

Bunurong

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Introduction

The land of which Sorrento is a part of is Bunurong or Boon Wurrung country. The Bunurong people are a predominantly coastal people whose traditional lands encompass some 7,800 square kilometres of territory around Western Port Bay and the Mornington Peninsula.

Like all of our indigenous Australians, the Bunurong People believe we should take care of our Local seaside environment. They remind us:

“Look after the land
And the land will look after you”

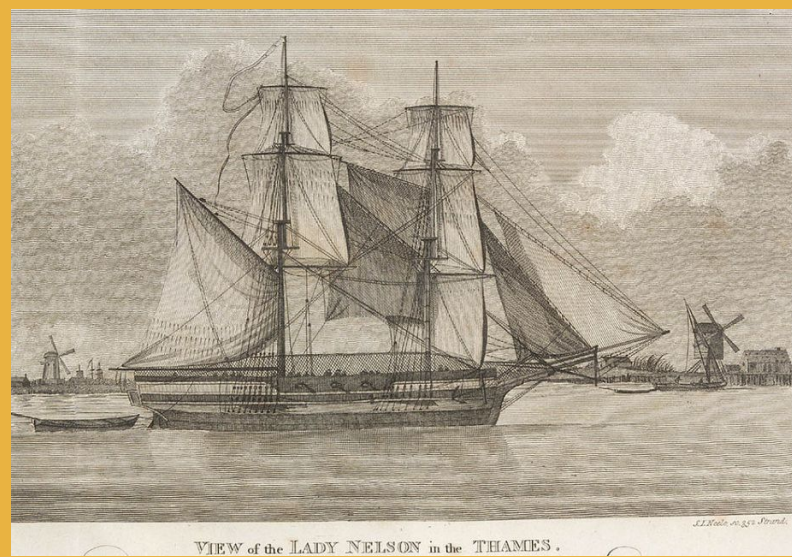


Another name for the BUNURONG people is the Boon Wurrung people. The Bunurong are members of the Kulin nation who have lived in and managed the land of Sorrento and the Mornington Peninsula for thousands of years.

Our House Team is named after the Bunurong People.

The Boonwurrung/Bunurong traditional way of life was interrupted at the turn of the nineteenth century when they were disturbed by white men on seal fishing boats from Van Diemen's Land (Tasmania).

In 1802, British sailors on board the **Lady Nelson** ship also threatened their existence while they were exploring Port Phillip Bay and many of them were killed.



Bunurong tribe photo

This is a photo of a Bunurong tribe. The Bunurong (Boonwurrung) people are the Indigenous people from the Mornington Peninsula and Westernport Bay area. They lived here for thousands of years, enjoying a range of shellfish, mutton birds and plant life.

There are 5 clans within the Bunurong territory.



Aboriginal dances

Dance has been used historically to communicate stories and messages about the land, animals and ancestral spirits. It's also an essential part of healing and wellbeing. Mob Dance is a way of honouring and acknowledging our country and the people who have lived on the Mornington Peninsula for thousands of years.



TASKS:

Two activities :

ACTIVITY 1 :

1. DECORATE YOUR BOOMERANG (an aboriginal hunting tool and a tool for a fun pastime to demonstrate skill)

SEE SOME DESIGNS HERE

2. CUT THESE OUT AND PLACE IT ON THE POSTER:
"Look after the land
And the land will look after you"

ACTIVITY 2 :

3. LET'S GO OUTSIDE AND PLAY AN INDIGENOUS GAME (Matilda & Tahliq)



The End