00PM – 11:00PM
Morningside Racecourse
Our signature celebration night of culture, music and community

MONDAY 6 JULY
FLAG RAISING CEREMONY
10:00AM – 12:00PM
Nairm Marr Djambana
Morning tea provided
Contact Keira for more information

THURSDAY 9 JULY
NAIDOC FAMILY DAY
10:00AM – 2:00PM
Nairm Marr Djambana
A day for families, culture, activities and connection

Nairm Marr Djambana
32 Nursery Avenue, Frankston
9783 1521
All welcome – come celebrate with us



Baluk Arts

‘Babin Wandaang – Father’s Spirit’

NAIDOC Exhibition: Sat 4th July - Fri 14 August



As part of our **NAIDOC 2026** celebrations, join us for a special exhibition celebrating family, culture, and the work of two generations on **Saturday 4th of July from 2pm, followed by an Artist Talk at 2.45pm** with Uncle Kevin and Brayden.

‘Babin Wandaang – Father’s Spirit’ showcases the artwork of acclaimed Waradjuri artist Uncle Kevin Williams alongside his son, emerging Waradjuri and Gunnai Kurnai artist Brayden Williams. This proudly marks the first father and son exhibition presented at Baluk Arts. Babin Wandaang means Father’s Spirit and reflects the deep cultural knowledge and creative connections passed down through generations of their family. Reflecting on the exhibition, Uncle Kevin shares, *“The exhibition has been inspired by the Spirit of my Father and my Grandfather. It is from their support and influence over the many years growing up around them watching them and seeing them firsthand what they did and how they created their artwork and artifacts that we are able to create the artwork for this exhibition.”*

For any enquiries, please contact 0497 004 179 or gALLERY@balukarts.org.au

NAIDOC WEAVING WORKSHOP

Wednesday 8th July, 1.30-3.30pm

Taungwurrung Cultural Educator and Artist Sammy Trist

Sammy’s art is a living reflection of her deep connection to Country. She brings Kulin stories and landscapes to life through her multidisciplinary practice. Come and hear stories of country, while learning an ancient craft and weaving techniques.

Price: \$80. All materials and instruction provided. Australian native infused teas by Jala Jala available for you to enjoy. Attendance: adults and children aged 15+.

Location: Baluk Arts, 5 Davies Avenue, Mount Eliza

Places are limited. To book, please [click here >>](#)

Support for Victoria's Treaty



If Labour loses the next election, the Opposition are clear in their proposed retraction of the Treaty. Actions SWAN and allies can take to promote Australia's first Treaty and help establish bi-partisan support, ANTaR Victoria (Australians for Native Title and Reconciliation) suggest the following:

1. Let the Leader of the Opposition know your support for Treaty – call, visit, email, write, flood social media, start your own campaign: <https://www.jesswilsonkew.com.au/contact>
2. You can also sign the Common Threads petition: <https://act.togetherfortreaty.org.au/petitions/wilson-dont-wreck-treaty/>.
3. Share and promote positive, factual information about Treaty: <https://gellungwarl.org/resources/library/category/statewide-treaty/>
4. Be a visible, vocal supporter – show up to events, put up posters, put info on your website, have community conversations.: <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1xyRIHn9MFa-T1oHu4joJMQJ2hZGPrAc9?usp=sharing>
5. Enrol (if you're Mob), sign up (if you're an ally) or become a Friend of Treaty organisation and make a public pledge: [Sign Up - Gellung Warl](#)
6. Read, share and act on the truths and recommendations of the Yoorrook Justice Commission: [Yoorrook Justice Commission](#)
7. Donate to ANTaR Victoria to support our work to Defend Treaty to Survive and Thrive <https://antarvictoria.org.au/donate>



What Can I Do in my Community?

SWAN and Southern Peninsula Allies Group member Maureen Donelly (2nd standing left) initiated a talk on Truth and Treaty with educators at the Herd Intergenerational Early Learning Centre, Mornington.

Photo: Supplied



Southern Peninsula Allies for First Nations Justice

NEXT MEETING – ALL WELCOME: Friday July 17, midday
at Rye Community House, 27 Nelson St, Rye.
Contact: 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.

Dates for your Diary



- **FRIDAY 3 JULY, 10-11.30am: 'Grandmothers for Refugees Meeting: Dunkley & Flinders'**, Frankston Library, Playne St. Frankston. More info: Maryanne 0400 201 689 or maryannebarclay5@gmail.com
- **SATURDAY 4 JULY, 2pm: 'Babin Wandaang – Father's Spirit, exhibition opening & artist talk'**, Baluk Arts, 5 Davies Ave, Mt Eliza. More info p.12. Inquiries: 0497 004 179 or gallery@balukarts.org.au
- **SATURDAY 4 JULY, 4 – 6pm: 'NAIDOC Flag Raising Ceremony: Willum Warrain Aboriginal Association'**, 10c Pound Rd. Hastings. Inquiries: 0493 634 923 or <https://www.willumwarrain.org.au/contact/>
- **SUNDAY 5 JULY, 2pm – 'The Last Daughter, NAIDOC screening'**, Peninsula Cinema Rosebud, St. Rosebud. Free, bookings essential: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/naidoc-week-film-screening-the-last-daughter-tickets-1991020207036>
- **MONDAY 6 JULY, 10am – midday: 'NAIDOC Flag Raising Ceremony: Nairm Marr Djambana'**, 32 Nursery Ave, Frankston. Morning tea provided. More info contact Keira (03) 9783 1521
- **WEDNESDAY 8 JULY, 1.30–3.30pm – 'Weaving Workshop with Sammy Trist'**, Baluk Arts, 5 Davies Ave, Mt Eliza. More info & booking link: p.12. Inquiries: 0497 004 179 or gallery@balukarts.org.au
- **THURSDAY 9 JULY, 10am - midday – 'NAIDOC Welcome to Country, Smoking Ceremony & Guided Walk with Uncle Josh West'**, The Briars, 450 Nepean Hwy, Mt Martha. More info p.11
- **THURSDAY 9 JULY, 10am - 2pm: 'NAIDOC Family Day: Nairm Marr Djambana'**, 32 Nursery Ave, Frankston. All welcome. More info contact Keira (03) 9783 1521
- **SATURDAY 11 JULY, 10 – 11am – 'NAIDOC - Wapaya at The Briars, Earth Meditation with Justine Cooper'**, The Briars, 450 Nepean Hwy, Mt Martha. Free, bookings essential: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/naidoc-week-wayapa-at-the-briars-tickets-1991024132778>
- **SATURDAY 11 JULY, 11am – 1pm: 'NAIDOC Willum Warrain Aboriginal Association BBQ & Lunch'**, 10c Pound Rd. Hastings. Inquiries: 0493 634 923 or <https://www.willumwarrain.org.au/contact/>
- **FRIDAY 17 JULY, midday: 'Southern Peninsula Allies for Justice for First Nations meeting'**, Rye Community House, 27 Nelson St. Rye. Contact: southern.peninsula.allies@gmail.com
- **SUNDAY 19 JULY, 9.30am: 'SWAN General Meeting: NAIDOC WEEK with guest speaker Brittney Henderson'**, Mt Martha House Community Centre, cnr Esplanade & Dominion Rd. Mt Martha. Details p.5
- **FRIDAY 31 JULY, 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

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

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- * Ella Bache Rye Beach: 2337 Nepean Hwy Rye (03) 5985 3050 ryebeach@ellabachesalons.com.au
- * Farrells Bookshop: 143 Main Street Mornington (03) 5975 5034 farrells.com.au
- * Millers Bread Kitchen: 116 Point Nepean Road Dromana 0411166685 millersbread.squarespace.com
- * Nairm Marr Djambana: 32 Nursey Ave Frankston (03) 9783 1521 djamban.org.au
- * Nora's Pizza House: 2113 Point Nepean Road Rye (03) 5985 3967 noraspizzahouse.com.au
- * Secret Garden: 81 Main Street Mornington (03) 5975 0977 secretgardenflowers.com.au
- * 2 Left Sisters Café: 98 Watt Road Mornington (03) 5916 1133 2leftsisters@facebook.com
- * Willum Warrain Aboriginal Association: 10c Pound Rd Hastings 0493 634 923 willumwarrain.org.au
- * Zen Living: 70 Main Street Mornington (03) 5975 1013 zenlivingmornington.com

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