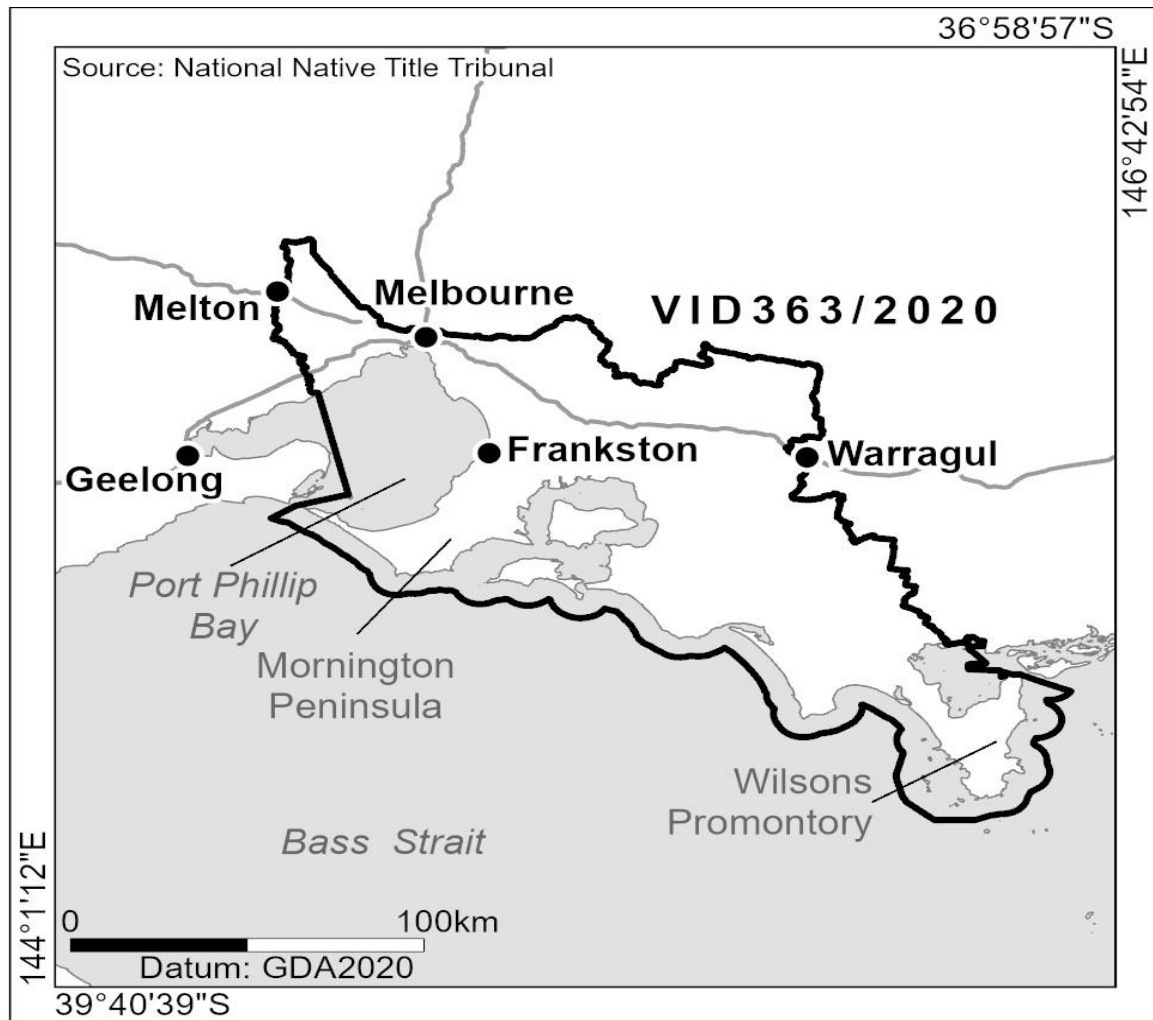


NOTICE OF BOONWURRUNG NATIVE TITLE CLAIM GROUP ONLINE MEETING

A MEETING OF THE CURRENT BOONWURRUNG NATIVE TITLE CLAIM GROUP FOR THE NATIVE TITLE APPLICATION BRIGGS AND ANOR ON BEHALF OF THE BOONWURRUNG PEOPLE VID 363 OF 2020 (**BOONWURRUNG APPLICATION**) WILL BE HELD ON 23 JULY 2026 BY ZOOM LINK.



This claim area includes the land and waters extending from the Werribee River to, and including, Wilsons Promontory National Park in the state of Victoria, and also includes the inland coastal area as depicted above.

Meeting – Current Boonwurrung Native Title Claim Group

(Decendants of Louisa Briggs)

Date – Thursday the 23rd of July

Time – 5.00pm (Melbourne time) -online

Registration – If you wish to attend please register via the Boonwurrung Land and Sea Council website WWW.BLSC.ORG.AU and request a link to the meeting.

PURPOSE OF THE MEETING:

The purpose of the meeting is to consider concerns raised by Boonwurrung members as to the conduct and outcome of the Boonwurrung/Bunurong Claim Group Meeting in Melbourne on Sunday 29 March 2026, including whether the outcome of that meeting is accepted and whether it may be legally challenged.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND THE MEETING:

This meeting is only open to anyone over the age of 18 years who is a biological descendant of Louisa Briggs.

AGENDA:

1. Welcome and background to the meeting.
2. Confirm the decision-making process for the meeting.
3. Consider concerns raised by Boonwurrung members as to the conduct and outcome of the Boonwurrung/Bunurong Claim Group Meeting in Melbourne on Sunday 29 March 2026.
4. Consider advice as to whether the outcome of the Boonwurrung/Bunurong Claim Group Meeting in Melbourne on Sunday 29 March 2026 may be legally challenged, and whether or not to do so.
5. Consider advice as to whether the (discontinued) Boonwurrung appeal against Justice Murphy's factual findings that the apical ancestors, Elizabeth Maynard and Eliza Nowen/Gamble, were members of the Boonwurrung group may, with the Court's leave, be reinstated – particularly on the basis that Justice Murphy's reasoning involved legal error, because his Honour incorrectly refused to receive (or consider) the expert anthropological opinion of Dr Ian Keen that those factual findings cannot be made on the limited evidence before the Court.

The Boonwurrung appeal was discontinued by the Applicant on 9 October 2025, noting that there was no meeting (or consultations) with the claim group prior to this occurring, and noting also that the First Nations Legal & Research Inc did not grant any funding for the Boonwurrung to pursue the appeal or obtain legal advice about it.

If the Boonwurrung claim group wishes to seek the Court's leave to reinstate the Boonwurrung appeal, it will be necessary that the claim group revoke its resolution (no 3) made at its meeting in Melbourne on Saturday 28 March 2026 that the claim group description in Schedule A of the Boonwurrung People Native Title Determination Application (Form 1) be amended:

- to add the following apical ancestors – Elizabeth Maynard, Eliza Nowen/Gamble, and Marjorie Munro (also known as Marjorie Munroe and Marjorie Munrow); and
- to remove the apical ancestor, Ann Munro.

An alternative to fully revoking the resolution, which accords with the formulation of the (discontinued) Boonwurrung appeal, would be to accept Justice Murphy's findings that Marjorie Munro is an apical ancestor, and that Ann Munro is not (and should be removed from Schedule A) – but otherwise reject Justice Murphy's findings that Elizabeth Maynard and Eliza Nowen/Gamble are Boonwurrung apical ancestors.

It would also be necessary, if the Boonwurrung claim group wishes to seek the Court's leave to reinstate the Boonwurrung appeal, that the group retain new legal representation. Funding would be required for that purpose, unless (ie if First Nations continues to refuse funding) new legal representatives are prepared to act on a pro bono basis (ie that legal fees will only be met if there is a Court order against First Nations to that effect).

REGISTRATION:

All people wishing to join the meeting must register (at WWW.BLSC.ORG.AU) before the meeting and their eligibility to attend will be considered prior to their participation. This meeting is being held online as funding is not available for a face to face meeting.

The meeting is called by Stephen Kenny, Solicitor for the Boonwurrung Native Title Claim on the instruction of the Applicants Dr Carolyn Briggs AM and Fay Muir OAM (*Briggs & Others vs State of Victoria and Others*, VID363/2020).

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