

*Willandra Lakes Region World Heritage*

# AAG

ABORIGINAL ADVISORY GROUP - 2015 TO 2019



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## **Willandra Lakes Region World Heritage Aboriginal Advisory Group**

### ***The AAG***

The Aboriginal Advisory Group is the peak Aboriginal consultative and advisory body for the Willandra Lakes Region World Heritage property. The AAG provides advice to NSW NPWS on Aboriginal Cultural Heritage matters within the World Heritage boundaries. It can also be consulted on matters within Mungo National Park.


The AAG is a departmental advisory body whose members are nominated through a series of community elections, including a Native Title representative elected by the Barkandji Native Title Group Aboriginal Corporation (BNTGAC).

After the elections, all members are appointed by an Executive Director of NSW NPWS. The Appointed members are also appointed to the Willandra Lakes Region World Heritage Advisory Committee by the relevant State Minister.






# Welcome to Country



*Paliira kiirinana· Parimba·  
Our Country is beautiful·  
Please come·*

***Barkandji/  
Paakantyi***



*Yammah Guddah·  
Yammah Guddah·  
Ngallia Ngurrampaa·  
Welcome to our Country*

***Ngiyampaa***



*Telki thangurra·  
Pirnmatha·  
Our Country is beautiful·  
Please come·*

***Mutthi Mutthi***





*Our Infinite Relationship with the Willandra Lakes Region World Heritage site helps us to achieve our aspirations and goals On-Country.*



## **Vision**

*We, the Three Traditional Tribal Groups (3TTG), being the Barkandji/Paakantyi, Ngiyampaa and Mutthi Mutthi people, are a group of autonomous men and women who have been democratically elected by our Communities to Uphold the Legacy of Our Old Ladies' Visions.*

*We assert our rights as our elders before having never ceded our sovereignty as Traditional Owners. We act with integrity to ensure the preservation of our culture and heritage as representatives of our people who have given us these responsibilities.*



*We do so in accordance with our rights and obligations under Aboriginal Lore and in accordance of our rights under UNESCO policy and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP, 2007).*

# AAG Formation Forum

## **Mildura Grand Hotel – September, 2015**

At this point, the Willandra Lakes Region had been without any representative bodies since September 2013, with the dissolution of the former Elders Council, Technical Scientific Advisory Committee and Community Management Council. This meeting was convened to establish what Aboriginal representation was to look like in the Willandra Lakes Region and how it would interact with the yet to be formed, Ministerially appointed Willandra Lakes Region World Heritage Advisory Committee. At this forum, with many in attendance, it was confirmed that the Aboriginal Advisory Group would be the peak Aboriginal Advisory body for the Willandra Lakes Region and would provide advice to NSW NPWS on Aboriginal Cultural Heritage matters within the World Heritage Area. It was noted that it would not fulfill the functions of the former Joint Management committee. The Aboriginal Advisory Group was to have the same representation as the former Elders Council, with 9 members. Members would now be appointed by a NSW NPWS Executive Director, and selected via an open democratic community election to be held every three years. The first election was in November 2015 at the Mildura Tennis Club, and more than a hundred people turned up on the day to vote.

The nine appointed members of the AAG, are now Ministerially appointed to the Willandra Lakes Region World Heritage Advisory Committee. This is a new Committee, formed in 2019, that replaces the former Technical Scientific Advisory Committee and Community Management Council (TSAC & CMC).



# AAG Composition





# Meetings-2015-2019



## Mungo NP 2015

*December 1-2*

The first meeting of the AAG was held at Mungo National Park. The members discussed ways of working together and potential conflicts of interest, leading into the Terms of Reference.

Mary Pappin talked about the Discovery Program and her recollection on how it started. Other topics included: Cultural Health Indicators, Management and conservation of the fossil trackway site, use of the Mungo Man image and two research proposals.

Harvey Johnston OEH, reported on the recording of the newly exposed footprints with Daryl Pappin and Leanne Mitchell.



## Mungo NP 2016

*February 15-16*

New members Representatives were welcomed and further discussions on roles fed into the Terms of Reference (TOR).

The draft Terms of Reference was distributed at this meeting with ongoing discussion.

Harvey Johnston OEH, discussed research on dating egg shell (possible *genyornis*) and handed around fragments dating from 45,000 years ago.



## Botanical Gardens, Buronga 2016

*June 28*

The Vision statement was added to the TOR. Harvey Johnston OEH, gave an update of the Repatriation of Mungo Man and the Willandra Ancestral remains, that have been held at the ANU for the past 40 years.

A researcher notified the EO that the cremated remains of two children had been found at a previously known site. The researcher had no authority or permission to be at this site. The AAG discussed the need for protection of sites and commenced work on the Research Protocol. No research on Ancestral remains will be considered until the protocol is finished.





## **Botanical Gardens, Buronga 2016**

*August 30*

Hank Horton Chair of the Australian World Heritage Indigenous Network (AWHIN) gained support from the AAG for the continued operation of AWHIN. The AAG saw it as necessary and would like to see AWHIN gain further support and recognition.

Geoff Simpson OEH, gave a presentation on Cultural Health Indicators and a camp at Mungo. Their core business was about Sharing Wisdom.

Aaron Fogel gave an update on his PhD research. A discussion occurred around Intellectual Property. It was agreed that all IP is shared with AAG.



## **Botanical Gardens, Buronga 2017**

*23 February*

Update on trackway 3D scan data: Twelve months ago the AAG endorsed providing Chris Little, a Technician at Griffith University on the Gold Coast, with the laser scanned footprint data done by Cliff Ogleby in 2006. The objective was to unlock the data so that it could be used to make 3D prints or computer imagery.

Chris Little was able to unlock the data of all scanning files.

Dan Rosendahl showed 3D printed footprints scanned by Chris Little.



## **Botanical Gardens, Buronga 2017**

*March 31*

There was discussion regarding the Repatriation forum and the huge responsibility it was for a few people representing Aboriginal Australians.

The next draft of the Terms of Reference was agreed to and the AAG Policy Statement on Research on Ancestral Remains was read out.

Endorsement of the Sharing Stories Foundation, where interpretation, education and management of stories will be implemented.

It was decided that Aaron Fogel was to rebury all excavated materials including artefacts, where he found them.



## Botanical Gardens, Buronga 2017

*June 5-6*

Australian Museum filming for their Mungo display commences this month.

Prof. Dave Lambert presented a proposal for ancient DNA research on Mungo Man.

Motion for the Ancestral remains to be returned from the National Museum of Australia to Mungo National Park.

The AAG provided an endorsement to Jim Bowler to use 20,000 year old River Red Gum wood to build a casket for Mungo Man. Use of the Aboriginal Hearse, currently housed at Melbourne Museum, was confirmed. A repatriation sub-committee was formed.

AAG endorsed Australian Story to capture/film the Repatriation as they are doing a story on Mungo Man.

AAG discussed the use of the Leaghur precinct as a Community Teaching and Learning Centre.



## Mungo NP, 2017

*August 22-23*

AAG discussed and confirmed the election process.

Proposals tabled regarding new NPWS restructure.

Australian Story interviewed AAG members regarding Mungo Man.

Discussions around Part 4A from the Joint Management Team.

Chris Little from Griffith University spoke about the 3D scanning of heritage items and artefacts and how it could be used to encourage visitation.

Dave Lambert presented additional proposal on DNA sampling of Mungo Man's tooth.

Discussion around storage of remains and repatriation of Willandra Ancestral remains

There were more discussions on the Leaghur homestead repurposing as a community, teaching and learning centre.



## Mungo NP, 2018

*March 14-15*

The AAG discussed future priorities for the WH property and the AAG, including the Research Prospectus and protocols and education, interpretation and presentation of the Fossil Trackway.

ABC houses a large amount of archival footage relating to Mungo, much of it from the 1960's.

Cengage requested to use AIATSIS photos of early excavations at Mungo NP for middle primary education resources.

Key points from the Trackway visit included that the dunes continue to move and expose new sections. The site should remain buried for optimal protection and that sand and shade cloth will be used to protect the site as per the site Management Plan.

There was also an update on the Barkandji Native Title Group Aboriginal Corporation Representation on the AAG.



## Botanical Gardens, Buronga, 2018

*April 20 (Special meeting)*

The aim of this special meeting was to agree on what research can be undertaken in the adaptively reused Leaghur Homestead Precinct (house and sheds).

The purpose-built facility should be a shared, multipurpose space for everyone, for community to come and see the research work, with training and co-learning programs in the future.

It's a learning centre and must be about scientists working closely with community.

The Aboriginal community want to go and see what the researchers are up to.

Even groups from across Australia should have the option to go out and learn, and see the research.

The adaptive reuse design should include the opportunity for accommodation at Leaghur for Elders to visit and interact with researchers.



## Inland Botanical Gardens, 2018

*August 1*

At this meeting, there was a discussion on Ethical Workplaces, including Duty of Care to each other and to OEHS staff members. The Mutawinji Code of Conduct was tabled to encourage further discussion on how to make good decisions on Boards of Management and the consequences of breaches.

There were also discussions on the Part 4A model and how it works for Mutawinji. In reviewing possibilities for revenue return, it was suggested that the TTGs request royalties from films etc. as well as repurposing legacy data for new interpretation including new visitor initiatives.

Looking into the establishment of a dedicated foundation to provide scholarship for young Indigenous people. The EO has looked into National Parks Foundation as an auspicing body. Mary asked if young people would be given training through NP Foundations. How funding from royalties is spent would be decided by the Group. Councillors were reminded that as per protocols they are observers at the meeting and provide contributions through their Member.



## Buronga NPWS, 2018

*September 6 (Special meeting)*

This special meeting was called to highlight the need for cultural safety and the ability for all members to be able to speak about protecting Mungo and the cultural heritage.

Also discussed was The Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS) Ethical Research Guidelines.

Of note was the new book authored by Steve Webb, "Made in Africa", which detailed photographs of the Willandra Ancestral Remains.

It was noted that this book was developed without consultation or prior knowledge and does not reflect the views of Indigenous people of this country and there should be a disclaimer in the book that alludes to this.

The release of the book was impetus to formalise and complete the Research Code Of Practice.





## **Mungo NP, 2018**

*November 5-6*

The Terms of Reference were amended to incorporate cultural safety and Part 4A was discussed in relation to Mungo belonging to everyone.

Draft plans were discussed for the new Leaghur refurbishments.

Proposal to create an Intellectual Property agreement between 3TTG and NSW NPWS.

Moved that there be a moratorium on any new research on ancestral remains until the protocols are finished and all ancestral remains have been reburied.

At this meeting, the AAG moved the following motion: In exercising our inalienable rights as Traditional Owners the WLRWHA AAG as duly elected representatives of the 3TTGs unanimously resolves to rebury the Willandra Ancestral Remains collection. This resolution is consistent with past sentiments and views expressed by Elders and members of the various 3TTG representative bodies of the WLRWHA over the last 40 years.



## **Mungo NP, 2019**

*10 - 11 April*

It was decided to remove the Joint Management Update as a permanent agenda item.

The Terms of Reference was updated and tabled.

Jason Kelly showed footage of the Walls of China to be featured in a song written and performed by Damien Kennedy and Jason. It was well received and supported.

A moratorium on all new research from 6 November on all ancestral remains until the current remains have been reburied

Recommendations for conditions made on the ancient DNA Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit (AHIP) and all publications that they are co-written and co-authored by the AAG. All results must be presented to the AAG prior to circulation with other colleagues.

As far as the Protocol is concerned, people only have permission to research what has been granted to them.



## **Madec College, Mildura 2019**

*31 July 1 August*

At this meeting, there was discussion on the flow of water in the area. There was talk of writing to Minister Ken Wyatt about constructive ways to solve our water problems.

There was also discussion on drones and similar technology and what threats they could pose to ancestral remains. NPWS already has a drone policy and the AAG requested that NPWS ensure that this is clear to visitors.

Maureen Reyland was elected to represent the AAG at the Australian Government World Heritage Forum in Canberra, and give a talk on reburial and repatriation.

Permission was given to Cengage to use materials about Mungo and create some cultural readers for primary aged children.

It was proposed that the AAG have a "Vision" workshop to talk about the vision for the next 50 years.



## Rowers Club Mildura, 2019

*November 28*

The Terms of Reference and the Research Code of Practice were progressed. Both documents were considered satisfactory. The Research Code has become a very good document which has generated interest outside of the AAG.

A Chair was decided informally for the next year.

There was discussion on the Sharing Stories project, as 6 cricket pitch covers will be used to draw a replica trackway on for virtual reality.

The Review of Environmental Factors (REF) for the reburial of Ancestral remains has been drafted and will go the WLR World Heritage Advisory Committee for consideration and support. A letter will be sent to relevant Ministers showing support.

The Royal Mint proposed a commemorative coin with the Endeavour on one side and a Mungo footprint on the other to show that there has been civilisation in Australia for millenia.

Australian Museum to repatriate artifacts and databases to Mungo.



# Workshops



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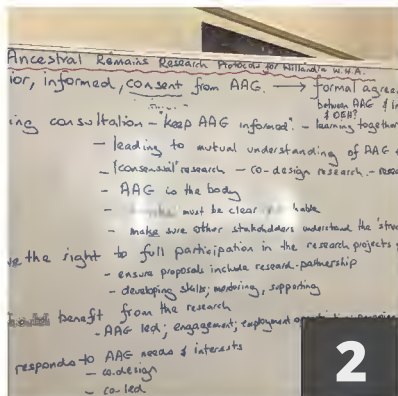
## Benetook Room, Mildura, 2018 *April*

### Research Protocols 1

This workshop commenced work on the Willandra Research Protocols. The AAG indicated a key principal if Ancestral Remains are found, they are not to be taken off country. No more remains are to leave country.

Leaghur identified as a place where On-Country research could be carried out.

A follow up workshop was proposed to determine what research can happen at Leaghur.



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## Benetook Room, Mildura, 2018 *September 7*

### Research Protocols 2

This workshop developed the Research agreement.

In the 1970's, the Elders identified a need to have research protocols. This move was started by Auntie Alice Kelly who wrote to NSW National Parks & wildlife Service (Sharon Sullivan) requesting protection of Aboriginal Cultural Heritage, consultation with Traditional Owners and research protocols. This started the process of protection under the NPWS Act.

AAG passed a resolution 5 June 2017 that protocols need to be developed before any further research can be carried out on Ancestral Remains.

Protocols were developed around the AIATSIS Guidelines for Ethical Research in Australian Indigenous Studies. A decision making flow chart for research on Ancestral Remains was also developed.



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## Ivanhoe, 2019 *31 January*

### Research Protocols 3

The research protocol has been 40 years in the making. The aim was to develop a consistent approach to research and how it is managed and endorsed, including what happens to the data, where the data is stored, publications, community outputs, not just academic outputs, and who owns intellectual property.

The last workshop was summarised into a Key Outcomes Report. Two distinct categories of research were identified: ancestral remains and everything else. The draft manual needs three sections:

- Principles – all research adheres to these;
- Protocols – the agreed way research is to happen;
- Agreement – what people are involved in the research and who will sign the agreement i.e. accountability.





## **Benetook Room, Mildura, 2019**

*March 6*

Sharing Stories workshop - Chris Little and Dale Patterson from Griffith University showed data collected from the trackway site and how, as technology progresses, so does the quality of information collection. Such technology as the 3D scanning and imagery-capture from drones and hi-resolution imagery, when coupled together can create very powerful data sets. These can be used to replicate the site for use in augmented reality products like a virtual walk through of the site for tourism at Mungo.

By coupling up old data and new data you can get a window of the past condition and current site condition to help with the monitoring of the site and future management of the site using 3D modelling from LIDAR and imagery. This was a great segway to the next session from sharing stories foundation.

Taz Miller spoke about creating story books through animation and other sources of media and the real possibility of the augmented reality to put into the project.



## **Madec College, Mildura, 2019**

*July 30*

This workshop was called to finalise the Research Protocols, including Cultural Safety and Men's and Women's business. The meaning of the colours on the cover was explained by Maureen Reyland (artist) as the red is for fire and blood, the blue is water and spirit, the green is trees and freedom and the yellow is sun and love.

The proposed new AIATSIS research principles were tabled.

There was discussion on supporting youth to become leaders of the future.

Cultural Safety was described as being respectful: "Don't pick up anything, don't touch anything. It's a story. Don't take things away. We should be passing this on to young people and the wider community".



## **Rowers Club Mildura, 2019**

*September 22*

This Sharing Stories workshop built on the excursion to Brisbane and showed the AAG Members how Leanne, Aunty Maureen, Aunty Joan, Uncle Ivan donned tight fitting suits with reflective balls and were recorded walking the footsteps of their ancestors from the fossil trackways.

A couple of the tracks were marked on the floor of the Rowing Club and people were invited to trace the footprints.

There was discussion on who the people were, that crossed the trackway. What had we learned from the Pintubi trackers? How can we replicate this?

There was a presentation on what it may look like and how visitors may be able to use it. including stories and features that would be unlocked at set locations around the National Park.

Animations will show reconstructions of the landscape. We can determine where the visitors go and where they don't go. We can create decoys and we can have a message saying that it is respectful not to go further and warning signs at boundaries.

# Brisbane (Griffith) Workshop

IN AUGUST, 2019, MAUREEN REYLAND, IVAN JOHNSON, AND JOAN SLADE ENTERED A NEW REALITY

This workshop took place at Griffith University's Gold Coast campus where Uey, Leanne, Maureen, Joan and Ivan got a taste of how actors feel when they make CGI movies.

Wearing skin tight clothing, lots of reflective balls were stuck to their bodies. These picked up the shapes and movements that are recorded by the computer.

Next, replicas of the tracks were traced onto the floor and our three intrepid actors were instructed to follow the trackways as if they were really there.

Ivan was a hunter and hunted his game, stopping to throw the spear.

Joan was a mother - or perhaps a grandmother - calling wayward children back to the safety of the group.

Maureen and Joan sat for a while, cooking yams and yarning. The whole feeling was a sense of being there - which will be displayed once the array of images are stitched together and digitised.

This program is a partnership between the AAG, Sharing Stories Foundation, Griffith University and the NSW NPWS and funded



via the Australian Heritage Grants 2019.

This brings together a 5 year partnership that initially commenced in an effort to record the trackway site with new 3D scanning technologies, and a story-telling program.

The story-telling program, led by Sharing Stories Foundation, facili-

tated primary school students to meet and interview elders. Once interviewed, the students would chose what stories to develop. Some outputs included animations, others podcasts. The final result will provide visitors to Mungo NP, with a digital guided tour of a range of sites from the perspective of Aboriginal children.







# Background to the Research Code of Practice

3TTG views on research on ancestral remains have remained consistent through time. No remains are to leave Mungo NP or the WLRWHA (1995 Elders Council)

- Burials may be 'recorded' prior to reburial (2003 Elders Council)
- Human remains not to be excavated and put on a shelf (2018 AAG)
- All remains are to be returned to the place that they were removed from (1995 Elders Council)
- No photography of burials until research protocol developed (2017 AAG)
- Tribal elders to be present at any time research is being carried out (1995 Elders Council)
- Off site/destructive analysis on skeletal elements that would not have hindered the person unduly if they had been lost during life (ie, toe, finger or tooth) (1995 Elders Council)
- There has never been a consistent approach or advice for research on Ancestral Remains (2008 AAG).

# *Research Code of Practice Overview*

Overview: the research protocols and agreement will be mandatory for all research within the Willandra Lakes Region.



The protocols are designed to assist any person wanting to carry out research in or associated with the Willandra Lakes Region. The document is presented in three parts. The Principles were modified from Ethical Research in Australian Indigenous Studies 2012, 2019. Each principle retains the integrity of the AIATSIS Principles, but has been modified to fit the purpose of the Willandra Lakes Region Aboriginal Advisory Group.

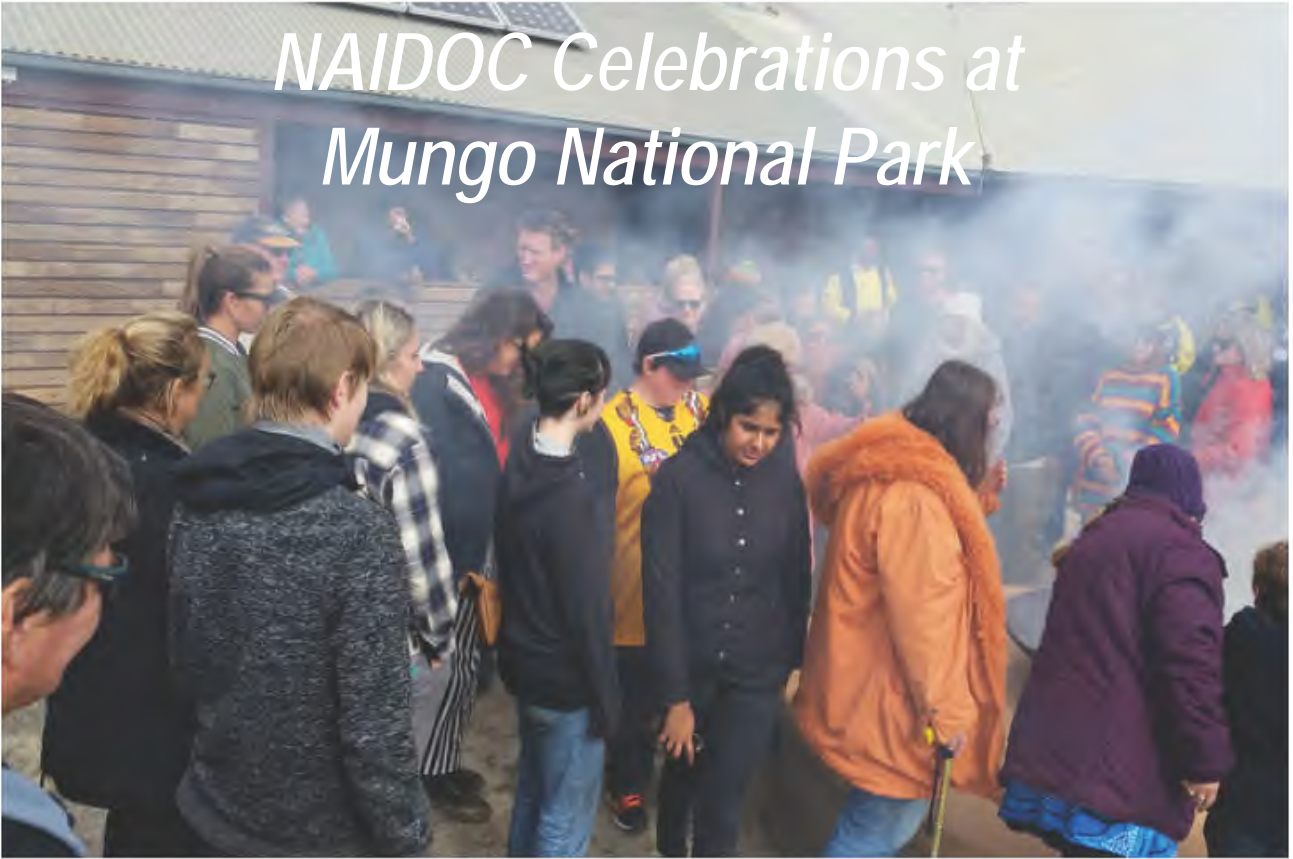
The Three Traditional Tribal Groups (3TTG) of the Willandra Lakes Region have inherent rights, including the right to self-determination. The principles in the research protocols for ethical research are founded on respect for these rights, including rights to full and fair participation in any processes, projects and activities that impact on them, and the right to control and maintain their culture and heritage. The principles are not only a matter of ethical research practice but of human rights.

It is essential that the 3TTG are full participants in research projects within the WLR. Institutions must share an understanding of the aims and methods of the research and share the results of this work. At every stage, research with and about the 3TTG or their ancestors must be founded on a process of meaningful engagement, partnership and reciprocity between the researcher and the 3TTG. It should also be recognised that there is no sharp distinction between researchers and Traditional Custodians. Traditional Custodians may also be researchers, and all participants must be regarded as equal partners in a research engagement.

No research will proceed without a signed agreement and adherence to all protocols.



# NAIDOC Celebrations at Mungo National Park



***Smoking ceremony at the Meeting place at the Visitors' Centre.  
Lower pictures of some of the activities for children.***



NAIDOC stands for National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee, which formed in the 1920's and sought to increase awareness in the wider community of the status and treatment of Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Australians as well as to acknowledge and articulate the rights of the Indigenous peoples in Australia. Each year, NAIDOC is celebrated at Mungo National Park on either the first or second Wednesday in July.

NAIDOC celebrations at Mungo are an opportunity to share cultural richness of Mungo with the local community. We facilitate the gathering by providing Courtesy buses from Mildura, Balranald and Ivanhoe.

People gather at the meeting place at the Visitor Center for a formal welcome and greetings, and smoking ceremony before being treated to johnny cake making, boomerang decorating, kangaroo skin necklace making, boomerang throwing and decorating bags.

This was followed by a sausage sizzle and then a guided trip to the Walls of China.

The feedback was fantastic and the atmosphere was one of fun and camaraderie.





## ***Rabbit Project in the World Heritage Area***

Western Local Land Services (WLLS) received funding from the National Landcare Program 2 (NLP2) earlier this year to do rabbit control works over the next 4 years on properties within the Willandra Lakes WH Region.

Rabbit warrens were mapped on properties using feral scan. Once complete World Heritage Team staff members Uey and Leanne were engaged to carry out surveys, with members of the community, of each warren for Aboriginal Cultural Heritage. This was undertaken in accordance with the 'Due Diligence Code of Practice' which provides guidance when carrying out activities that may harm Aboriginal objects. The rabbit warrens will then be destroyed or fumigated depending on the presence of Aboriginal Heritage.



## ***Leaghur Adaptive Reuse: Education, Teaching and Learning Facility***

In a combined AAG and World Heritage Advisory Committee excursion in April 2019, members visited the Leaghur Homestead to discuss its potential reuse as the operations hub for teaching and research. Early concepts have looked at incorporating wet and dry laboratories as well as accommodation.





## *Mungo Youth Project*

The Mungo Youth Project takes place every 2 years, weather permitting. The AAG has hosted 2 conferences, in April 2017, and In May 2019. The last two conferences have continued to grow, with the 2019 conference seeing 400 people including 240 school aged students from 35 schools across NSW and Victoria, descend on the Outer Arumpo Lunette to immerse themselves in the deep history of the Willandra Lakes Region. Over 3 days, students walked with Elders, scientists, teachers and NPWS personnel to gain a rare and fresh perspective on the deep longevity of Aboriginal Culture in this County. The Mungo Youth Project was a partnership between the organisers, MADEC, the Aboriginal Advisory Group, Landholders at Top Hut and Banoon Stations, CABA (Centre of Excellence for Australian Biodiversity and Heritage) and NSW NPWS. Numerous others, including staff and students of La Trobe University volunteered their time to give lessons and support the event.

Students and participants camped on site in a tent city. All got to experience a range of weather events from crystal clear night skies, a record breaking dust storm, rain, strong winds and cool nights.

The Elders, including members of the AAG, taught crafts and shared stories around a yarning circle creating an opportunity for the students to ask question and learn new perspectives of being Australian. The Mungo Youth Project enabled an appreciation of culture and a connectedness to country. Students also gave presentations of prior learning about Mungo.









# Trackway project

## MONITORING, PRESERVATION AND INTERPRETATION CONTINUES

The Willandra Fossil Trackway site is one of the little known gems of the Willandra Lakes Region, a 20,000 year old fossil human footprint site. There are 500 footprints across 27 tracks in an area the size of a tennis court, making it the largest site of its kind in the world.

First located in the early 2000's by a Mungo Natinoal Park Aboriginal Discovery Ranger, Mary Pappin Jnr, the site has since been interpreted to the public via Aboriginal Discovery Ranger Tours and a modest replica at the Mungo NP visitor centre.

fast-forward to 2015 and the newly appointed Aboriginal Advisory Group requested that options for new interpretation for the Fossil Trackway Site be investigated.

While investigating options, #D scanning, printing and digital story-telling floated to the top of the 'ideas barrel' and a partnership arose between Griffith University, the Sharing Stories Foundation, the Aboriginal Advisory Group and NSW NPWS.

This partnerhsip will continue with a series of workshops in 2020 & 2021 with the AAG and broader 3TTG community to finalise the retailling of this brilliant moment in the deep history of the the Willandra Lakes Region.



# List of Research Projects

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***Research projects that have been proposed to the AAG from 2015-2019.***  
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- 1     2015 Aaron Fogal: Willandra Lakes Geophysical Investigation and Test Excavation -Using near surface geophysics for identifying buried cultural features and how these instruments may inform long-term management of cultural resources. Griffith University
- 2     2016 Prof David Lambert: Griffith University aDNA laboratory  
Update on aDNA work from 2010 research  
WLH4 – able to map entire mt-DNA genome  
WLH4 – request a sample for C14 age determination [Status: Pending](#)  
Request sample of Mungo Man's tooth for a-DNA - [Status: Pending](#)
- 3     Art residency proposal: Natalie O'Connor  
Six artists; Susan Henderson, Sam Newstead, Barbara Nicholls, Natalie O'Connor, Sharron Olsen, Liz O'Reilly. [Status: Completed](#)
- 4     Kelsey Long: completing PhD student at ANU – reconstructing lake salinity from fish otoliths [Status: Completed](#)
- 5     Liz Foley: Student at LTU – last glacial maximum diet and technology, central Mungo lunette [Status: Ongoing](#)
- 6     2019 Katherine Crowder: current PhD student at LTU – reconstructing the vegetation/resource zones in the Willandra at the time of European settlement-[Status: Submitted](#)
- 7     Rebekah Kurpiel: completing PhD student at LTU – silcrete outcrops: their characteristics (texture, geo-chemistry. [Status: Completed](#)
- 8     2017: Dr Michelle Langley: bone point technology of Willandra. [Status: Ongoing](#)
- 9     Dr Nicola Stern's Students:  
2017 Lana Tranter: record the archaeological traces (stone tools, hearth) found around a soak to the south west of Lake Leaghur, Study on Wombat teeth, Silcrete Quarry, Pollen Core Study at Garnpang and Amino Acid Racemisation and DNA on animal bones. [Status: Awaiting report](#)  
2019 Renee Johnson: Plain Language Report. [Status: Completed](#)





- 10     2018 Dr Patrick Faulkner: Research Proposal on previously excavated middens previously excavated by Isabel McBryde [Status: Awaiting report](#)
  
- 11     Linda Baulch: University of Southern Qld - Paid and unpaid work Aboriginal people do to manage their country. [Status: Awaiting Report](#)
  
- 12     2017 Chris Little: Advanced 3D data capture and modelling techniques for preservation, analysis and presentation in areas of human experience. [Status: Ongoing](#)
  
- 13     2018 Geoff Simpson & Sandy Booth: Mallee Fowl Manuscripts. [Status: completed](#)
  
- 14     2018 Aaron Fogel: Griffith Uni - foot survey and geophysics at Outer Arumpo. [Status: Complete, awaiting report](#)
  
- 15     2018 Loukas Kounoulos: Uni of Sydney - Proposed Morphology study of Dingoes from Willandra Region – PhD Thesis. [Status: Awaiting report](#)
  
- 16     2019 Dr Nathan Jankowski: Lake Mungo Palaeoenvironmental Coring – a pilot study. [Status: Pending fieldwork](#)
  
- 17     2019 Dr Tiina Manne and Lauren Cunningham: “Quolls and Devils – their marks on bones”. [Status: Awaiting report](#)
  
- 18     2018 Research proposals from 4 Honours students at La Trobe University  
        Bandursky: A technological Study of Stone Artifacts from the Lower Mungo Unit. [Status: Completed](#)  
        Stephenson-Gordon: The inconspicuous Tool. [Status: Completed](#)  
        Geiberras [Status: Ongoing](#)  
        Biagi [Status: Withdrawn](#)

# Site Visits

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*Members of the AAG visit the site for many reasons including showing visitors, researchers, film crews and monitoring.*  
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# Terms of Reference

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***The AAG's Terms of Reference (TOR) is a document formulated from extensive consultation throughout many workshops. It is a document that is living, but also one that is agreed on by all members. The statements below summarise the 11 sections of the document.***  
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- 1 Responsibilities - The TOR describes the role of the AAG as an advisory Group who will help NSW NPWS teach visitors to the Mungo and the Willandra Lakes Region about Culture and Country.
- 2 Conduct - Agreed Ways of Working Together- This is about respect and opportunity for everyone to have a voice without fear of judgement or reprisals.
- 3 Membership - This states that only Aboriginal people who are affiliated with the Willandra Lakes Region are eligible for membership. This includes the Barkandji/Paakantyi, the Ngiyampaa and the Mutthi-Mutthi - known as the 3TTG.
- 4 Appointments - The elected representatives are officially appointed by the Executive Director of NSW National Parks. This section describes when Members are appointed and what happens if there is a vacancy. It also refers to appropriate conduct of the Members.
- 5 Roles and Responsibilities - This not only describes the role of the Chair, Observers and presenters but also describes conflicts of interest and media enquiries.
- 6 Operation - This refers to the operating principles of the meetings, such as what constitutes a quorum, meeting frequency, funding, sitting fees and Members representatives.
- 7 Decision making - Outlines the process of making decisions using a flow chart.
- 8 Process of Approval and/or Endorsement: This describes that people wishing to conduct business, be it art, science or other programs, must submit the proposal to the AAG prior to that proposal commencing.
- 9 Review of Terms of Reference - The TOR will be reviewed at the start of every AAG term or in the event of proposed changes in the structure of the membership of the AAG.
- 11 Governance - This describes the make up of the AAG, with membership from all 3TTG.





# ***AAG Members, 2019***



**Mick Kelly**

*Chair - Ngayampaa*



**Betty Pearce**

*Barkandji (Native Title  
Representative)*



**Barry Pearce**

*Mutthi Mutthi*



**Ivan Johnson**

*Barkandji*



**Daniel Kelly**

*Mutthi Mutthi*



**Joan Slade**

*Ngayampaa*



**Maureen Reyland**

*Mutthi Mutthi*



**Coral Ellis**

*Nggiampaa*



**Earnest Mitchell**

*Barkandji*



**Patsy Winch**

*Maureen Reyland's  
Representative*



**Warren Clark**

*Betty Pearce's Representative*



**Jason Kelly**

*Daniel Kelly's Representative*

