



NARRAWONG  
KANG-O-MEERTEEK  
SMALL TOWN TRANSFORMATION

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# APRIL UPDATE

April 2018



We have a rock! Lead Artist, Wal Saunders, has chosen a large piece of basalt at BAM Stone quarry. The stone will form the base of the sculpture on Mt Clay.

Weighing about 18 tonnes, the large boulder will form the solid base for the stainless steel 'leaves'. To give you some scale, there is a man with his hand on his hip standing on the right side of the photograph.

## Last month ...

- Completion of Milestone Report #4 for RAV
- Acceptance of Milestone Report #4 by RAV
- Stall at Lake Bolac Eel Festival. Some great conversations and connections. Good to see another small community working together to share the arts and Indigenous culture
- Stall at Portland Easter Fair
- Discussions with people about possibilities for a meeting place in Narrawong
- Visit from David and Evi, Community Arts Development Officers (CADOs) from Regional Arts Victoria
- Ordering consumables and equipment to start work on the sculpture
- Preparation of workshop space

## What's planned next?

- Fish and culture event
- More work with the community on developing a meeting place in town
- Reconciliation Week songs, soup and slice
- Winter walk and talk
- Community working bees at Mt Clay
- Whale event
- Community weaving workshop
- Community workshops to prepare for the launch
- Community choir for launch
- More activities with the kids at the school
- Mt Clay sculpture launch – early October 2018
- More planning, administration, contracts, OHS, permits, and permissions

## THE SCULPTURE ON THE MOUNTAIN

The sculpture has three 'leaves' that represent the smoke and fires that were lit for hundreds of generations by the Cart Gunditj to call the clans of the Dhauwurd Wurrung together to feast on whales that had been stranded on the shores of Portland Bay. Kang-O-Meerteek STT are working towards a response to the call – a meeting place in Narrawong. The sculpture is also a monument to the Cart Gunditj, the original custodians of Mt Clay, and recognition of their Whaler's Lookout. With the arrival of whalers and sealers in the 1820s, the Cart Gunditj struck a pact that saw them light their fire to signal to the newcomers that there were whales in the bay. Installing a monument at this significant cultural site establishes a powerful visual link with the township of Narrawong and surrounds, marking the region's Indigenous and non-Indigenous past, in the hope of a shared vision of the future.



### Clans of the Dhauwurd Wurrung

Art gundidj; Ballumin gundidj; Bate gundidj; Biteboren gundidj; Bokerer gundidj; Bome gundidj; Bonedol gundidj; Can can corro gundidj; Cambul gundidj; Cart gundidj; Cartcorang gundidj; Corry gundidj; Cupponenet gundidj; Dandeyallum; Direk gundidj; Gilgar gundidj; Kerup gundidj; Kilcarer gundidj; Koroit gundidj; Lay gundidj mallo; Mallun gundidj; Meen gundidj; Mendeet gundidj marayn; Moonwer gundidj; Moperer gundidj; Mordoneneet gundidj; Morro gundidj; Mum keelunk gundidj; Mumdorrong gundidj; Narcurrer gundidj; Nartitbeer gundidj; Net net yune gundidj; Nillan gundidj; Omebegare rege gundidj; Pallapnue gundidj; Peerracer; Ponungdeet gundidj; Pyipgil gundidj; Tarrerwung gundidj; Tarerer gundidj; Tarngonene wurrer gundidj; Teerar gundidj; Tolite gundidj; Tone gundidj; Ure gundidj; Wane gundidj; Wanedeet gundidj; Warerangur gundidj; Waywac gundidj; Weereweerip gundidj; Woortenwan; Worcarre gundidj; Worerome killink gundidj; Worn gundidj; Yallo gundidj; Yambeet gundidj; Yarrer gundidj; Yiyar gundidj; Yowen gundidj

From Clark, I. D. (1995). *Scars in the landscape*.

### THE MEETING PLACE

We've been listening, and there is a strong feeling that people want the meeting place to happen in Narrawong. There are some requirements for the meeting place:

- Completed by October within budget
- Include significant artwork and link to the sculpture on the mountain
- Community support
- On public land (but not the Recreation Reserve)

There are also some desirables for the meeting place:

- Kid-friendly and somewhere for people to sit outdoors
- Low maintenance
- Relate to nature and history of Narrawong

*We would like to hear from you about a Narrawong meeting place – please see the attached flyer or go to [www.surveymonkey.com/r/3KP765S](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/3KP765S) to give your input. Please respond by 3 May.*

If you would like to stay informed:

- Board at the Narrawong Post Office
- Sign up for updates on the website: [www.kangomeerteek.com.au](http://www.kangomeerteek.com.au)
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