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## THE TIME HAS COME

Dear Yoorrook Justice Commission,

This submission gives the historical background to the establishment of the Tunnerminnerwait and Maulboyheenner monument at the corner of Victoria St and Franklin St, Melbourne, in 2016 – please find attached *TMCC - T&M information booklet.pdf*.

The main component of this submission is a 24 minute video presentation by Dr. Joseph Toscano outlining the case for a 'National Aboriginal and Islander Freedom Fighters Day' to be held on the 20<sup>th</sup> January. The video can be viewed via the following link:

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1RXsUS6H9n7ekYy01GMNveiiIM\\_DnImN9/view?usp=share\\_link](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1RXsUS6H9n7ekYy01GMNveiiIM_DnImN9/view?usp=share_link)

In the video I also make the case for a ground penetrating radar examination to be carried out at what is currently the site of the Queen Victoria Market (QVM).

The Information Centre at the northern side at the eastern end of the QVM, just in front of the dividing wall that separates the old from the new market. Over a period of a decade all our efforts for this examination to be carried out, despite having the full support of the Boonwurrung Land and Sea Council, have been in vain. Please find attached correspondence sent to Melbourne City Councillor, Rohan Leppert in 2022 re: ground penetration examination (*Rohan Leppert - Request.pdf*).

If our information is correct, the six bodies of the men publicly executed in Melbourne, 1842, will be located at this spot. Three Aboriginal men, Tunnerminnerwait, Maulboyheenner and Figara Alkepurata (from the Port Fairy region) as well as three bushrangers – Ellis (England), Jepps (USA) and Fogarty (Ireland) – are buried there.

If the Aboriginal men's bodies are located, every effort should be made by the Victorian government to have them returned to their people and their country. Efforts should also be made to contact any descendants of the bushrangers executed so their bodies can be laid to rest.

Dr. Joseph Toscano / Convenor Tunnerminnerwait and Maulboyheenner Commemoration Committee  
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<b>AIMS:</b>	To hold a yearly commemoration on the 20 <sup>th</sup> January at the site the execution took place - (Cnr Bowen & Franklin Sts, Melbourne), To acknowledge the injustice of what happened in January 1842, To highlight the unfinished business that still exists between indigenous and non-indigenous Australians, To work towards the establishment of a significant public monument to publicly acknowledge what happened on that fateful day.
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