



INDIGENOUS
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
FRAMEWORK



BACKGROUND

Surfing Victoria's Indigenous Surfing Program

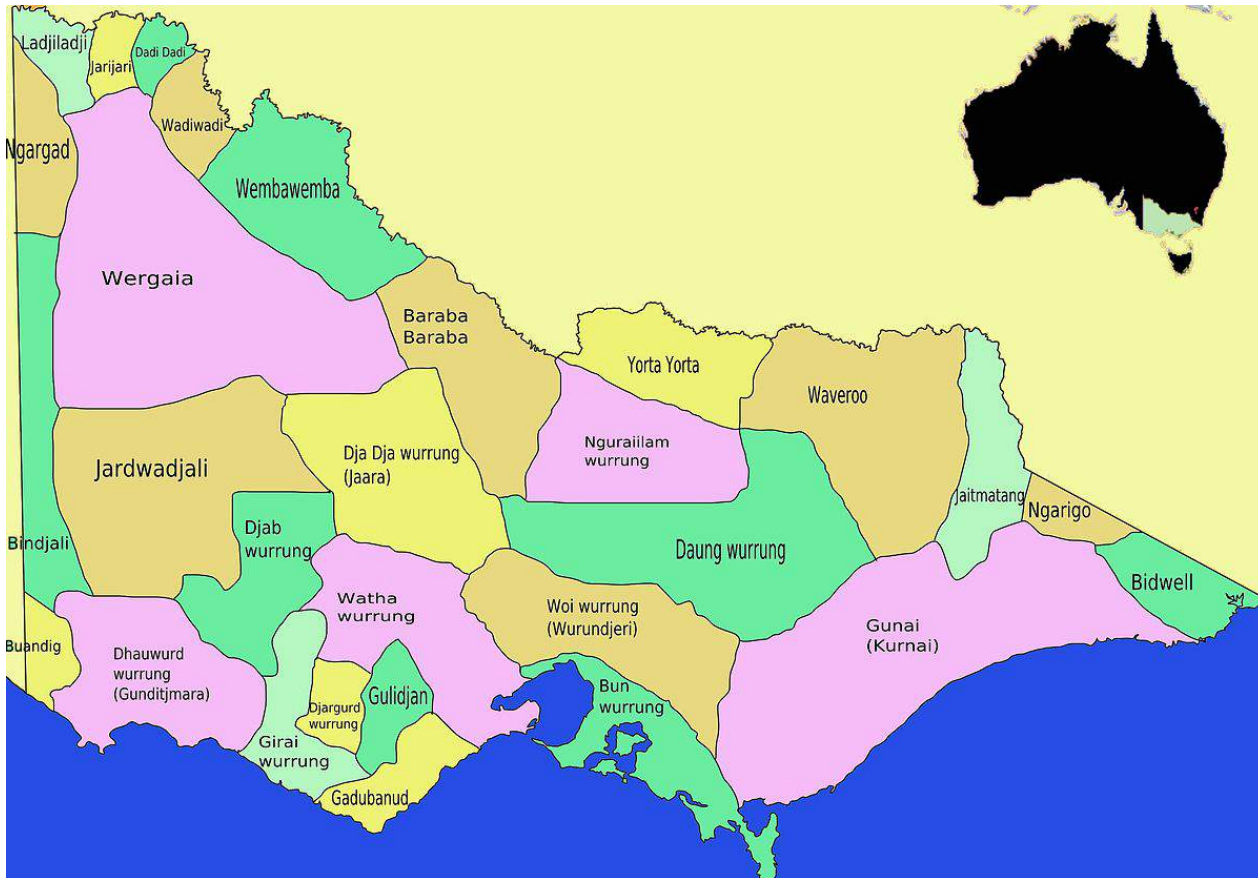
For more than 2 decades Surfing Victoria has been delivering the Indigenous Surfing Program, utilising the sport of surfing and stand up paddleboarding as a vehicle to engage communities across Victoria; and improve health and well being. Through this program, thousands of Indigenous people from across the state, take part in programs that contribute to deeper cultural connections within and between communities and places; improved health and wellbeing; water safety knowledge and employment pathways.

This framework aims to give an overview of traditional acknowledgement and ceremonies that Surfing Victoria incorporate in various areas of our business. This framework stands as a guide for being the most appropriate level of acknowledgment or ceremony at each level of Surfing Victoria's events and program calendar.





VICTORIAN INDIGENOUS TRIBE MAP



Surfing Victoria hold events in 3 key regions – Surf Coast, Mornington Peninsula and Phillip Island. With specialty events taking place at URBNSURF Melbourne.

Programs extend to Warrnambool and Portland in the far west, Lakes Entrance and Mallacoota in the far east, with inland programs at Ballarat and Shepparton.

Affiliated Surf Schools and Boardriders Clubs cover the Victorian coastline, from Portland to Mallacoota.



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Surfing Victoria's Events

Surf Coast – 'I would like to begin by acknowledging the Wadawurrung people, Traditional Custodians of the land on which we gather today, and pay my respects to their Elders past and present. I extend that respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples here today.'

Phillip Island – 'I would like to begin by acknowledging the Bunurong people, Traditional Custodians of the land on which we gather today, and pay my respects to their Elders past and present. I extend that respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples here today.'

Mornington Peninsula – 'I would like to begin by acknowledging the Bunurong people, Traditional Custodians of the land on which we gather today, and pay my respects to their Elders past and present. I extend that respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples here today.'

Melbourne (Bunurong Land) – 'I would like to begin by acknowledging the Bunurong people, Traditional Custodians of the land on which we gather today, and pay my respects to their Elders past and present. I extend that respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples here today.'

Melbourne (Wurrundjeri Land) – 'I would like to begin by acknowledging the Wurrundjeri people, Traditional Custodians of the land on which we gather today, and pay my respects to their Elders past and present. I extend that respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples here today.'





CEREMONY COSTS

TRADITIONAL LAND OWNER	CEREMONY TYPE	COST (EX GST)
Wudawurung - Surf Coast	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Welcome to Country- Welcome to Country & Smoking Ceremony- Didgeridoo Performance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- \$300 (\$450 out of standard business hours)- \$400 (\$550 out of standard business hours)- \$150 (\$200 out of standard business hours)
Bunurong - Phillip Island - Mornington Peninsula - Melbourne	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Welcome to Country/Didgeredoo Performance- Smoking/Cleansing Ceremony	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- \$750- \$TBC
Wurrundjeri - URBNSURF Melbourne	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Welcome to Country- Smoking/Cleansing Ceremony- Welcome to Country & Smoking Ceremony- Didgeridoo Performance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- \$600- \$600- \$940- \$460



EVENT MATRIX

RATING	EVENT	CEREMONY TYPE	PAID FOR BY:
Professional	Rip Curl Pro Bells Beach Phillip Island Pro QS 1000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Welcome to Country - Presentation Ceremony - Welcome to Country - Acknowledgement of Country (daily) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Surf Coast Shire - World Surf League - Surfing Victoria - N/A
National	Australian Indigenous Surfing Titles Australian Titles hosted in Victoria – Australian SUP Titles / Australian Junior Surfing Titles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Welcome to Country - Smoking Ceremony - Mixing of the Waters Ceremony - Presentation Ceremony - Acknowledgement of Country (daily) - Welcome to Country - Acknowledgement of Country (daily) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In Kind - In Kind - In Kind - N/A - Surfing Australia - N/A
Specialty	Woorangalook Victorian Koori Titles Melbourne Pool Party – URBNSURF Rip Curl GromSearch – URBNSURF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Welcome to Country - Smoking Ceremony - Mixing of the Waters Ceremony - Welcome to Country - Welcome to Country - Smoking Ceremony 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In Kind - In Kind - In Kind - Surfing Victoria - Rip Curl - Rip Curl
Contracted	Surfing Australia Events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Woolworth Surfer Groms - Australian Boardriders Battle VIC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Acknowledgement of Country (daily) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - N/A
State Rounds	Victorian Titles <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Shortboard (Juniors/Open/Masters) - Longboard (Juniors/Open Masters) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Acknowledgement of Country (daily) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - N/A



MATRIX CONT.

EVENT	CEREMONY TYPE	COST
Surfing Victoria Board Meetings	- Acknowledgement of Country	- N/A
Education Courses	- Acknowledgement of Country	- N/A
Surf & Stand Up Paddleboard Programs	- Acknowledgement of Country (when appropriate)	- N/A
Functions	- Acknowledgement of Country	- N/A

'I would like to begin by acknowledging the [INSERT NAME}, Traditional Custodians of the land on which we gather today, and pay my respects to their Elders past and present. I extend that respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples here today.'





RIP CURL PRO BELLS BEACH

Indigenous Involvement

Rip Curl Pro Welcome – Surf Coast Shire welcome the event to Bells Beach with a Welcome to Country prior to day 1 of competition.

Trials Wildcard – The Victorian Indigenous Open Men’s Champion receives a wildcard into the Rip Curl Pro Trials, and thus a pathway to compete in the World Championship Tour event.

Acknowledgement of Country – Conducted over the webcast and beach commentary daily at the beginning of competition.

Presentation Ceremony – The winners of the event are painted in traditional ocre, Male and Female local traditional dancer groups kick off the presentation.

Cultural Significance – Bells Beach is a site of cultural significance, site manager of the event work closely with Traditional owners to ensure that all structures position do not impact on cultural sites. Structures have also been used to protect and restrict access to the public.

The ‘Bell’ - In 2010, Men’s Champ and arguably the best surfer in history, Kelly Slater, donated his ‘Bell’ to the Wathaurong community in a show of respect for the Indigenous community. The Bell is proudly on display at Surf World Museum in Torquay.





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