HEYWOOD COMMUNITY

INDIGENOUS WAR MEMORIAL MURAL

Initiated by:

LEADERSHIP Great South Coast

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WHAT IS THE INDIGENOUS WAR MEMORIAL MURAL?

For many years the Heywood community and Indigenous elders have spoken of the achievement and sacrifice made by the Gunditjmara servicemen and women and how they could honour their heroic efforts. Their vision can now be brought to life through the application of a large-scale mural on the locally recognised Heywood Water Tower. The mural will proudly acknowledge the commitment of our Gunditjmara servicemen and woman, while serving as a conversation piece that unites our community. This Leadership Great South Coast 2020 community project initiative is expected to be completed by March 2021.

CONFIRMED SUPPORT AND BENEFITS

With the proud support from Leadership Great South Coast, Gunditj Mirring Traditional Owners Corporation, Wannon Water and the Glenelg Shire, the project located at the gateway to the Budj Bim World Heritage listed Landscape creates the opportunity to extend a growing Great South Coast Arts Trail and Silo Art Trail.
The project is expected to positively impact tourism within the region and support the development of Indigenous artists through involvement in the mural.

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

The Leadership Great South Coast 2020 project team will undertake community consultation with individuals, families, businesses and organisations in Heywood and the surrounding areas. Community involvement in this process is strongly encouraged and input from any interested parties will be greatly appreciated and positively received.

PROJECT AIMS

It is hoped that this project will contribute positive steps toward reconciliation between Indigenous and non-Indigenous members of our community. The project aims include:

- **Truth telling and education** by supporting a national conversation around recognition of Indigenous servicemen and women, honouring their service and achievements
- **Community empowerment** by providing a place for the community to honour, celebrate and heal together
- **Acknowledgement** through the recognition of the many Gunditjmara servicemen and women who have made significant contributions and sacrifice for their country.

UNIFYING OUR COMMUNITY BY HONOURING ALL OUR INDIGENOUS SERVICEMEN AND WOMEN THROUGH THE APPLICATION OF A LARGE-SCALE MURAL.

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GUNDITJMARA SERVICEMEN AND WOMAN IN THE COMMUNITY

The sacrifice and bravery exhibited by Heywood's Indigenous servicemen and women is recognised within the armed forces, in their proud community and across the world with many of Gunditjmara men and woman serving our nation since the first World War. Amongst those, are four Lovett brothers who served Australia in both the first and second World Wars and returned home alive. In total 21 Lovett family members have served in the Australian Defence Force since the First World War. The four brothers have now come to symbolise the commitment and determination of our Gunditjmara servicemen and women.

Images (from left to right): Leadership Great South Coast 2017 Community Project Our Story – Warrnambool West Water Tower; Heywood War Memorial; Heywood Water Tower 2020; Leadership Great South Coast 2015 Community Project Ngatanwarr Mural – Merri St Warrnambool.

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GLENELG SHIRE

This project aligns with The Glenelg Shire Council Plan 2017-2021, Great South Coast Regional Priorities Roadmap, The Master Plan for the Great Ocean Road Tourism Strategy, and the Glenelg Aboriginal Partnership Plan 2019-2020.

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