Budj Bim
World Heritage Symposium

Tuesday 16 Wednesday 17 & Thursday 18 June 2009

Gunditjmara Country
Southwest Victoria, Australia
Acknowledgements

The Lake Condah Sustainable Development Project Leadership Group acknowledges the support of the Department of Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts for the Budj Bim World Heritage Symposium.

The Leadership Group also extends its appreciation to individuals and organisations that continue to contribute their time, effort and expertise to the Lake Condah Sustainable Development Project.
Introduction


The nomination of the Budj Bim NHL for World Heritage Listing is priority of the Lake Condah Sustainable Development Project (LCSDP). The LCSDP was established in 2002 as an initiative of the Winda Mara Aboriginal Corporation to sustainably develop the Mt Eccles lava flow landscape and wetlands into a major national heritage park.

The work of the LCSDP has achieved the declaration of the Budj Bim NHL by the Commonwealth Government in 2004; and prepared Lake Condah for its imminent restoration in 2009.

Nominating the Budj Bim NHL for World Heritage Listing by UNESCO is an exciting proposal for the far southwest of Victoria. The community continues to demonstrate its support for the Budj Bim landscape and the LCSDP through their personal and professional capacities.

Local governments, educational institutions, regional media and industry all champion the vision for the Budj Bim landscape with their far reaching advocacy and their on-the-ground commitment.

We have now reached an important time where we prepare ourselves for the long and challenging path towards nominating the Budj Bim NHL for World Heritage Listing. A vital tool to make this happen is the Budj Bim World Heritage Symposium.

The Budj Bim World Heritage Symposium will bring together the stories, knowledge and science of the landscape to enhance the support of the Victorian and Commonwealth Governments and for the consideration of UNESCO through the World Heritage List assessment process.

The story will be even more valuable for the far southwest communities to know our outstanding Budj Bim landscape and to benefit our future in the world.

Please join us.

Denis Rose    John Osborne
LCSDP Co-Chair   LCSDP Co-Chair

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**Symposium Highlights**

- Community aspirations and support for World Heritage nomination.
- Scientific presentations on the Budj Bim NHL.
- Government processes and protocols for the Australian Tentative List, World Heritage Listing and place management.
- Perspectives on ICOMOS, UNESCO and World Heritage place assessment and management.
- Onsite Budj Bim Field Study Program.
- Community BBQ and Conference Dinner.
- Coverage by National Geographic Magazine.

**Venue**

Reception and Committee Room  
Glenelg Shire Offices  
Cliff Street, Portland VIC Australia

**Hospitality**

Catered lunches, morning and afternoon refreshments will be provided to participants on Tuesday 16 and Thursday 18 June 2009.

Community BBQ dinner and light entertainment on Tuesday 16 June 2009.

Participants will be required to provide their own provisions during the Budj Bim Field Survey Trips on Wednesday 17 June 2009.

Symposium dinner on Wednesday 17 June 2009 at a premier Portland restaurant.
Symposium Committees

The following committees will ensure the symposium’s community, cultural and academic processes are assured and well communicated:

Organizing Committee:

- Cr. Karen Stevens.
- Damein Bell.
- Sarah Rose.
- Thomas Day.
- Jason Walker.

Academic Committee:

- Dr Peter Kershaw.
- Professor Wendy Brabham.
- Dr Chris Gippel.

Gunditjimara Committee:

- Ken Saunders.
- Daryl Rose.
- Denise Lovett.
- Eileen Alberts.
- John Lovett.
- Sandra Onus.

Recording & Report Committee:

- Dr Joy Elly.
- Dr Sue Jackson.
- Caroline Bayliss.
Paper & Presentation Requirements for Presenters

The proceedings of the symposium will be published by the LCSDP.

Presenters are allocated 20 – 25 minutes with an additional 5 minutes for questions.

Presenters should prepare their presentations with a diverse audience in mind.

Powerpoint facilities will be available.

Papers should be submitted within 1 week of the symposium to the Recording and Report Committee for inclusion a set of proceedings.

Papers should follow the Harvard Reference system.

In preparing scientific presentations, particular consideration should be given to:

- Uniqueness of the Budj Bim values compared to other similar World Heritage Places.
- Aligning Budj Bim heritage values to the World Heritage criteria.
- Consideration of Lake Condah water body as a constructed system.
- Consideration of the traditional aquaculture systems and stone dwelling sites as an entire complex within the Budj Bim landscape.
**Program of Presentations - Tuesday 16 June 2009**

8.00am | **Arrive at Glenelg Shire Council, Reception Room, Cliff Street, Portland.**
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8.00am | Welcome & Community Aspirations | LC SDP & Gunditjmara
8.30am | ICOMOS & UNESCO Processes Pt 1 – Overview | Timothy Hubbard & Bernie Joyce with William Logan
9.00am | Commonwealth Government Overview of World Heritage and Australian Tentative List protocols and procedures. | Dept of Environment Water Heritage and the Arts
9.30am | Victorian Government Overview of World Heritage and Australian Tentative List protocols and procedures. | Heritage Victoria with Aboriginal Affairs Victoria
10.00am | Budj Bim Archeological Overview Pt 1 | Heather Builth

10.30am | **Morning Break**
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11.00am | Budj Bim Archeological Overview Pt 2 | Ian McNiven
11.30am | 19th Century Overview of Lake Condah Map. | Thomas Richards
12 noon | Budj Bim Natural Values Overview Pt 1 - Botanical Survey Report. | Geoff Carr
12.30 pm | Budj Bim Natural Values Overview Pt 2 - Palaeoecological History. | Peter Kershaw

1.00pm | **Lunch**
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1.30pm | Kooyang (eel) Biology & Habitat | Lachlan McKinnon
2.00pm | Budj Bim Hydrology: History & Future Conditions | Chris Gippel
2.30pm | European Dry Stone Work @ Budj Bim | Timothy Hubbard
3.00pm | Community Record Keeping & Information Systems | Shannan Faulkhead

3.30pm | **Afternoon Break**
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4.00pm | Lake Condah Restoration & Conservation Management Plan | Andrew Govanstone
4.30pm | Budj Bim Field Study Locations & Requirements for Wednesday | Organizing Committee
5.00pm | Symposium Report Requirements | Academic Committee
5.30pm | Review of the Day | Recording & Report Committee

6.00pm | **End of day one.**
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Please note that day two, Wednesday 17 June 2009, will be on country along the Budj Bim National Heritage Landscape.
## Program of Presentations - Thursday 18 June 2009

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<td>12.30pm</td>
<td>ICOMOS &amp; UNESCO Processes Pt 2 - Initial assessments of Budj Bim in line with ICOMOS &amp; UNESCO World Heritage Criteria</td>
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Please note the program may be adjusted if a lower number of Field Study reports is required.

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3.00 / 3.30pm  End of program & farewell
Travel

Air Travel

Sharp Airlines [www.sharpairlines.com](http://www.sharpairlines.com) provides the following services during weekdays:

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One way fares are normally $279 and early bookings are essential.

Train / Bus Travel

Vline provides a train service from Southern Cross to Warrnambool and then a bus service to Portland at the following times:

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Vehicle Hire

Hertz offers a service from Portland Airport.
Thrifty offers a service in Portland.

Accommodation

The main venue for the symposium is the Glenelg Shire Reception Room, located at the Glenelg Shire Council Offices in Cliff Street, Portland.

Accommodation within 5 minutes walking distance is located along Bentinck Street and Gawler Street.

Accommodation within 10 - 15 minutes walking distance is located along Percy Street and Julia Street.

Please search on-line for your accommodation preferences.

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