

**Aboriginal Heritage**

The Chap Wurrung people are known to have inhabited the area surrounding Dunkeld and Mount Sturgeon prior to the arrival of the first Europeans. Historical records indicate that there have been people living here for over 20,000 years. While none of the tribe's people remain today, they were observed by explorers and the observations recorded. Written records indicate that the Chap Wurrung once enjoyed a rich and steady supply of food from the land in the area. They hunted and they gathered food, painted pictures, danced together, and enjoyed sharing dreamtime stories whilst sitting around camp fires.