



Gunditjmara

Fourth and fifth documented generation of basket makers

Third documented generation of basket makers

First documented generation of basket makers

CONTEXT

Gunditjmara country

Native Title

CONTEXT

Gunditjmara country

Properties

CONTEXT

What our country means to Gunditjmara

Creation & spirit

CONTEXT

Budj Bim
(Lake Surprise, Mt Eccles)

What our country means to Gunditjmara

Deen Maar

CONTEXT

Ancestors & traditions



Lake Condah



CONTEXT

Ancestors & traditions

Gilgar Gunditj place



CONTEXT

Recent times



The Mission years



CONTEXT

Recent times



The Mission today:
church site



CONTEXT

Recent times

Fight for land justice:
Native Title determination 2009



CONTEXT

Recent times

Fight for land justice: 2011 Gunditjima & Eastern Maar
Native Title Consent Determination



CONTEXT

Aspirations: Caring for country



Gilgar Gunditj

CONTEXT

Aspirations: Sharing country



Gilgar Gunditj



CONTEXT

Caring for Country



Restoring Lake Condah



CONTEXT

Caring for Country



Building the weir



CONTEXT

Caring for Country



Celebrating success



CONTEXT

Caring for Country



Water flows again through a fish trap

CONTEXT

Caring for Country

Revealing the age of the fish trap system



Gunditjmara Traditional Owners Aboriginal Corporation

CONTEXT

Caring for Country

Sustaining culture



Gunditjmara Traditional Owners Aboriginal Corporation

CONTEXT

Caring for Country

Yarkeen – Vision

Lake Condah will again be central to Gunditjmara life and culture.

Gunditjmara people will experience the landscape, engage in eel and fish harvesting using the stone trap systems, and apply traditional knowledge and practices in land and water management.

As the water returns into this landscape, we will learn more about the ways in which previous generations cared for and used the land, and we will pass what we learn onto the next generation so that traditions and knowledge are never lost again.

A restored Lake Condah will help us achieve our cultural, economic and social aspirations, and will become one of the foremost Indigenous cultural destinations, consistent with the aspirations of the local Aboriginal people.

The healing of Lake Condah within a generation is our vision for the future. It is a legacy from us today to future generations who we are asking to carry forward this important work.



Gunditjmara Traditional Owners Aboriginal Corporation

CONTEXT

Looking to the future

Community elders



Gunditjmara Traditional Owners Aboriginal Corporation

CONTEXT

Looking to the future



Passing on knowledge



Gunditjmara Traditional Owners Aboriginal Corporation

CONTEXT

Looking to the future

Bringing Gunditjmara core values into everyone's landscape planning and management helps to close a gap in the caring and sharing of this beautiful and spiritual country.

- cultural places
- tangible and intangible
- healthy country
- family and community
- economic development
- employment
- access
- partnership
- reconciliation and understanding
- visitor experiences
- diversity/distinctiveness



Gunditjmara Traditional Owners Aboriginal Corporation

CONTEXT

Acknowledgements



Thank you to Gunditjmara traditional owners, Gunditj Mirring Traditional Owners Aboriginal Corporation, Winda-Mara Aboriginal Corporation, and elders past and present.

This presentation is based on traditional knowledge and connection to country. It also draws on extensive published and unpublished work including:

Bell, Damein & Johnston, Chris (2008) 'Buŋ Bm: Caring for the spirit and the people'. *Finding the Spirit of Place*. ICOMOS 16th General Assembly and Scientific Symposium, Quebec, Canada.

Context Pty Ltd (2008) *Lake Condah Restoration Conservation Management Plan*. Report for Lake Condah Sustainable Development Project, Gunditj Mirring Traditional Owners Aboriginal Corporation, Winda Mara Aboriginal Corporation, DEWHA.

Context Pty Ltd with Libby Riches, Ian McNiven and others (2011) *Ngodyoong Gunditj, Ngodyoong Mara (South West Management Plan): Cultural Heritage and Social Values Assessment*. Interim report to Gunditj Mirring Traditional Owners Aboriginal Corporation and Parks Victoria.

McNiven, I.J. 2009. *Archaeological Excavations at Muldoons Fishtrap Complex, Lake Condah*. Report to Windamara Aboriginal Corporation and Gunditj Mirring Traditional Owners Corporation. Cultural Heritage Report Series: 50. Programme for Australian Indigenous Archaeology, School of Geography & Environmental Science, Monash University.



For more information about these initiatives



Gunditj Mirring Traditional Owners Aboriginal Corporation - <http://www.gunditjmiring.com.au/>

Winda-Mara <http://www.wmac.org.au/>

Lake Condah Sustainable Development Project <http://lakecondah.com/>

Eels, Stone Houses and National Heritage- http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=247h1-Ao_i0

