



# Country Plan

of the Wotjobaluk, Jaadwa, Jadawadjali,  
Wergaia and Jupagalk peoples

Barengi Gadjin Land Council invites all Wotjobaluk, Jaadwa, Jadawadjali, Wergaia and Jupagalk peoples to join us in developing a country plan for our nations.

## What is a country plan?

A Country Plan says what we want for our future. What's important to us? How can we work together to achieve our goals? How do we get the message through to people we want to work with?

## How will we do it?

Last year we held family meetings to think about what we want for the future. Those ideas went into a draft strategic plan to government as part of the Settlement discussions. Now it's time to get together in Dimboola, Horsham, Ballarat and Melbourne to yarn about what we want in the final plan. After that we'll check that the plan says what we want it to, in the right way.

## Why are we doing one?

Lots of ideas came out of the family re-engagement project. The Country Plan will continue the yarning process. It will:

- help us get better outcomes from the re-negotiation of our 2005 agreements
- help BGLC understand what our community wants
- allow us to have more say in government policies and plans
- help us build good relationships with other people who work on our country

## Dates for regional forums:

**Melbourne**, Sunday 2 April at 2pm

Minajalku Centre, 8 Rossmoyne St, Thornbury

**Dimboola**, Monday 10 April at 10am Dimboola

Rowing Club, 50 Horseshoe Bend Rd, Dimboola  
(to be confirmed) - Lunch provided

**Horsham**, Monday 10 April at 5pm

Horsham RSL, 36 McLachlan St, Horsham

- Dinner provided

**RSVP or any questions, please**

**call Kat at BGLC on 5381 0977**



# *What can I expect from the regional forums?*

*The purpose of the regional forums is to:*

- talk about the country plan and why it is an important thing for our community to do
- test your ideas and aspirations from the draft Strategic Framework
- gather additional detail on goals, priorities and indicators
- identify specific parks and reserves for joint management and determine Traditional Owner management objectives for these areas
- define targets, threats, indicators and management actions

You will be in control of the meeting - you can decide what information you want to share with us.

**This is your plan** - it will paint a picture of what the Wotjobaluk, Jaadwa, Jadawadjali, Wergaia and Jupagalk peoples want for the future.

## *who is coming to the meeting...?*

BGLC has engaged Native Title Services Victoria (NTSV) to undertake the Country Planning project, with extra funding provided by the Australian Government and the Wimmera Catchment Management Authority.

NTSV has engaged consultants, Ross Colliver and Moragh Mackay, who have experience in facilitation, strategic planning and natural resource management. Ross and Moragh will facilitate the discussion at the regional forums and help turn your ideas and aspirations into a plan for the future.