

Unveiling of Memorial Plaques

at Warrandyte (Pound Bend) Aboriginal Reserve on

Saturday 23rd March: 1.30pm (south) & 2.30pm (north)

As part of the 2013 Warrandyte Festival, two bronze commemorative plaques on rocks will be ceremonially unveiled by Wurundjeri Tribe Council Elders. The plaques will mark two eastern boundaries of the former Warrandyte Aboriginal Reserve on the north and south sides of the Yarra.

A COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP PROJECT

This project was initiated by Nillumbik Reconciliation Group in close association with Reconciliation Manningham and the Wurundjeri Tribe Council, as a means of commemorating the last great corroboree of the Kulin Nation which was held at Pound Bend in March 1852. The Warrandyte Festival is hosting the event.

Traditional performance and games were played as part of the two week long festivities, and it effectively drew the curtain on traditional tribal life in Victoria. It was a purposeful symbolic act by the charismatic Headman of the Wurundjeri, Simon Wonga, which then allowed him to pursue his vision of establishing a viable economic base for his people in the new world that confronted them. Wonga, and his equally charismatic cousin William Barak, were finally able to achieve this vision in 1863 by securing a grant of land at Coranderrk in Healesville.

1:30pm UNVEILING CEREMONY — South plaque

Following the opening ceremony of the Warrandyte Festival, which will be at midday on Saturday 23rd March, the first plaque unveiling will be on the south side of the Yarra. The unveiling of that plaque by Wurundjeri Elder Uncle Bill Nicholson will occur at 1.30pm at the Taroon Avenue/Everard Drive car park entrance to Stiggants Reserve. This is in fact also the site of the 'Potato Patch Incident' where the settler James Anderson unsuccessfully confronted Jaga-Jaga and his men in 1840.

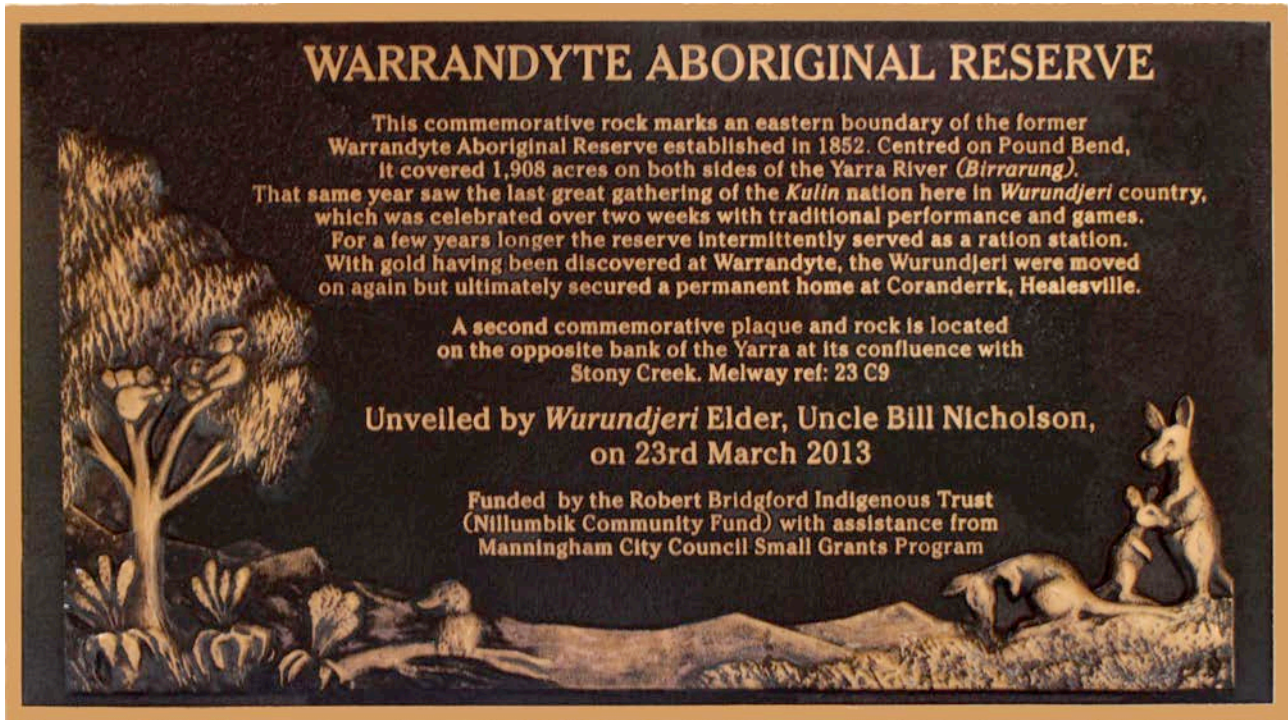
2:30pm UNVEILING CEREMONY — North plaque

The second unveiling on the North Warrandyte side of the river will then follow at 2.30pm, and will be conducted by Wurundjeri Elder Aunty Di Kerr. Two buses will be available for Elders and other key participants to travel between the unveilings; it would be appreciated if other participants could car-share as parking is limited.

Cross the Warrandyte Bridge and turn left onto the Warrandyte-Research Road. At the Stony Creek dip three kilometres later, turn left onto 'The Boulevard'. It is a narrow dirt road. Follow it along the gully until you reach the Stony Creek confluence with the Yarra, where there is a car park next to the unveiling site.

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South side plaque



North side plaque

