

## Meeting Notes regarding Get Up Out West Members, Jenni Mitchell, Rosa McKenna , Alice McInnes and myself, meeting with Janet Dawes and Tanya Blackwell from Hobson Bay Council

Thursday August 5<sup>th</sup> Council Offices

### Topics Covered

- 1) The Registered Aboriginal Party (RAP) for Hobson Bay Council **now** Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation. Previously the Council dealt with the Boonwurrung Land and Sea Council (Aboriginal Corporation) Formerly Known As Yaluk-Ut Weelam Elders, Boon Wurrung Foundation Ltd and Yalukit Marnang, all associated with Carolyn Briggs and her family.

The Hobson Bay Council CEO and Mayor, have written seeking a meeting with the CEO of Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation (Dan Turnbull) to begin establishing a new partnership with registered Traditional Owners.

The Message Tree Project was conducted with the previous Aboriginal partners.

It is planned that the new Message Tree (*Allocasuarina verticulata*) will be planted between April and June next year.

- 2) We looked at a map and concept drawings for the proposed locations and form of the new Message Tree and the node or gathering place with interpretive panels and other signage that will accompany the New Message Tree



The final consensus of the group was:

- a) to have the new Message Tree, *Allocasuarina Verticulata* planted in Location 2 along with text in the pavement and a possible sign similar to those used in the Bay Trail, and a decorative circular tree ring, possibly also with text.  
It was discussed that out of respect for the First Nations node/ zone / precinct, the present Bus Parking Zone be shifted and the area made into a NO PARKING Zone, to allow a view of the Message Tree and contemplation from the other side of the road, where the Interpretive panels will be.
- b) to have the Interpretive panels and seating placed in Location 1 on the Nelson Place/ Thompson Street Corner. It is hoped these panels will not be too high. That the seating will be more circular and organic and of wood rather than Bluestone.
- 3) The Get Up Out west group were asked to look at the text for the Interpretive panels and get back to Council with our preferences.

Tanya will liaise with her co workers in Council and have a revised concept plan to present for discussion in the end of September October. Hopefully by then members of council would have met with representatives of Council's new registered Aboriginal partners, Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation.

Thank you to Janet and Tanya for their hospitality and preparation and to all for a productive meeting.

**Next Meeting of sub group** to select text

**Venue:** Saint Joseph's by the Sea 16 Esplanade Williamstown

Friday August 13<sup>th</sup> at 10.30 am or Thursday August 19<sup>th</sup> @ 10.30

Let me know which of these suits?