

Mount Alexander Shire Council Reconciliation Plan 2020-2023

Dja Dja Wurrung Recognition and Settlement Agreement actions.

Council is responsible for delivering eleven actions under the *Dja Dja Wurrung Recognition and Settlement Agreement 2013, Schedule 6- Actions for local Government*. In order to provide a holistic and streamlined Reconciliation Plan, the eleven required actions under the Dja Dja Wurrung Recognition and Settlement Agreement (RSA) have been embedded into actions and deliverables included in this plan.

This table outlines the eleven actions under the Dja Dja Wurrung RSA and the correlating actions or deliverables in the Reconciliation Plan;

Reference	Dja Dja Wurrung RSA Actions	Reference	Mount Alexander Shire Reconciliation Plan
Action A	Local government compliance with relevant legislation and agreements in relation to public and private land management, including the Land Use Activity Agreement and the <i>Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006</i> (including through training of local government personnel)	2.3.1	Comply with legislation and agreements in relation to public and private land management including the Land Use Activity Agreement and the <i>Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006</i>
Action B	Educating local government in relation to the role of the Corporation as the Registered Aboriginal Party under the <i>Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006</i> for the Agreement Area and building partnerships for the maintenance and protection of significant sites	2.3.3	Support the ongoing management and protection of cultural heritage sites, and undertake Cultural Heritage Management Plans as required with the relevant Registered Aboriginal Party.
Action C	Engagement by local government with the Corporation in relation to the management of parks and reserves for which relevant councils are the land manager	2.4.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Engage with DDWCAC in relation to the management of Council managed parks and reserves and explore opportunities to align with the goals identified in <i>Dhelkunya Dja-</i> the DDWCAC Country Plan. - Engage the DDWCAC to perform natural resources management where appropriate.
Action D	Development of a Reconciliation Action Plan with the assistance of Reconciliation Australia	1.2.3	Develop a framework for the Reconciliation Plan that provides a structure for implementation, reporting, monitor and review of the plan.
Action E	Contracting by local government of the Corporation and/or its subsidiaries to perform natural resources management	2.4.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Engage with DDWCAC in relation to the management of Council managed parks and reserves and explore opportunities

	or other work for which the Corporation and/or its subsidiaries have relevant expertise		to align with the goals identified in <i>Dhelkunya Dja</i> - the DDWCAC Country Plan. - Engage the DDWCAC to perform natural resources management where appropriate.
Action F	Flying the Aboriginal flag	2.2.2	Explore opportunities to increase the number of Aboriginal flags on permanent display in the Mount Alexander Shire.
Action G	Acknowledging the Dja Dja Wurrung as traditional custodians of relevant areas in official documents and websites and seeking welcomes to country for council events (by adoption of the Protocol on Acknowledgements and Welcomes to Country contained in the Recognition and Settlement Agreement)	1.3.2	Develop, implement and communicate a cultural protocol process for Welcomes to Country and Acknowledgements of Country, including a wallet size resource for Acknowledgement of Country.
Action H	Adoption of traditional Dja Dja Wurrung names for new local roads, bridges and public spaces in relevant council areas in consultation with the Corporation	2.3.4	Explore opportunities for naming new sites, and dual naming significant sites within the Mount Alexander Shire to include traditional language place names.
Action I	Installation of appropriate signage and interpretive information to recognise Dja Dja Wurrung as the traditional owners for the Agreement Area	2.2 2.2.1 2.2.3 2.2.4 2.2.5	Celebrate culture Recognise our Traditional Custodians, celebrate their culture and ensure our stories of place are captured. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to support the development of shire entry signage and explore opportunities for funding to implement this initiative. • Support the development and installation of a local Indigenous mud map for Victory Park • Support the development and publication of a local Indigenous History booklet • Continue to work in partnership with local Traditional Owners and the Sharing Stories foundation to scope, secure funding and install a Welcome To Country installation in the Market Building
Action J	Support for the development of cultural awareness strategies and projects (such as local history research, language preservation)	2.2 2.2.1	Celebrate culture Recognise our Traditional Custodians, celebrate their culture and ensure our stories of place are captured. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to support the development of shire entry signage and explore opportunities for funding to implement this initiative.

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Action K	Encourage the use of the strategic planning tools available within the planning system to protect places of significant Aboriginal cultural heritage	2.3.3	Support the ongoing management and protection of cultural heritage sites, and undertake Cultural Heritage Management Plans as required with the relevant Registered Aboriginal Party.
		3.1.3	Develop protocols between Council and our partners that encourage and enable early engagement, and the possible co-design of place-based planning approaches.