

**Celebrating  
70 Years  
Catholic Walking  
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of Victoria**



# Acknowledgement of Country

**We all live on Aboriginal Country.**

**Our walks are on Aboriginal Country.**

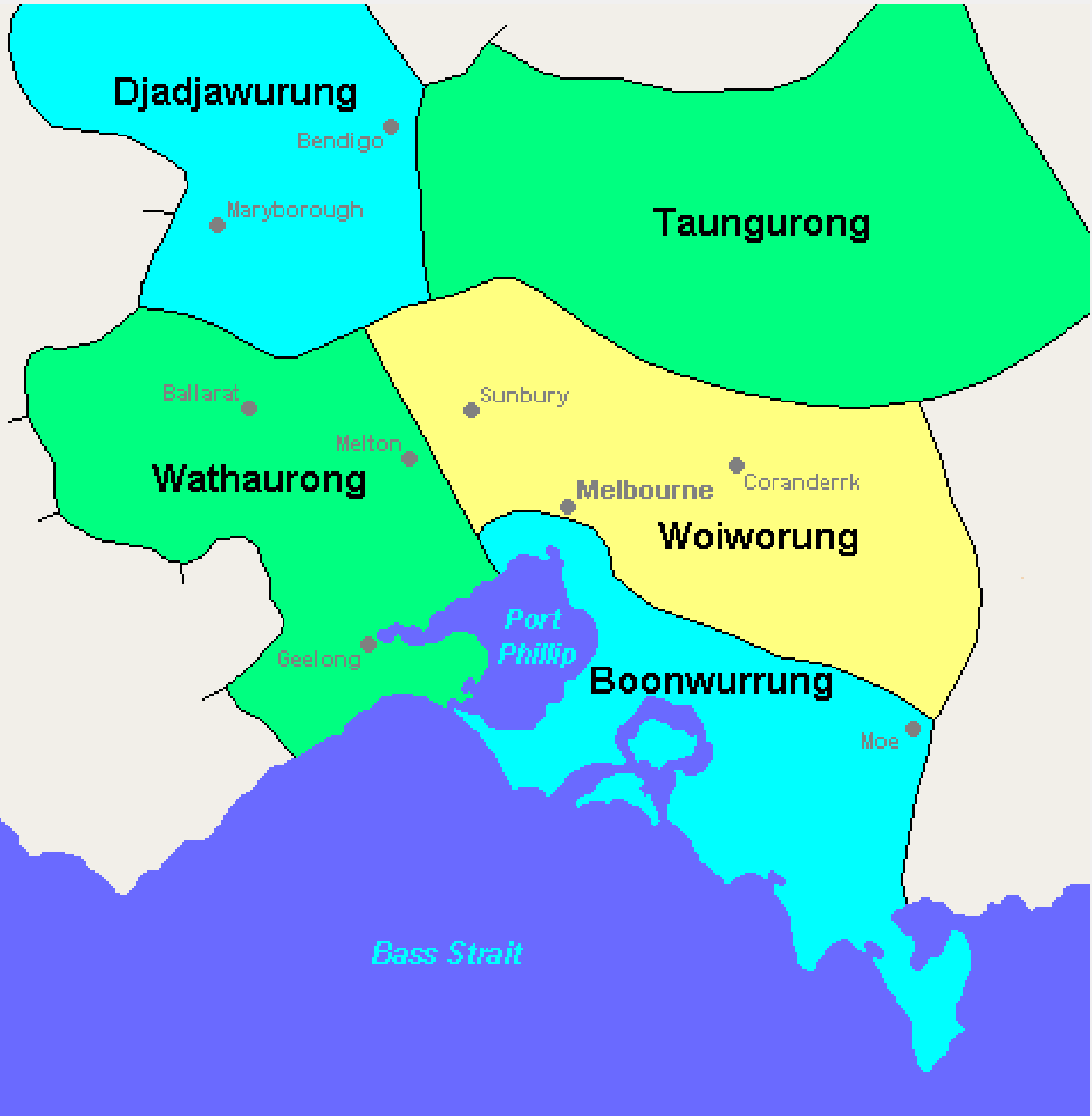
**The land was forcibly taken from the First Peoples.**

**“It was never ceded.”**

**As a nation, Australia has never addressed these wrongs of history.**

**The practice of acknowledging the Aboriginal land we find ourselves on is a reminder that this remains unfinished business.**

**Whose Aboriginal Country are we on?**



The area around Port Philip and north of the greater Melbourne area is the Country of the Kulin Nation.

5 language groups constitute the Kulin Nation:

- Boonwurrung (Boon-wur-rung)
- Dja Dja Wurrung (Jar-Jar-Wur-rung)
- Taungurung (Tung-ger-rung)
- Wathaurung (Wath-er-rung)
- Woiwurrung (Woy-wur-rung), commonly known as Wurundjeri.

**Let us acknowledge the original peoples of the Country we are on:**

**pay our respect to them,**

**and to their elders, past and present and emerging**

**and support them in their aspirations of:**

- **A Voice in Parliament on matters pertaining to their people and culture**
- **A process of Truth-Telling – the truth of the impact of colonization on them,  
the stories of suffering, discrimination and massacres  
and also good news stories**
- **And a Makarrata (Treaty Making) Commission,  
recognizing their sovereignty of Country,  
which they see as co-existing with the sovereignty of the Crown.  
– the Uluru Statement from the Heart**

**And finally**

- – and perhaps most importantly for the wellbeing of the Earth and all its living beings –**

**Let us open ourselves to  
the ancient wisdom of our First Nations:  
learning to live in harmony with the land,  
recognising that:**

**Country is our Mother.**

**We come from the land.**

**We depend on the land.**

**The land has deep wisdom for us  
which enables it and us to flourish.**

**To know me  
is to breathe with me,  
to breathe with me  
is to listen deeply,  
to listen deeply is to connect.**

**Listen for the sound of deep calling to deep:  
Dadirri  
the deep inner spring inside us.  
We call on it and it calls on us.**

**We cannot hurry the river.  
We watch for our bush foods to ripen,  
and wait for our children to grow.**



**The time for rebirth is now.**

**I believe that the spirit of Dadirri**

**we have to offer**

**will blossom and grow,**

**not just within ourselves,**

**but in our whole nation.**

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# Remembering 70 Years of Venturing

What are your most  
treasured memories of  
Club events?

What have you learnt  
about yourself in your  
participation in Club  
activities?

What have you learnt  
from your fellow  
walkers and the spirit  
of the CWCV?



**What places have claimed an enduring place in your heart? Why?**



**We pause  
to give thanks**

**To one another**

**And especially  
to God who  
accompanies us  
in every step  
along the way**

**To Earth, for her  
beauty, her  
abundance, for all we  
constantly receive  
from her**

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