Yorta Yorta Traditional Owner Land Management Board

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Board enters stakeholder phase for Barmah National Park

The Yorta Yorta Traditional Owner Land Management Board is set to commence its stakeholder and community consultation phase for joint management of the Barmah National Park.

The Board is planning to send letters to interested stakeholders to gain an understanding of the community views for Barmah National Park during the coming weeks.

Board Chair, Mr Peter Ferguson, said the consultation process was a significant step forward.

"We are really keen to have conversations with the community and stakeholders to better understand their aspirations and ideas for future management of the Barmah National Park.

"We have a great opportunity to develop a joint management plan which will provide lasting benefits for everyone."

The consultation process with stakeholders follows the launch of the Board's Strategic Plan last September, and recent two day planning workshop.

Mr Ferguson praised the commitment and enthusiasm of board members and representatives from Yorta Yorta Nations, Parks Victoria and DELWP at the workshop which was held at the Yenbena Cultural Centre in Barmah.

A highlight of the workshop was a session on cultural insight training provided by Lee Joachim of the Yorta Yorta Nation Aboriginal Corporation.

"It is very clear that the Board has a important role to play working closely with the Yorta Yorta Nations, and the Victorian Government to listen to the needs and aspirations of the Yorta Yorta Elders as well as the concerns and needs of a vast community of stakeholders, park users and interested parties.

"Consistent with commitments in the recently launched strategic plan, the Board will soon be advertising for a senior planning officer to facilitate an engagement process with the local community, and coordinate plan development.

"The Board are now looking forward to engaging with the community and to develop a joint management plan for Barmah National Park," he said.

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