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The Port Phillip Citizens for Reconciliation respectfully acknowledges the Yalukit Wilum clan of the Boon Wurrung Nation who are the Traditional Owners and custodians of the land.

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**November 2018**

## FROM THE CO-CHAIR

### Writing Competition Winners

It was such a pleasure to be part of PPCfR's 2018 Reconciliation Writing Competition awards presentation at the Avenue Bookstore, Albert Park, on 16 October, and to be able to congratulate all the finalists, their families, teachers and friends. The high quality of the entries made the judges' task a challenging one, and I thank Bryan Andy, Tony Birch and Clare Bradford, for their involvement. While entries came from around Melbourne, the greatest number came from St Mary's Primary, Albert Park Primary and Albert Park College, each of whom was represented on the night. (See the last page for details). Eighteen finalists were presented with a certificate, a cash prize and a complimentary copy of the booklet containing all the winning entries.

I'd like to thank everyone who helped make the competition possible. Martin Foley MP; Elder Judith 'Jacko' Jackson; the City of Port Phillip particularly Todd Condie and Jordan Sutardy; sponsors Graeme Wilson of Wilson Agents who donated the \$500 First Prize for adults; Geoff Cayzer, Cayzer Real Estate; Greg Hocking; Vivienne McCutcheon on behalf of the late Andrew McCutcheon and Helen Sykes on behalf of Future Leaders who donated the \$500 First Prize to Years 10-12 students; Benson Saulo and Dr Kate Reid who donated the \$500 First Prize to Years 7-9 students; Provincial Events; and the Avenue Bookstore's Chris Redfern, Scott MacNeil and their friendly staff.

This fantastic evening was the successful culmination of the hard work of my inspiring colleagues: Deb Stewart, Fiona Olney-Fraser, Gael Wilson, Sushena Krishnaswamy, Jo Bond, Janine Wilder and Vivienne McCutcheon.



### Our Annual General Meeting

Members and friends are invited to our AGM, **6.00 pm on Tuesday 20 November** at our normal meeting room. **(Please note change of venue)**. We will elect officer bearers - Co-Chairs, Treasurer, Secretary and Committee Members - then hear from special Guest Speaker Morris Stuart, choirmaster with the Central Australian Aboriginal Women's Choir, per the flyer attached. Free; refreshments provided; gold coin donation appreciated.

### Meetings

*Coming Together: Reflecting on Reconciliation and Celebrating Culture* was the theme of ANTaR Victoria and RecVic's joint Annual General Meeting held on 27 October. Election results and other news next month.

### BlakWiz

Jason Tamiru and the BlakWiz team ran a fun trivia night to celebrate RecStonnington's 20th anniversary on 11 October. Congratulations to the winning team and also to PPCfR's very own 'Deadly' team - Gael, Brigid, Sushena, Janine, Helen, Fiona and myself - who came a close second!

### Mayor Emeritus Award

Congratulations to City of Port Phillip Mayor Cr Bernadene Voss. She received the Municipal Association of Victoria's Mayor Emeritus award for exemplary service.

### Rosemary Rule

#### Next Meeting: Annual General Meeting

**Guest Speaker: Morris Stuart**

**6.00pm, Tuesday 20 November** (Note time change)  
South Melbourne Town Hall Community Hub, Fishley St.

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(Left) 2018 Reconciliation Writing Competition sponsor Graeme Wilson presents First Prize for adult entrants to Jeanine Arthur including his invitation to attend the auction of The Block's Gatwick project.

## TREATY NEWS

A Victorian Treaty Politics and State Candidates Reconciliation Forum for the Kew and Hawthorn electorates is being held on **Thursday 15 November**, 7:00-9:30 pm, Rooms 3 & 4 (upstairs) Hawthorn Library, 584 Glenferrie Rd, Hawthorn. Featured speakers include Brigid Knight-Braniff, Co-chair ANTaR Victoria (Australians for Native Title and Reconciliation), on developments in the Victorian Treaty process and the politics of Treaty and Reconciliation. A video of Jill Gallagher, Victorian Treaty Advancement Commissioner, speaking on the Victorian Treaty legislation and progress toward Treaty will be screened, along with responses from Kew and Hawthorn state election candidates, some awaiting confirmation. RSVP: <https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=436306&>, or search on [trybooking.com](http://trybooking.com) using terms Treaty Reconciliation Kew Hawthorn candidates.

In other news, Victoria's Minister for Aboriginal Affairs Natalie Hutchins has announced a Treaty Engagement Grant of almost \$94,000 for the Wurundjeri Land Council through the Treaty Community Engagement Program. The grant will be used to develop a deeper understanding of what Treaty might mean for the Wurundjeri community given their inner-city location and the large number of non-Wurundjeri Indigenous people living on Wurundjeri country. Research will also be conducted into how urban Indigenous populations in overseas jurisdictions have negotiated Treaty rights. The Treaty Community Engagement Program supports Traditional Owners' groups and other organisations and businesses to engage with Victorian Aboriginal communities, as well as non-Aboriginal Victorians, on Treaty. The Program will also help ensure the Treaty process continues to be guided by Aboriginal voices and prepare the Aboriginal community for the establishment of the Aboriginal Representative Body and eventual Treaty negotiations.

The Treaty Advancement Commission has released a proposed model for the Aboriginal Representative Body which will represent the voice of Aboriginal Victorians in the next stage of the Treaty process. This was presented at the recent Treaty Statewide Gathering. It includes: 17 elected seats and 11 seats reserved for formally - recognised Traditional Owner groups, a dedicated voice for Elders to share their knowledge and ensure cultural integrity, and six voting regions to ensure each part of Victoria is represented. Only Traditional Owners may be on the Body. All Aboriginal people aged 16 and over living in Victoria are eligible to vote (in the region where they live). Voting can be in person, via post and online. A gender quota is in place to ensure a minimum level of female or non-male-identifying representatives. For updates on developments visit [www.victreatyadvancement.org.au](http://www.victreatyadvancement.org.au)

## ABORIGINAL LANGUAGES REVIVAL

Endangered Aboriginal languages are being given a new life in Victoria following the increase in offerings of language classes in schools last year. Tina Sahin, the

Wurreker programs officer at the Victoria Aboriginal Education Association Incorporated (VAEAI), which was partly responsible for promoting Indigenous languages in Victoria, said that it is important to teach these languages, but Traditional Owners must always be at the forefront. *'It's that connection to family, to your own country, and your own people and your own culture. It is your cultural identity,'* she said. *'It should be taught to all learners, [but] it should be in collaboration with an Aboriginal person, a Traditional Owner, speaking and teaching those languages.'* Prior to colonisation, over 250 Aboriginal languages and additional language varieties were spoken widely. Today, roughly three quarters of these have already been lost.

According to 2017 statistics from the Department of Education and Training, there is a renewed focus on incorporating Aboriginal culture and languages into school curriculums, with the number of students studying Aboriginal languages growing from 172 in 2012 to 1,534 students in 2017. A majority of this growth has been seen in primary schools, accounting for 1,373 of these students, with 161 students in secondary education. Currently, only two schools offer Victorian Indigenous Languages: Revival and Reclamation (a VCE subject available since 1994), with 2017 seeing a graduating class of seven people. Developed through a partnership between the VAEAI, Victoria Aboriginal Corporation for Languages (VACL), Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA) and Department of Education and Training, the program is focused on protecting, reviving and strengthening traditional Aboriginal languages.

## RECONCILIATION AUSTRALIA

Read RA's Reconciliation News for informative articles on governance, treaty, interviews and much more: [www.reconciliation.org.au](http://www.reconciliation.org.au) and visit RecVic for updates on local initiatives, campaigns and events: [www.reconciliationvic.org.au](http://www.reconciliationvic.org.au)

## INTRODUCING KIR RIP PARK

Kirrip Park was officially opened on 20 October by Martin Foley, Member for Albert Park and Cr Bernadene Voss, Mayor, City of Port Phillip, with a Welcome to Country from N'arweet Carolyn Briggs performed under cover due to the wet weather, followed, when the rain subsided, by a smoking ceremony in the park. 'Kirrip' means 'friend' or 'mate' in the Boon Wurrung language and was proposed by the Traditional Owner group, the Boon Wurrung Foundation. *'Our partnership with the City of Port Phillip and the City of Melbourne has been at the heart of delivering a better future for Fisherman's Bend and the neighbouring communities,'* Martin Foley said in his speech. The beautifully-designed park is located in the Ferrars Street Education and Community Precinct opposite South Melbourne Primary School in Fisherman's Bend.



At Kirrip Park opening: Councillors Dick Gross, Andrew Bond, Bernadene Voss with Traditional Owner N'arweet Carolyn Briggs and Meredith Sussex, Chair, Fisherman's Bend Ministerial Advisory Committee.

### GALIAMBLE EXHIBITION

Galiamble Yarrudhang (Galiamble Dreaming) Art Exhibition will be held on **Wednesday 7 November**, 6.30-8.00 pm, St Kilda Baptist Church, 9 Pakington Street, St Kilda. Artworks for sale at reasonable prices with all proceeds going to the artists. Enquiries: Judi, 0409 866 107.

### NAMATJIRA SETTLEMENT

The Namatjira Family recently reached a settlement with the Northern Territory Government in a gesture that acknowledges decades of injustice and lost income. The settlement took place in August, and we can proudly say that all distributions have now been made! Arnold Bloch Leibler continues to provide pro bono services and Big hART's many years of campaigning has led to this and to the NT Government for this tangible act of Reconciliation. The background story was covered by NITV. Efforts continue towards gaining perpetual copyright via the Namatjira Legacy Trust, [www.namatjiratrust.org](http://www.namatjiratrust.org)

### NEW BOOK

*The Tom Wills Picture Book* is illustrated with contemporary photographs about an enigmatic man, Tom Wills (1835-80). He grew up outside Ararat playing with Aboriginal children, captained the Australian Native XI cricket team at the MCC, went to Rugby School in the UK, spoke Aboriginal languages, committed suicide at 44 and is buried in an unmarked grave. Respected newspaper columnist and writer Martin Flanagan has written this small book, published by Tom Thomson, ETT Imprint, \$24.95.

### MABU MABU DELI OPENS

Mabu Mabu has opened in the South Melbourne Market under chef Nornie Bero. Mabu Mabu means 'help yourself'. This Torres Strait Islander-owned and run business has an emphasis on using fresh, seasonal and native ingredients. Mabu Mabu acknowledges the many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities

who have been gathering, growing, harvesting and using Indigenous ingredients for over 60,000 years on the lands now known as Australia, in particular, their chef's cultural heritage, the Komet Tribe of the Meriam People of Mer Island in the Torres Strait.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2018 RECONCILIATION WRITING COMPETITION WINNERS

### PRIMARY STUDENTS YEARS PREP-2

First Prize: ***Everyone Should Learn More*** by Alix Ruegg, Elwood Primary; Second Prize: ***Stories of this Land*** by Darby Ruegg, Elwood Primary; Third Prize: ***The Stolen Generation*** by Max Rankin, St Kilda Primary.

### YEARS 3-4

First Prize: ***Ngargee Tree*** by Tomek Burton, St Michaels; Second Prize: ***Reconciliation*** by Manon Muir, Spotswood Primary; Third Prize: ***Mungo Man*** by Alex Gurvich, Lloyd Street Primary.

### YEARS 5-6

First Prize: ***Freedom Ride*** by Marlina Eales-Grziwotz, St Kilda Primary; Second Prize: *My Possum Skin* (poem) by Max Michaca, Albert Park Primary; Third Prize: ***I am Maya*** by Stella Varney, St Mary's Primary.

### SECONDARY STUDENTS

#### YEARS 7-9

First Prize - donated by Benson Saulo and Dr Kate O'Brien - ***The House of White*** by Daisy Phillips, Albert Park College; Second Prize: ***Belong Wugubank*** by Tealia Holmes, Woodleigh School; Third Prize: ***A Shadow of Existence*** by Alyssa Seckinger-Crow, Albert Park College.

#### YEARS 10-12

First Prize - The Andrew McCutcheon Prize, donated by Helen Sykes from Future Leaders and presented by Vivienne McCutcheon - ***Keep A Flame Burning*** by Bella Tolhurst, Albert Park College; Second Prize: ***The Young Boy and His Spear*** by Laure Petrie, Albert Park College; Third Prize: ***Reconciliation*** by Christina Burke Broderick, Albert Park College.

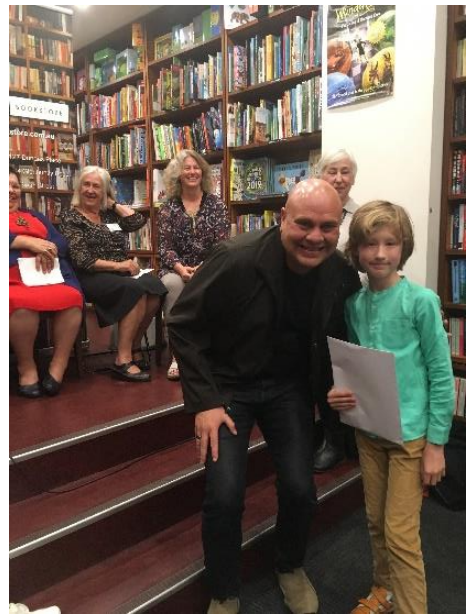
### OUTSTANDING SCHOOLS CONTRIBUTION AWARDS

Presented by Gael Wilson to: St Mary's School, Albert Park Primary and Albert Park College.

### ADULT PRIZE WINNERS

First Prize - donated by Graeme Wilson, Wilson Agents - ***A Piece of Her-Story*** by Jeanine Arthur; Second Prize: ***Advance Australia*** by Peta Heywood; Third Prize: ***View from a Peak-Hour Train: Burnley Corroboree Tree*** by Jude Power.





(Above left to right) Boon Wurrung Elder Fay Muir (her Granddaughter Manon Muir from Spotswood Primary won Second Prize in the Years 3-4 category), Elder Judith Jackson, PPCfR Co-Chair Rosemary Rule and COPP's Jordan Sutardy; Vivienne McCutcheon giving a speech in honour of her late husband Andrew McCutcheon. An award in his name was presented to Bella Tolhurst, the First Prize winner of the Years 10-12 category, on behalf of Future Leaders; Judith Jackson, Gael Wilson, Fiona Olney-Fraser and Judge Clare Bradford look on as Todd Condie presents First Prize in the Years 3-4 category to Tomek Burton from St Michaels.



(Above) Benson Saulo and Dr Kate Reid who donated First Prize for Years 7-9, pictured with Rosemary Rule. (Below left to right) Siblings Alix and Darby Ruegg from Elwood Primary who both won prizes in the Years Prep-2 category; Albert Park Primary Teacher Andrea Eales with her student Max Michaca who won Second Prize in the Years 5-6 category; Laure Petrie from Albert Park College who won Second Prize in the Years 10-12 category. (Right) Third Prize winner in the Years 3-4 category Alex Gurvich from Lloyd Street Primary accepts an award from Todd Condie; (Far right) First Prize winner in the Years 5-6 category Marlena Eales-Grziwotz from St Kilda Primary with her family.





**PPCFR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – TUESDAY 20 NOVEMBER, 6.00 PM**  
**Guest Speaker – Morris Stuart**

**Please join us for our AGM in November, followed by an enchanting evening with special guest speaker Morris Stuart, Choirmaster of the Central Australian Aboriginal Women's Choir.**

Morris met his Australian wife Barbara in London in the 1960s and the couple challenged many stereotypes and biases in their mixed-race courtship and subsequent marriage. The couple settled in Melbourne to raise their family. In 2005, Barbara suggested a trip to Central Australia to paint the desert landscapes and, after arriving in Alice Springs, Morris soon found himself singing with Aboriginal women from many communities across Central Australia.



The amalgamation of these choirs, the Central Australian Aboriginal Women's Choir, are renowned for continuing the tradition of singing 19<sup>th</sup> century hymns brought to Central Australia by Lutheran missionaries in the 19<sup>th</sup> century, but with one important exception – they are sung in the women's' local languages. Last year they took these hymns back to Germany on a tour that was widely acclaimed.

In Morris's own words: *'What matters is the human connection. I didn't go to Central Australia with a program to fix anything. The most valuable thing in my experience is making friends, and I count it a privilege to have those women and all the people I connect with in Central Australia as my friends.'*

We welcome you to join us to share in Morris's story and his incredible journey, following our AGM.

**When:** Tuesday 20 November 2018, 6.00 pm

**Where:** South Melbourne Community Hub, Town Hall, Fishley Street, South Melbourne

**(Please note time change from our usual meetings)**

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**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**AGENDA**

1. Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners and introduction
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of previous AGM held 21/11/17 (copies available at meeting)
4. Chair's Report - Rosemary Rule
5. Treasurer's Report - Fiona Olney-Fraser
6. Election of Executive Committee.  
Four officers to be elected: two Chairpersons (or Chair and Co-Chair), Treasurer and Secretary as well as two additional members. Each officer is eligible for re-election and is required to hold office until 2019.
7. Other Business (for which there must be at least seven days' notice in writing)
8. Guest Speaker: Morris Stuart
9. Close

**Refreshments served afterwards.**



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**PROXY VOTE**

**PPCFR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
To be held at 6.00pm on Tuesday 20 November 2018**

**A Member may appoint another person to be a proxy to vote on their behalf.  
The proxy must be in writing, signed by the Member.**

I,.....  
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hereby appoint .....  
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**Or failing which, the Chair, as my proxy, to vote on my behalf at the Annual General Meeting of the Association to be held on 20 November and at any adjournment.**

**Signed:** .....

**Dated:**.....

**Unless otherwise indicated, a proxy holder may vote as he or she thinks fit. The proxy form must be sent to the Association or given to the Chair of the meeting at or before commencement.**

