

NOTICE EASTERN MAAR PEOPLES (VID21/2019) NATIVE TITLE AUTHORISATION MEETING



20 April 2023, Lighthouse Theatre, 185 Timor St, Warrnambool VIC
3280

Background

The Eastern Maar Peoples have made a claimant application to the Federal Court of Australia seeking recognition of their native title rights and interests under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) ('NTA'). The claim is called *Janice Austin & Ors on behalf of the Eastern Maar Peoples (VID21/2019)* ('Eastern Maar Native Title Claim').

On 28 March 2023, the Eastern Maar Peoples native title rights and interests were recognised by the Federal Court of Australia through a Consent Determination over the uncontested portions depicted in the map below. The uncontested portions are those within the boundary shown that are not shaded and/or marked either 'A', 'B', 'C', 'D' or 'E'.

The shaded area to the west marked 'C' is referred to as 'Area C'. On 19 October 2022, the Gunditjmara Native Title Claim (VID620/2022) was lodged in the Federal Court of Australia and overlaps Area C. The Court has ordered the Gunditjmara Native Title Claim (VID620/2022) be heard at the same time as the Eastern Maar Native Title Claim, because both applications claim native title rights and interests in Area C. To resolve this, the applications are listed for hearing in the Federal Court, commencing 1 May 2023.

The purpose of the hearing is to determine whether native title rights and interests over Area C should be held by both the Eastern Maar People and the Gunditjmara People (as defined in the Gunditjmara Native Title Claim (VID620/2022)).

This is a meeting for the native title claim group to receive legal advice about the hearing and make decisions regarding it.

THIS NOTICE INVITES all members of the native title claim group as described below to attend the native title Authorisation Meeting at the date time and location below.

The native title claim group is the Eastern Maar peoples, being those descendants, including by adoption, of the following persons:

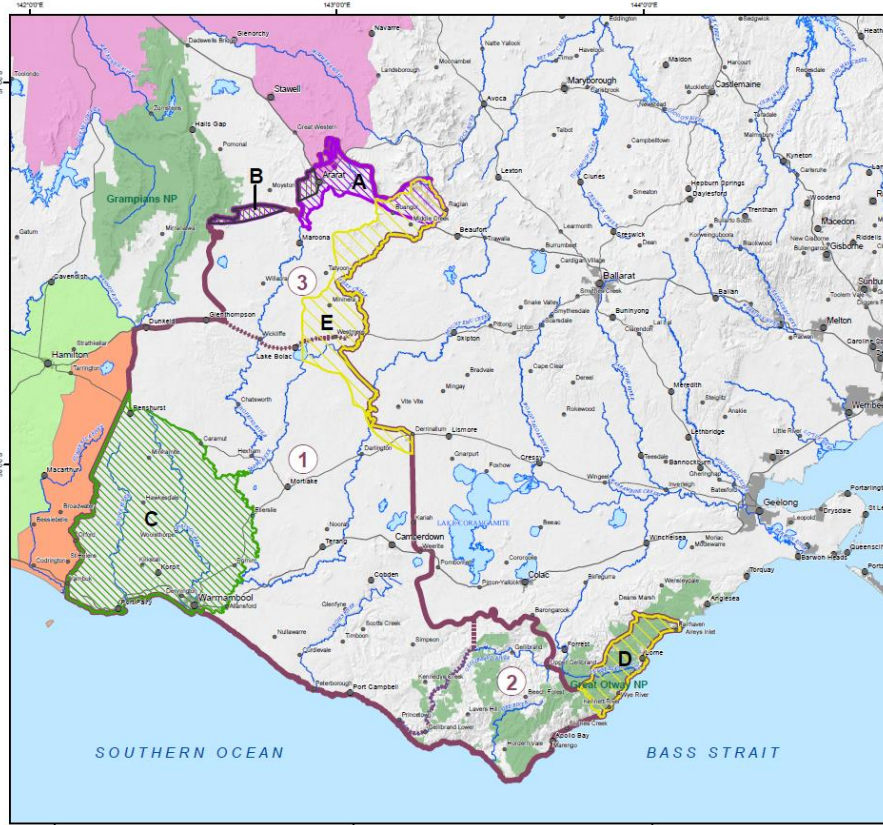
1. King of Port Fairy and Eliza
2. Old Jack (father of John Dawson)
3. Charlie and Alice (parents of Albert Austin)
4. Samuel Robinson
5. Mary Caramut
6. Lizzie (mother of Frank Clarke)
7. Robert and Lucy (parents of Alice Dixon)
8. Barney Minimalk
9. Nellie Whiturboin
10. Louisa (mother of Williams Rawlings)
11. Richard Sharp

Who:

(i) either identify as being from the eastern domain of the Maar speaking people and are recognised as being from the eastern domain by the Eastern Maar people; or

(ii) otherwise identify as Maar, Gunditjmara, Tjap Wurrung, Peek Whurrung, Keeray Wooroong (Kirrae Whurrung), Kuurn Kopan Noot, Yarro Waetch (Tooram Tribe), Djargurd Wurrung, Gulidjan and/or Gadubanud and are recognised as being from the eastern domain by the Eastern Maar people.

Map of Native Title Claim area



AUTHORISATION MEETING

WHEN: Thursday 20 April 2023

WHERE: 20 April 2023, Lighthouse Theatre, 185 Timor St, Warrnambool VIC 3280

TIME: 10.00 AM - 12.00PM

The purposes of the Authorisation Meeting are to:

1. **CONSIDER** legal advice regarding the upcoming Court hearing for Area C and the Eastern Maar peoples' options in relation to it.
2. **PASS** any necessary resolutions to give effect to decisions arising from 1, above, including **AUTHORISING** any potential necessary changes to the native title claim.

IMPORTANT

There is a preference that people attend the Authorisation Meeting *in person*.
 Access via videoconference will be provided to those that cannot attend on the day.
 To attend online please email or contact details to Community Liaison Officer Charmaine Singleton on
 0407 532 887 or charmaine.singleton@fnlrs.com.au by COB 17 April 2023.

Please contact **Community Liaison Officer Charmaine Singleton** on **0407 532 887** or
charmaine.singleton@fnlrs.com.au to confirm your current contact details by **COB 17 April 2023**. Materials
 and videoconferencing links will be sent ahead of the session by Charmaine.

For travel and accommodation assistance, where required for you to attend this meeting, please contact Eastern Maar Aboriginal Corporation Administration Officer Katie Clark on **0427 271 937** or admin@easternmaar.com.au by **COB 17 April 2023**.