



# NEWSLETTER

## NHARANGGA ABORIGINAL PROGRESS ASSOCIATION INC

... *taking care of people, language, culture and Country* • June 2021

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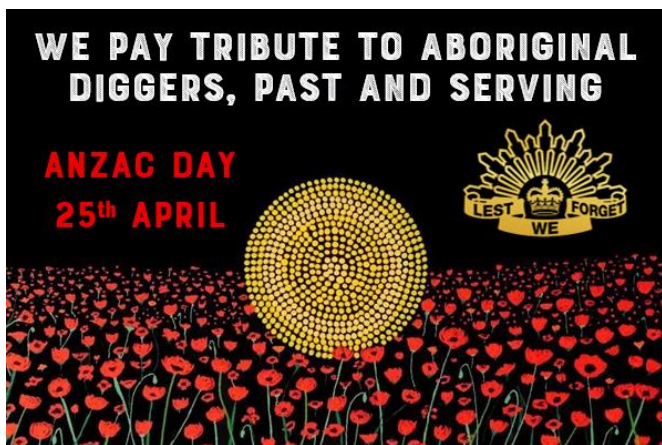


*buggilu, garri, dhargarri  
ngadlu yarda*

#alwayswasalwayswillbeourland

Aboriginal culture is the oldest continuous living culture in the world. It is vibrant, dynamic and maintains Nharangga dhura (people's) connection to Banggara (Country). Nharangga Aboriginal Progress Association Inc (NAPA) has been committed to the progression of the Nharangga community since 1993, firstly through the successful CDEP program, and now with a focus on recovering and recording culture for all to ensure its safety for future generations. Our language program has been ongoing for twenty years and we will continue to develop it, and resources available, for as long as needed. NAPA is the only Aboriginal organisation operating on Country for the benefit of the entire community.

Welcome to the first of, we hope, many more NAPA newsletters. It will be a good way of keeping everyone informed about what's happening with current projects, and what's proposed for the future. The Covid-19 pandemic has brought challenges to everyone, with NAPA no different. Some of our planned programs have had to be put on hold due to the restrictions in place, however Aboriginal people continue to demonstrate their resilience in the face of hardship. We, like everyone else, have followed recommendations to help keep the community safe. We were fortunate that our office was not significantly impacted, apart from community gatherings, and our usual work has been able to continue. The NAPA Board thanks staff for their flexibility in accommodating the challenges to keep NAPA moving forward. The Board have continued to meet regularly via bi-monthly meetings, and we thank them also for their support.



Although the numbers are not truly known because many didn't disclose their Aboriginality due to discrimination, at least 1000 served in World War 1, with around 70 of them fighting at Gallipoli. At least 3000 Aboriginal people served in World War 2 and represented the highest participation rates in the military as a proportion of their population in Australia. Many, many more, particularly across northern Australia, participated in defence work.

We pay particular respect to Aboriginal service people of the past, and those serving today. ***Lest we forget.***

We also remember those who fought, and who lost their lives during frontier wars in trying to protect people, Country, culture and resources.



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NAPA operates with a six person Management Board, two of whom regularly provide their considerable expertise on a voluntary basis in the office and beyond. Staff include; a part-time Administration and Finance Officer who competently manages our grants funding and ensures all legislative and reporting responsibilities are maintained; a Nharangga Language Consultant who was trained by a specialist linguist following extensive community workshops and consultation, and consequently developed expertise in the skills to recover language, implement the contemporary spelling structure, correctly pronounce words, construct sentences, develop new words for our ever changing world, and teach; our Project Manager has significant experience in research, history and tourism, writes our grant applications, will fearlessly take on any project delegated, and is often found, drill in hand, on a little bit of NAPA DIY! While the NAPA office is at Moonta, we work all over Nharangga Banggara (Country).



As our language is recovered, our knowledge of country, culture and connection strengthens us spiritually and bonds us to our heritage. Years of research and commitment have brought us a long way, but as the language project goes on, we continue to seek new ways to promote learning and adapt to popular technology platforms. Our top most priority is to ensure that language is kept safe for future generations, and this is being developed via a language data base that will include all aspects of Nharangga language, sound files, grammar, sentence structure and illustrations. This will facilitate the creation of various resources, apps, easily accessible lists and much more as future needs demand it.

Our Nharangga language podcast is also an exciting new innovation, you'll find the link on our website: [www.napainc.com.au](http://www.napainc.com.au) It's the first in a series of teaching podcasts. You'll also find information about Country, achievements, culture, language and more. It's still under development and will be added to in due course. A list of our language resources and order form is also there.

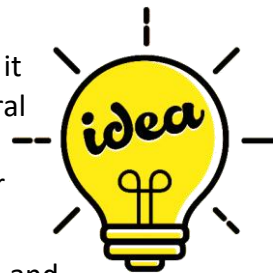
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*Welcome* speaks from somewhere inside our land to the core of who we are; it is deep and profound. This is why only a Nharangga person can perform a welcome to our Country. All others may do an acknowledgement.



*Minlagawi*, the Nharangga campsite east of where Minlaton was later located, and called Gum Flat by European squatters, is a culturally rich site. In a joint project between Minlaton and District Progress Association, NAPA and Yorke Peninsula Council, a management plan is being developed which will guide its return to environmental good health with a coordinated approach. NAPA has secured funding for some interpretive signage to acknowledge Nharangga people as the Traditional Custodians of this sacred site and share cultural information from its ancient past.

Have you ever thought about culture as a future economic / employment opportunity? If it appeals to you, come and speak to us to lodge an expression of interest to become a cultural entrepreneur. Whether it's a part time, from home craft business, food, or experiences, there's a place for you in our future. The demand for engagement with the broader community is growing, and here at NAPA, we'd like to help set you up to live your dream.



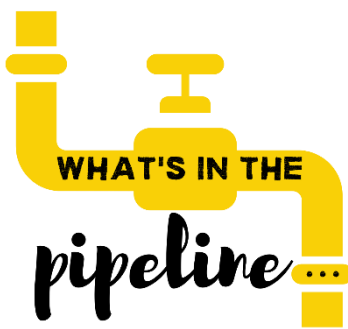
We're also looking for volunteers for help with horticulture, fencing, gardening, cultural and language, so if you've got some time up your sleeve, we'd love to host you to support the development of much needed programs for our community. You'll be a valuable and integral member of a committed group keeping your culture and employment skills local and relevant. The opportunity isn't restricted to Nharangga people, we'd be pleased to have involvement from people from all walks of life.

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An inaugural Yorke Peninsula Football League Indigenous Round will take place on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> August at Minlaton between CMS Crows and CY Cougars in partnership with NAPA. It promises to be a fabulous event with activities planned throughout the day, bush tucker, match guernseys designed by Nharangga locals, entertainment into the night and, we hope, the launch of Michael Wanganeen's football book packed with photos from the past.

Besides celebrating the enormous contribution Nharangga players have made to the game, it's also an opportunity to share and honour culture with the broader community. There's much more information still to come, so stay tuned for more as it's confirmed and announced.



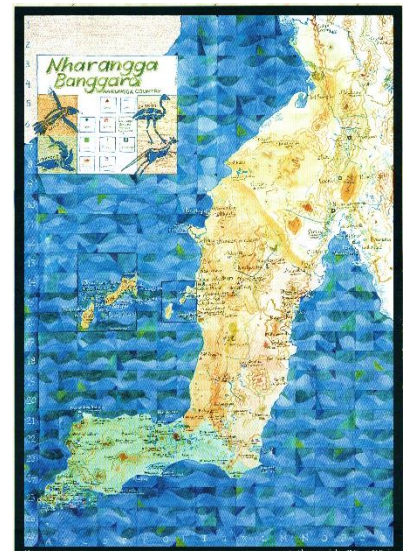
NAPA has won funding to run an Elders program which will be targeted to respect their standing in and across our community.

Funding has also been won towards getting the bush tucker garden back up and running. It's some years since it thrived under CDEP, but we're looking forward to seeing it produce once again.

The cultural map produced by NAPA some years ago will be updated to include the information since discovered and given a fresh look.

Cultural kits will be developed to support schools and learning centres to teach appropriate elements of Nharangga language and culture accurately and sensitively.

We will work with our community to explore the return of traditional dance, music, art, traditional cooking, sharing of history, story telling and cultural expression and ensure its recording and practice to ensure that it lives on for future generations.



**OUR CULTURE IS NOT LOST,  
IT IS IN EACH AND EVERY  
ONE OF US ...  
IT IS UP TO US TO ACKNOWLEDGE  
IT, HEAL AND REBUILD FOR OUR  
CHILDREN, OUR FUTURE.**

NAPA have been working with tourism stakeholders with the aim of developing a range of cultural experiences. We'll support Nharangga people to develop micro-businesses based on cultural tourism, reinforcing the rightful place of our heritage in the broader community.

We're being asked more frequently for services surrounding Welcome to Country and cultural awareness, so NAPA will be developing packages and training to meet these needs as well.

Some language to learn ...



**guranna banywarda**  
[ good morning ]

**guranna wilba**  
[ good afternoon ]

**guranna wildja**  
[ good night ]

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**DARDI munwuro**  
Strong Spirit

We acknowledge our funding bodies and their continued support, and our grant providers. Particular thanks to the **Australian Government Indigenous Languages and Arts** program who have continued their funding to our language program. They support the significant work and resources that are now available to the Nharangga community. Equally significant is NAPA's partnership with **Government of South Australia Department for Education** to support the inclusion of Nharangga language, resources and teaching across the local education region. Specifically, NAPA's Community Language Consultant, Tania Wanganeen has and continues to work with the Department for Education for the inclusion of Nharangga language within the school curriculum.



Other grant funders include; **Department of Human Services, Grants for the Aging, Yorke Peninsula Council Community Grants, SA Water, SA History Trust, FRRR and AGL.** All grants support the development of community projects.



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