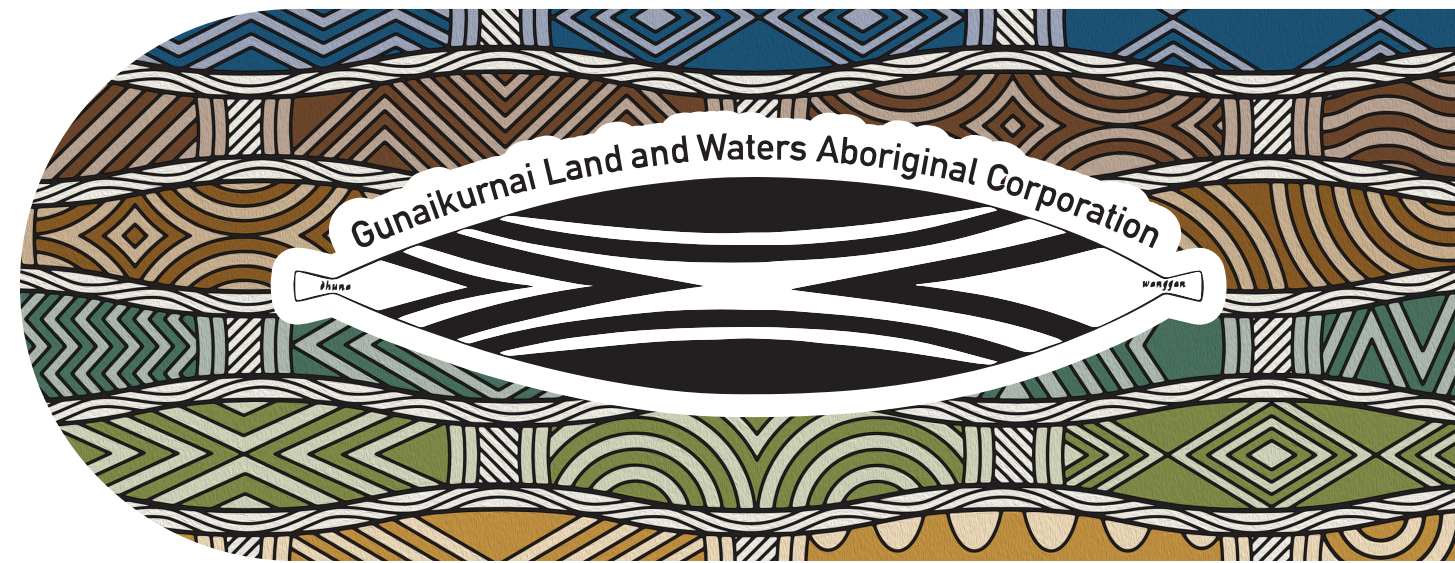
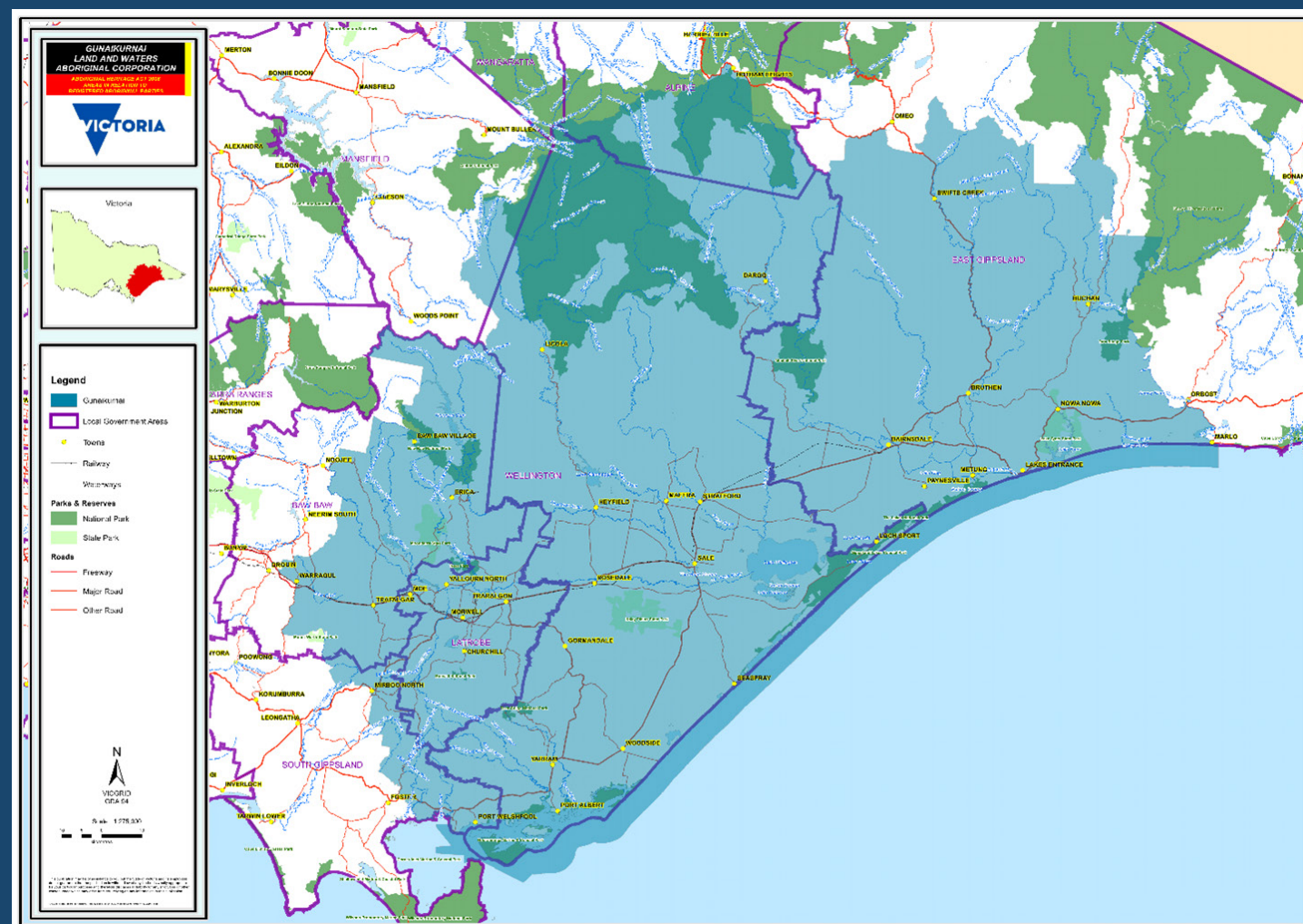


Community Emergency Management Plan

Gunaikurnai Land and Waters Aboriginal Corporation

The Gunaikurnai Land and Waters Aboriginal Corporation (GLaWAC) is the Registered Aboriginal Party (RAP) that represents the Gunaikurnai people, the Traditional Owners of our Country, as determined by the Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council under the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006* (Vic.) (see map). GLaWAC was legally recognised by the Federal Court of Australia under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cwlth.) and has a Recognition and Settlement Agreement (RSA) under the *Traditional Owner Settlement Act 2010* (Vic.). GLaWAC are the Prescribed Body Corporate (PBC) for the Gunaikurnai people and claim area, as outlined in the RSA, providing joint management of 14 parks and reserves within the State. GLaWAC has a membership of more than 700 Traditional Owners, all of whom have proven their ancestral links to one of 25 Apical Ancestors registered in the Native Title Consent Determination.

This **GLaWAC Community Emergency Management Plan** (GLaWAC CEMP) supports our detailed emergency management arrangements. This CEMP sets out how we respond as a community organisation in an emergency. Our community actions below focus on the key activities taken by our community and the support we require from Agencies.



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Before Any Emergency Starts (Pre-season)



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Information

- This Community EMP serves as a summary to GLaWAC's detailed emergency procedures and provides advice for agencies.
- Annual Review: This Community EMP for GLaWAC is to be reviewed annually in collaboration with Emergency Management agencies.
- We do not have Satellite Internet Service in case the phone network is compromised.
- Key Contacts into GLaWAC:
 - ◊ Nick Ashburner, CEO
- ABC Radio 828AM 100.7 FM
- ABC App
- Facebook – CFA and DELWP
- UHF Channel 40
- Emergency information: <https://www.emergency.vic.gov.au>



Phone numbers

- GLaWAC 03 5152 5100
- Police / Fire / Ambulance 000
- VicRoads 13 11 70
- Vic Emergency Hotline 1800 226 226
- State Emergency Service 13 2500
- Hearing Impaired, call text phone TTY 1800 122 969
- East Gippsland Shire Council 03 5153 9500

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Before Emergency Occurs



Community Action

- Support community members and families to know their situation and develop a personal/family survival plan (including triggers for staying or leaving).
- Fuel management around GLaWAC site buildings and other critical infrastructure.
- Ensure firefighting capability (test fire hoses, extinguishers, water, etc.)
- Provide input into the DEECA Joint Fuel Management Plan (JFMP) as it relates to key remote sites.
- Engage with relevant Emergency Management agency staff and other stakeholders to ensure adequate preparation and planning.
- GLaWAC staff to develop and maintain Emergency Management capability and capacity.

Expectation of agency(s)

- DEECA and local government actively engages GLaWAC on all-hazards to ensure adequate preparation and planning.
- DEECA and local government to discuss and agree on 'triggers' for engagement with GLaWAC during emergencies and to what extent.
- All emergency prevention planning and preparedness planning to occur in collaboration with GLaWAC to facilitate the protection of cultural values and protection of Country.
- Include a GLaWAC Emergency Management Liaison Officer (EMLO) in the DEECA emergency management roster, who is to be notified of all emergencies that have the potential to impact country.
- Provide a level of 'base-funding' for an Emergency Management Officer to support ongoing engagement and input into emergency management planning, including: Joint Fuel Management Planning and Municipal Fire and Emergency Management Planning.
- Strengthen DEECA's Fire Management Standard Operating Procedures and training for Incident Control System staff to ensure GLaWAC has greater and earlier involvement in emergency planning, response and recovery operations.
- Support and enable GLaWAC staff training and development.

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During: Emergency Response



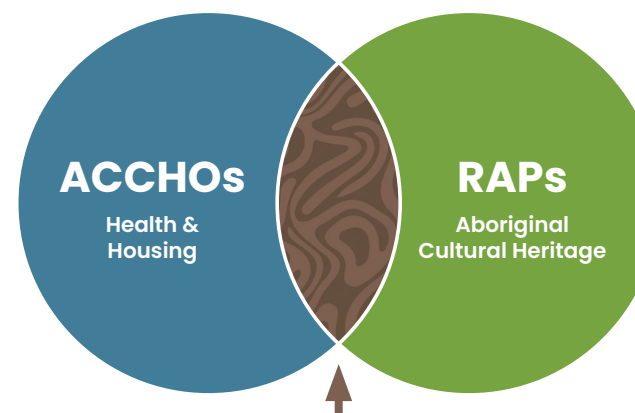
Community Action

- As a RAP, GLaWAC is the primary source of advice and knowledge for the Victorian Government on matters relating to Aboriginal places located in or Aboriginal objects originating from the RAP area. GLaWAC will support response to emergencies and provide advice and knowledge to Victorian Government agencies.
- Make determination, in collaboration with Incident Management Team, as to appropriate course of action to minimise risk to cultural heritage and Country from emergency and/or emergency management operations.
- GLaWAC acknowledges its statutory responsibilities as a RAP relate to cultural heritage as outlined under the Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006.
- GLaWAC also acknowledges the role of Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisations (ACCHO's) as primary health care services initiated and operated by the local Aboriginal community to deliver holistic, comprehensive, and culturally appropriate health care to the community which controls it.
- GLaWAC will continue to work collaboratively with ACCHO's across GLaWAC's area.

Expectation of agency(s)

- Advise GLaWAC CEO and/or EMLO at first indication of emergency with potential to impact Country.
- Work collaboratively with GLaWAC to determine appropriate course of action/s to minimise risk to and protect cultural heritage from emergency and/or emergency management operations.
- Include GLaWAC in all EMT meetings as a matter of course, including on email distribution list.
- Include GLaWAC liaison officer in the IMT as a matter of course, unless GLaWAC deem this unnecessary.
- For emergencies that are likely to be protracted (eg. campaign bushfires), support GLaWAC with dedicated resources to develop a plan that supports organisational capacity and capability to deliver on GLaWAC's statutory obligations for Aboriginal heritage, and the protection of Country
- To understand and respect the respective statutory obligations of ACCHO's and GLaWAC, and be aware there is some overlap in responsibility. Agencies must make contact with GLaWAC to discuss during all emergencies.

Responsibilities for cultural heritage, health and housing in Victoria



Although **Aboriginal Community Controlled (Health) Organisations (ACCHOs)** have primary responsibilities for Health & Housing and **Registered Aboriginal Parties (RAPs)** have statutory responsibilities for Aboriginal heritage, there are some areas of overlap. (IMT to contact GLaWAC to discuss).

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During: Communications



Community Action

- GLaWAC is the central point for all communications as it relates to cultural heritage, with regular updates provided to community.

Expectation of agency(s)

- IMT to contact GLaWAC at the first instance of an emergency that may impact on GLaWAC community, Country and/or cultural heritage.
- GLaWAC to be involved throughout emergency as a true partner.
- EMT to provide regular, up-to-date and accurate reports on situation through EMT meetings and direct phone calls to GLaWAC contact as required.
- Maintain up-to-date contact lists of key GLaWAC personnel.

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After: Relief & Recovery



Community Action

- Actively participate as appropriate in clean-up, relief and recovery activities.
- Work collaboratively with agencies to develop a Recovery Plan that identifies threats to Aboriginal heritage and necessary management action is taken, including further survey and the healing of Country.

Expectation of agency(s)

- In partnership with GLaWAC, develop Recovery Plans that identify threats to Aboriginal heritage and that necessary management action is taken, including further survey and the healing of Country.