

Culturally aware

Gunaikurnai Land and Waters Aboriginal Corporation (GLaWAC) played host to staff of six government departments and agencies last week as part of their Aboriginal cultural awareness program.

Members of the East Gippsland Catchment Management Authority, Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning, Southern Rural Water, VicForests, Environment Protection Authority, and Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources were able to gain a unique understanding of traditional owners, their culture, history and the native title settlement agreement.

Delivered by local elders, the day included a visit to the Krowathunkalooloong Keeping Place in Bairnsdale, Forestec in Kalimna and Legend Rock, a site of cultural significance in Metung.

CMA chief executive officer, Graeme Dear, said recognising and respecting Aboriginal values is a key priority of the Victorian Government's Our Catchments, Our Communities strategy and Water for Victoria - Water Plan.

"It's terrific to see so many government departments and agencies coming together to work with GLaWAC to learn more about Aboriginal cultural heritage," Mr Dear said.



Members of six local government departments and agencies visited Legend Rock, Metung, as part of an Aboriginal cultural awareness program run by Gunaikurnai Land and Waters Aboriginal Corporation recently.
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