

Submission to Yoorrook Justice Commission**From: David McKenna****Dated: 1 August 2024****Submission:**

A few years ago I discovered that massacres of indigenous Victorians the Gurnai Kurnai people occurred in Gippsland in the 1840s. The main instigator and organiser of the massacres was a local pastoralist Angus McMillan. I vaguely knew of massacres that had occurred in the Northern Territory but I was completely unaware of them occurring in my own State.

I then learned that a local Councillor in the Wellington Shire Council proposed a motion in 2020 to remove monuments to McMillan. The motion was defeated.

The gross injustices inflicted on the Gurnai Kurnai people continue to this day when the injustices are still celebrated by the erection of monuments to the main perpetrator. These monuments must be removed in their entirety.

I applaud the work of the Justice Commission and wish it well.

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