

UPDATE

Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council

Wednesday 16 March 2011

RECENT DECISIONS OF THE VICTORIAN ABORIGINAL HERITAGE COUNCIL ON APPLICATIONS TO BECOME A REGISTERED ABORIGINAL PARTY

1. FURTHER APPOINTMENT OF GUNAIKURNAI LAND AND WATERS ABORIGINAL CORPORATION

The Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council (**Council**) has appointed the Gunaikurnai Land and Waters Aboriginal Corporation (GLaWAC) as a registered Aboriginal party (RAP) over a further part of their application.

The decision follows on from the successful native title determination and recognition and settlement agreement of 22 October 2010.

The additional area starts around Allambee, follows the Tarwin River West Branch south until around Hallston, then east to around Mirboo North and continues south, including the towns of Milford and Dollar, to around the town of Bonnie Brae.

From 10 March 2011, GLaWAC has cultural heritage responsibilities under the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006* over this additional area.

A map will be published shortly that will show the entire area for which GLaWAC is a RAP.

Date of decision: 10 March 2011.

2. DECISION TO DECLINE REGISTERED ABORIGINAL PARTY APPLICATION FROM DHUDHUROA WAYWURRU NATIONS ABORIGINAL CORPORATION

The Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council has decided not to register Dhudhuroa Waywurru Nations Aboriginal Corporation (**DWNAC**) as a registered Aboriginal party (RAP).

DWNAC applied for a significant area in the north east, the application area includes:

- North Eastern Victoria from Murray River / NSW border including Yarrawonga, Wodonga, Corryong;
- South to Omeo, Dinner Plain and just north of Mansfield;
- West to Benalla, including the towns of Myrtleford, Benalla, Wangaratta, Mitta Mitta.

Council considered the information provided to it about the traditional and familial links of the members of DWNAC to the area covered by the application. Council requested the applicant provide further material which supported the claimed traditional and familial links. Council decided on the material provided it could not register the applicant as a RAP.

Date of decision: 11 March 2011

3. DECISION TO DECLINE REGISTERED ABORIGINAL PARTY APPLICATION FROM YAITMATHANG INDIGENOUS LANDS INCORPORATED

The Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council has decided not to register Yaitmathang Indigenous Lands Incorporated (YILI) as a registered Aboriginal party (RAP).

YILI has applied for a significant area in the north east. The area is described as:

- the western boundary abutting the King River and the Taungurung nation to the west
- the northern boundary abuts Ovens River to the north and south east to Mount Buffalo and on to Porepunkah, Bright, Germantown and Towonga South
- the southern boundary abuts the Great Dividing Range, travelling easterly to Mt Phipps
- also included are the Broken Rivers, east of Violet Town.

Council considered the information provided to it about the traditional and familial links of the members of YILI to the area covered by the application. Council requested the applicant provide further material which supported the claimed traditional and familial links. Council decided on the material provided it could not register the applicant as a RAP.

Date of decision: 11 March 2011

Records of the Council's decisions will be published on the Council's website. Visit www.dpcd.vic.gov.au/indigenous/ and follow the link "Find a Registered Aboriginal Party".