



WINE GUILD VICTORIA INCORPORATED

ONE DAY COACH TOUR – MARCH 2021 SURF COAST DISTRICT



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NARANA ABORIGINAL CULTURAL CENTRE



Narana Aboriginal Centre is an education and tourism focused destination for people from all community backgrounds.

It offers authentic cultural experiences and is a great introduction to today's Indigenous Culture. Visitors can learn about Australian Aboriginal Culture, Connection to Country, Dreaming Stories and spirituality.

You can even learn how to throw a boomerang!

Despite its suburban location Narana has a distinct bush like feel with native trees, wooden walkways and resident wildlife.

Scattered throughout the property are wonderful examples of Aboriginal rock art.

Aboriginal rock paintings used artistic designs and symbols to tell important cultural stories and messages. They could also act as a traditional type of map.

For example, a painting of a fish indicated a river filled with fish was nearby – a possible source of food and water.



The word “Narana”, means to deeply listen and understand, in which you take in and give out. It is this concept of listening and understanding which underpins Narana’s mission to be a destination for cultural education and tourism activities.

Aboriginal Culture History

Aboriginal cultural heritage is one of peace with the land, the animals and the sea.

It's considered the oldest recorded living culture in the world, with artefacts in Northern Australia dating back an amazing 120,000 years.

There are over 750 different Aboriginal countries in Australia, with each country having its own beliefs, systems and way of living.

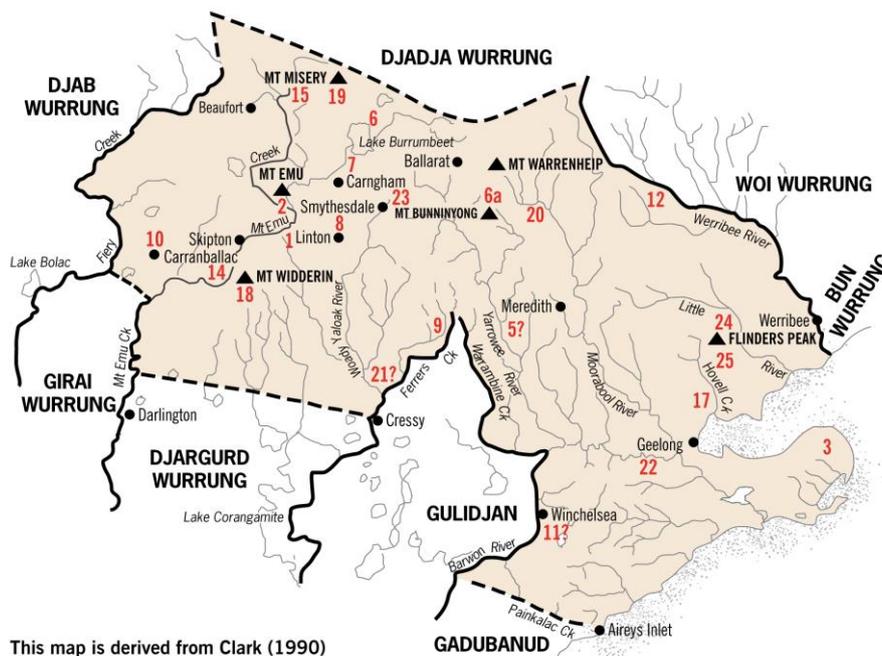
Each country can have up to 15 different tribes or family groups.

And contrary to popular belief Aboriginal people were not nomads. They stayed within the borders of their own country living off what the land provided.

The name Wathaurong (Wadda-Warrung) is a recognised tribe that forms part of the Kulin Nation of Aboriginal people.

For more than 25,000 years the Wathaurong people have lived within the traditional boundaries of the Werribee River, Lorne and inland towards Ballarat.

Within these boundaries, there were 25 different tribes each with a tribe headman called an Arweet.



Good To Know:

- The word "Aboriginies" is derogatory. The preferred term is "Aboriginal People" or "First Nations People".
- Women hunted too – some Aboriginal countries were tiny with only a few older men and young boys.
- Not all Aboriginal people have dark skin. What makes an Aboriginal person is their heart, knowledge and spirit.
- It's estimated there are up to 5,000 native food species that were used by Aboriginal people.

Please note photography is prohibited in the Narana Aboriginal Gallery.

BELLBRAE *Estate*

First Taste of the Great Ocean Road

Bellbrae Estate Winery was established in 1999 on a beautiful section of rolling hills, five minutes from world famous Bells Beach, in the Surf Coast region of Victoria.

Originally planted to grapes around 150 years ago by Swiss settlers, at one stage the area from Bellbrae to Geelong and beyond was one of Australia's largest wine growing regions. For most of the 20th century, however, the land had reverted to grazing but the wonderful climate and the enticing north facing slopes led us to plant the first vineyards here for over 100 years – better late than never!

The wines produced all have strong varietal character with excellent flavour intensity. Their flagship Bellbrae Estate wines are the pinnacle of their releases. Made only in the better years, they exhibit the best of their vineyards, plus high levels of care and commitment in the winery. Quality French oak and traditional winemaking techniques add to the excellence of this range. They are wonderfully drinkable now but are all made to benefit from further cellaring.

The Longboard range of wines is a true expression of the region with it's exuberant flavours and the wines are a great match for local produce. Made more to drink now, they are all bursting with freshness and taste, perfect for the relaxed lifestyle loved here on the Surf Coast.

The logo and names given to the Bellbrae Estate Wines, and the image on the Longboard range highlight the extraordinary coastline, the incredible surf breaks and the iconic local surfers of the region.



WAURN PONDS HOTEL

The town was named after the Waurn chain of ponds, a watercourse that flows from Mount Moriac over 30 km into the Barwon River.

'Waurn' means "place of many houses" in reference to Aboriginal stone houses in the Wathaurong language.

Two early hotels - the Victoria Inn (1845–60) and the Waurn Ponds Inn (1856) were located on the Princes Highway serving travellers on the road. The Albert and Victoria vineyards, owned by David Pettavel, began growing grapes in 1848 and the area was better known as Pettavel in the 1860s. The Pettavel Post Office opened on 12 January 1865 and remained open until 1952. The Waurn Ponds Post Office opened on 1 December 1871 and closed in 1968.

The Waurn Ponds Hotel - a welcome break on your journey to the Great Ocean Road, The Otways or the Western District, is the ideal place to stop, freshen up, stock up or just relax. It's just ten kilometres from Geelong city centre and has been serving the local community since the 1970's.

Enjoy a friendly relaxed atmosphere, quality meals and service with excellent value.

The Ponds is the perfect all-round venue, catering to all ages with something for everyone.

Facilities include great new space with fabulous and vibrant atmosphere, new function and conference facilities. An outdoor beer garden, alfresco dining and plenty of parking all further enhance the enjoyment of your visit.



MT DUNEED ESTATE

David Pettavel

Mr David Pettavel, born in Boudry, Switzerland, emigrated to Australia in 1842 aboard the barque Platina. Upon landing at Port Philip, Pettavel continued directly to the hills of Geelong to plant the region's first vineyard. These vineyards and the wine produced from them were such a success that Pettavel immediately began plans for further vineyard development throughout the rolling hills of Geelong. The shortage of skilled labour became a major constraint to Pettavel's expansion, so a recruiting trip was planned to his homeland. Pettavel returned to Switzerland and sailed back to Australia aboard the ship the Evening Star in 1856 after convincing family and friends to follow him to Australia to assist in the expansion of vineyards and wine production in Geelong.

The rapid expansion and development of the wine industry in Geelong halted abruptly in the late 1870s with the passing of Mr David Pettavel and other driving pioneers and the arrival of phylloxera and its associated devastation on the vineyards. The nearby gold rush also proved a temptation too great for many vignerons, and labour shortages prevented vineyards from being replanted.



David Pettavel

In 1987, Geelong Winery Estate, trading as Pettavel Vineyard, was re-established. The wine brand Pettavel was named in 2002 to commemorate Mr David Pettavel.

Mount Duneed Estate has gone through a few name changes, and has an interesting history. Once known as the Pettavel Winery and Restaurant, then The Hill Winery, Mount Duneed Estate is set on a hilltop, overlooking acres of lush grapevines, Chardonnay, Shiraz, Cabernet, Sauvignon, Pinot Noir, Riesling and Merlot.

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