



GLEN EIRA  
CITY COUNCIL

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## Council and Boon Wurrung Foundation Ltd. sign Memorandum of Agreement

Glen Eira City Council Chief Executive Officer Rebecca McKenzie, Glen Eira Mayor Cr Tony Athanasopoulos and Boon Wurrung Foundation Ltd. Chief Executive Officer Gheran Steel today signed a Memorandum of Agreement.

The Boon Wurrung people of the Kulin Nation are the traditional custodians of the area that now makes up the southern and south eastern suburbs of Melbourne, which includes the City of Glen Eira.

Cr Athanasopoulos said the purpose of the agreement is to recognise the Boon Wurrung Foundation Ltd. as the primary advisers of Council on Aboriginal cultural knowledge.

“Through our work with the Boon Wurrung people, Council will work to build respect and understanding between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and the broader Glen Eira community,” he said.

“As part of this collaborative partnership, the Boon Wurrung Foundation Ltd. will provide guidance and support to Council with the development, implementation and review of its *Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP)*.

“The key message in this *RAP* is respect and unity between Australia’s first people and other Australians, and for all of us to share pride in our indigenous cultural heritage.”

Council’s draft *RAP* will be available for comments and feedback in April. The *RAP* will be formally registered with Reconciliation Australia.

For further information or to provide feedback, contact Council’s Community Planning and Engagement team on 9524 3333 or visit [www.haveyoursaygleneira.com.au/RAP](http://www.haveyoursaygleneira.com.au/RAP)

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