UPDATE

Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council

15 April 2013

RECENT DECISION OF THE VICTORIAN ABORIGINAL HERITAGE COUNCIL ON APPLICATION TO BECOME A REGISTERED ABORIGINAL PARTY

FURTHER APPOINTMENT OF WATHAURUNG ABORIGINAL CORPORATION (TRADING AS WADAWURRUNG)

The Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council (Council) has registered the Wathaurung Aboriginal Corporation (WAC) as a registered Aboriginal party (RAP) for the remaining part of its RAP application. WAC trades under the name Wadawurrung.

The additional area is to the north of the broader WAC RAP registration area and is described in the map below. The area previously overlapped in part with the Dja Dja Wurrung Clans Aboriginal Corporation (DDWCAC) RAP application.

Council was informed WAC and DDWCAC had successfully negotiated an agreed common boundary. After receiving confirmation from both WAC and DDWCAC of the agreed boundary, Council sought comment from neighbours and other relevant parties.

Council considered all the information obtained and decided to appoint WAC for the additional area. As a result of this decision, WAC has now been registered for its entire RAP application area.

From 20 March 2013, WAC has cultural heritage responsibilities under the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006* (Vic) (the Act) over this additional area.

Date of decision: 20 March 2013.

