

Goolum Goolum Early Years



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Dalki Muwill & welcome to our fourth newsletter of 2024!

We are committed to working with all Early Years Educators find reputable sources of information to support the important & essential work you are undertaking, towards embedding Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander perspectives into your services.

The work that Educators do, to embed these perspectives, is **proven** to support better outcomes for Koorie children and their families, promotes inclusion and cultural safety within your Kindergarten as well as educating all Australians about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture.

We strongly encourage all Educators receiving and reading our newsletters to have input into what we share

Our aim is for this to be a valuable and informative resource for all, so be sure to let us know how you use the information we provide, which can then (with permission) be crossed shared with other services to develop a uniformed approach to successful outcomes.

Alternatively, you can email us on the details provided below if you re looking for something specific.

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Victorian Aboriginal Education Association - VAEAI
Is the peak Koorie community organisation for education and training in Victoria.
They work for community to build success in education & training.

To find the latest VAEAI news, and access to the link for the Koorie Education Calendar head to their website:
www.vaeai.org.au



Upcoming Dates of Importance

November - December

- 11th November - Remembrance Day
- 21st November - Anniversary of the Long walk to Canberra
- 3rd December - Eureka Day
- 5th December - Anniversary of Ebenezer mission reserve handover
- 10th December - World Human Rights Day
- 13th December - Anniversary of the first successful Native Title settlement in Victoria - found in favour of the Wotjobaluk, Jaadwa, Jadawadjali, Wergaia and Jupagalk Traditional Owners

By following this link, you can download free resources, access further reading, and learn ways in how you incorporate these meaningful conversations within your Early Years settings.



DEADLY STORY

The [Deadly Story website](#) is a place to grow your knowledge, learn about Aboriginal Culture, Country and Community.

You can find information about:

- Country
- Life and Lore
- Events
- [Activities for kids](#)
- History
- Days of Significance
- Media and Arts
- Stories and Articles
- Education, Templates
- Policies, Procedures, Reports and Legal
- Cultural Planning Practice.

Please [click here](#) to visit the Deadly Story Website.



Six Indigenous Seasons



There are 6 different 'seasons' in Gariwerd recognised by the Wurrung and Jadawadjali Peoples:

- **Kooyang** (Late Summer) - Season of eels and parched landscape.
- **Gwangal Moronn** (Autumn) - Season of honey bees, sunrises and flocking birds.
- **Chunnup** (Winter) - Season of cockatoos, cool climate and early wildflowers.
- **Larneuk** (Early Spring) - Season of nesting birds and changeable weather.
- **Petyan** (Late Spring) - Wildlife and wildflowers.
- **Ballambar** (Early Summer) - Butterflies, warm weather and wetland plants.

Click here --> [Gariwerd Calendar](#) to view each season in more detail and see if you can discover ways to incorporate into your rooms?

Right now we are in the Petyan season - the season on Wildflowers

[Brambuk Interpretive Matrix](#) is another valuable resource that ay assist you



<u>Kooyang</u>	<u>Gwangal moronn</u>	<u>Chunnup</u>	<u>Larneuk</u>	<u>Petyan</u>	<u>Ballambar</u>
Late summer January-March	Autumn March-May	Winter May-July	Pre-spring July-August	Spring September-November	Early summer November-January
Eel season Hottest and driest time Scarce surface water High bushfire risk Night sky is bright with stars	Honey bee season Warm, still days Country starts to cool Cooler mornings Red sunrises and golden evenings	Cockatoo season Freezing winds Coldest time of year Bleak mists Rain	Nesting bird season Dramatic weather changes Wettest time of year Rivers run high	Wildflower season Tempestuous weather Warmer days Bush bursts into life Emu constellation appears	Butterfly season Summer heat starts Hot, dry days Stable weather
					

WOTJOBALUK BUSH TUCKER



Please find below a collection of Bush Tucker collated by Colin Gorton, Wotjobaluk Traditional Owner.

- Yam Daisys - Resembles a small parsnip gathered by the women, by digging them out with a digging stick. The roots are washed, then roasted overnight to be ready for the next day. It produces a sweet syrup when cooked.
- Pigface - Both the fruit and leaves were very important food source. The fruits would ripen in the summer and are quite sweet. The leaves were eaten raw as a salad.
- Ruby Salt Bush - Is a small ground hugging shrub. The leaves are succulent and cylindrical. The red button shape salt bush berries can be easily shaken off the plant to be eaten.
- Quandong - When ripe, the colour is red. In Spring time is best to pick the Quandong. They have a deliciously tart flavour and are rich in Vitamin C. Also can be made into a cream and applied to the scalp as a medicine.
- Silver Banksia - When the Banksia is in flower, the flowers are picked and boiled on the fire. Once the liquid has cooled down, you can drink it. It's sweet in flavour - Tastes like a natural cordial.
- Kangaroo Grass - Was used for making fishing nets. Both leaves and stem yield fibre for string. The seeds were grounded down, baked to make damper.

WOTJOBALUK BUSH TUCKER

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- Kangaroo Apple - the plant is widespread across Australia. Care must be taken not to eat the fruit until it is ripe and falls to the ground, as it is poisonous when unripe - It causes a hot burning taste in the mouth.
- Chocolate Lilys - The purple flowers of this native lily have a distinctively chocolate smell, and the roots were roasted before they were eaten.
- Small Vanilla Lilys - This lily is found in drier areas than the other Vanilla Lilys. The roots are clustered close together at the base of the plant. It was gathered for its non-starchy crisp roots which could be eaten raw.
- Bush Tomato - is best when it's ripe. Red in colour. It's a very sweet fruit when eaten. Grows well in dry country and can be made into a chutney and sauces today.



Bunjil's View



'Bunjil's View' is a breathtakingly beautiful short film highlighting waterways through Wotjobaluk Country (Western Victoria).

An initiative by Goolum Goolum Aboriginal Cooperative, filmed in collaboration with artist Salty One (Lowell Hunter) and Blue Goanna Digital.

This film was shown in the GGAC NAIDOC Week Art Exhibition at the Horsham Regional Art Gallery.



If you missed Bunjil's View at the Art Gallery, you can watch it here:

https://youtu.be/57Rps0R_O9I?si=bSICG_bnR4VRIHEI