



Meet School Vice Captain Amy Clarke

Hello school community!

I'm Amy Clarke, and I am one of your school vice captains this year, alongside Kate Sellon who introduced herself last week. This week I will be sharing a little bit about me and why I have taken on this role.

I have lived in Ararat since the day I was born, and attended Ararat 800 Primary School before coming to Ararat College. As some of you may know, I have been around horses all my life, and it is still one of my most significant hobbies. I have 2 horses of my own, who I take to Pony club and show regularly. Just recently, I went to the Arabian National Championships and placed first in the youth costume, which was a big achievement for me.

Another passion of mine is swimming, and I have been reasonably successful competing around the district and state. I really enjoy learning new things, and my favourite subjects are Physics and Product Design this year.

I don't know what my plans are after I leave school yet, but I'm okay with that. I'm sure I will find the right career path when I'm ready. Currently I work at McDonald's which has given me many different leadership skills and helped me become more confident in leading a group. Like the rest of the leadership team, I am always open for a chat. Don't be afraid to ask questions - it's what we're here for.

I am very fortunate to be a part of such a great executive leadership team this year. I am excited for the leadership opportunities to come and to continue ensuring student voice is a priority.

Next week we will introduce the last member of our leadership executive, our Junior School Captain, Summer Merrick.

Amy Clarke, School Vice Captain



A message from our Principal....

Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences

Next week on Thursday (from 4pm – 7pm) and Friday (from 9am – 12pm) we are holding our Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences. Families should have received information on how to book these in the mail and bookings can be made through the XUNO app. Alternatively please phone the office on 5352 4177 and our office staff will be more than happy to assist you in making appointments. These conferences are an important part of our reporting cycle as they provide more detail on your child's progress and provide an opportunity to look at focus areas for the next cycle. I look forward to seeing families during the conferences next week.

Year 7 BBQ

Thank you to all families who attended our 'Meet and Greet Night' on Wednesday. We were very lucky with a beautiful warm night and it was a great way to get to know some of the new families in our school community and for all families to meet our staff. A big thank you to Mr Krol who organised the night and to Mr Spalding, our school captains Mia and Jack, Vice-Captain Kate and Junior Vice Captain Summer for assisting with the catering.

VCE Physics Excursion

Last week our VCE Physics students went down to Luna Park to participate in one of the Park's VCE physics days. These days are specifically designed for science teachers to provide practical examples of the many scientific concepts they learn throughout the course. Thank you to Mr Barrie for organising the excursion and to Tricia Ruthven for assisting with supervision.

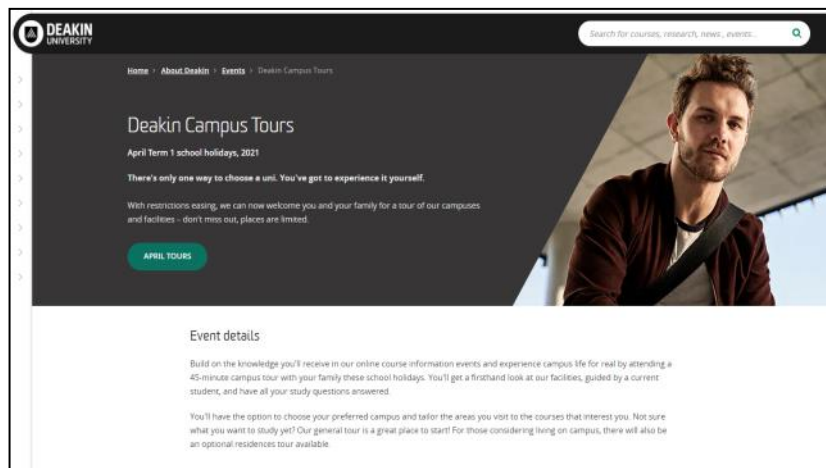
The Resilience Project Visit

This week Elias from The Resilience Project visited our school and conducted a session with our Year 7 students. He also spent an hour with staff on Tuesday afternoon and went through some summary information in relation to the Resilient Youth survey our students undertook at the start of this year. This has provided some interesting information about our students in relation to their resilience and the key factors that contribute to this. The information regarding the number of students getting adequate sleep and on electronic devices across the Ararat community will be an area worthy of further discussion. We were all reminded of the key principles of Gratitude, Empathy and Mindfulness and how we can work hard to have these a part of our daily practices. Thank you to the CGLLEN for facilitating this visit.

Ellie McDougall
Principal

Careers

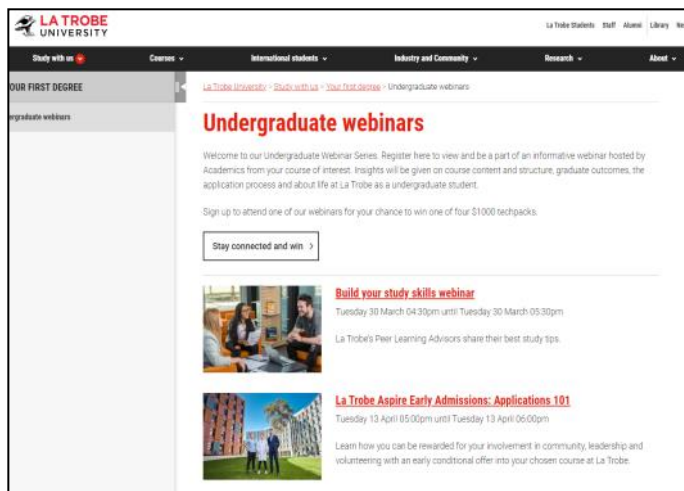
Here are some links to live webinars for students who are considering going on to University. Please do not hesitate to contact Andrew Sherwell if you need further information or assistance.



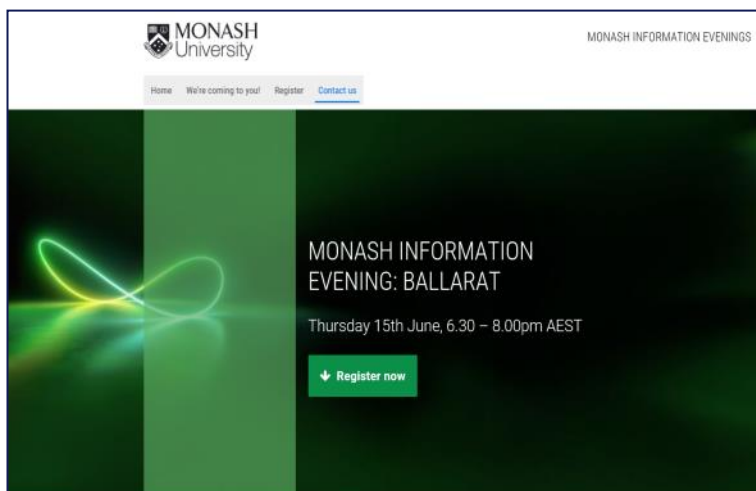
Deakin University

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Latrobe University



Monash University



<https://www.latrobe.edu.au/study/undergrad/ug-webinars?cid=edm%3Aacs%3Anan%3Anan%3Ainf%3Anan%3Anan%3Anan%3Anan%3Aall%3Abch%3Anan%3Anan&deliveryName=DM14963>

<https://www.monash.edu/information-evenings/monash-information-evening-15-june>

Key VTAC application dates 2021

Key VTAC application dates for 2021-2022 are listed below to assist in planning for the year. Please note that dates may be subject to change. Other dates, including offer round dates, are not yet available and will be published later in the year.

Applications open for courses, SEAS, and scholarships	Monday 2 August 2021
Timely course applications close	Thursday 30 September 2021
SEAS and Scholarships applications close	Friday 8 October 2021

Global Food



Over the past couple of weeks in Global Food, students have been learning about Indigenous flavours. We have discussed the 'hunter & gatherer' lifestyle and learnt about native plants in our local area. We completed a sensory analysis of a few of these native ingredients, along with some produce from our South Pacific neighbours.

Jess Erhardt - Global Food Teacher

New Music Furniture

The music department has recently taken delivery of some new furniture to enhance their work space. The flexible units will give students comfortable seating options while working individually or as small groups. Our year 9/10 students are pictured using the new flexible seats during their music class.



News from Technology

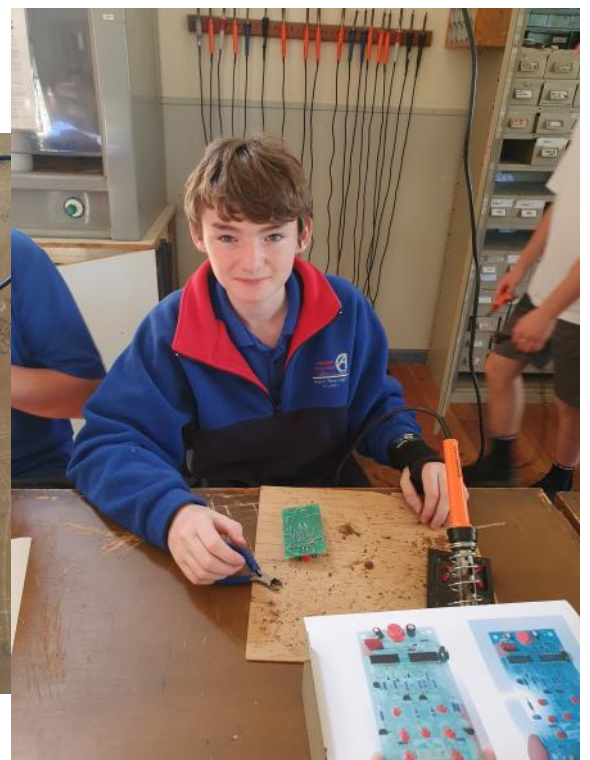
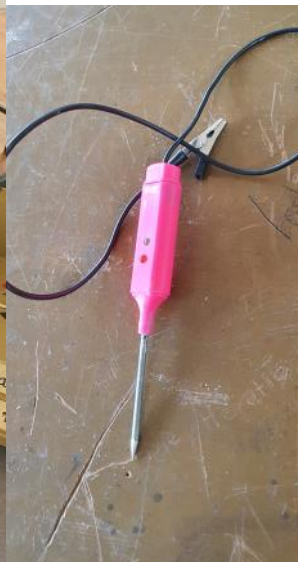


Students in year 7 have been busy making letter holders with a pen holder attached. Everyone has been able to draw their own design and make it the way they designed it.

Students have been working with pine timber and are required to cut, drill, assemble and paint their project. Pictured are students at various stages of their construction.

Year 9/10 electronic class have been learning how to calculate the resistance in resistors by using a chart and maths to find the answer.

They then made some electronic testers with only 2 LED lights, a resistor and some wire. Soldering all the parts and then putting them inside a case of their choice.



School Sports

Our Annual Athletics sports are back ! We are looking forward to this important team building event. **ALL students are expected to attend as it is a normal school day.** If there are students who for medical or other reasons are unable to actively participate in events, there will be opportunities to assist during the day. Students may be able to participate in extra activities if there are absences on the day.

The details are:

Sports Day Thursday 1st April 2021

- Students are to go straight to Alexandra Oval and arrive by 8.30am.
- Attendance Rolls will be taken at the start and end of the day.
- Bus travellers will be transported to and from the oval.
- Students are requested to wear suitable sporting attire and should dress to the conditions. Dressing in team colours is encouraged if possible.
- Remember to slip, slop, slap and bring a coat if cold.
- Students may bring their lunch and snacks or purchase their lunch as the canteen will be available.
- Students should bring a water bottle with them.
- **Strictly no lunch passes.** Students are not to leave the oval for the duration of the sports.
- Students will be dismissed from the oval at the completion of the sports at approx. 2.15pm.
- Due to maintenance works the grandstand will be unavailable.

If any students or parents have any concerns or queries regarding these arrangements please do not hesitate to contact the college.

Reminder - Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences

Ararat College will be conducting Parent / Student / Teacher Conferences for the whole school and we invite all parents to take this opportunity to meet with the teachers of their children.

We are offering an evening and a morning session for conferences to take place and are hoping that these times will allow most parents to attend with their children.

Dates: **Thursday March 25th 4.00pm -7.00pm**
 and

Friday March 26th 9.00am - 12.00pm

Venue: **Science and Language Centre – (enter via Barkly Street)**

Classes on Thursday will run as normal. There will be no classes conducted on Friday as students are encouraged to be present with their parents/guardians at the conversations.

Breakfast Club

Ararat College is pleased to welcome 3 new recruits to assist with our Breakfast Club program. Members of the Ararat Police, Proactive Policing Unit will be on site from 8.00am each Friday putting their cooking skills into practice.

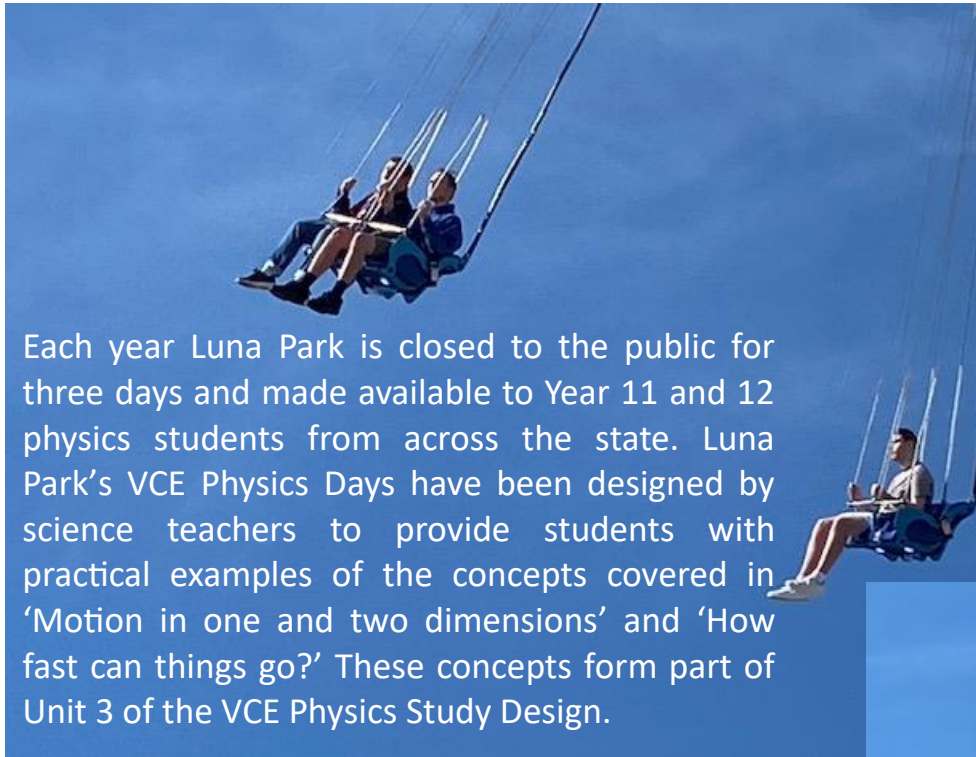
By connecting with local organisations, which includes schools, they hope to build positive relationships and connections with young people and the community.

Our school greatly appreciates their assistance and hopes that their presence helps to foster a positive perception of police, during our students formative years.

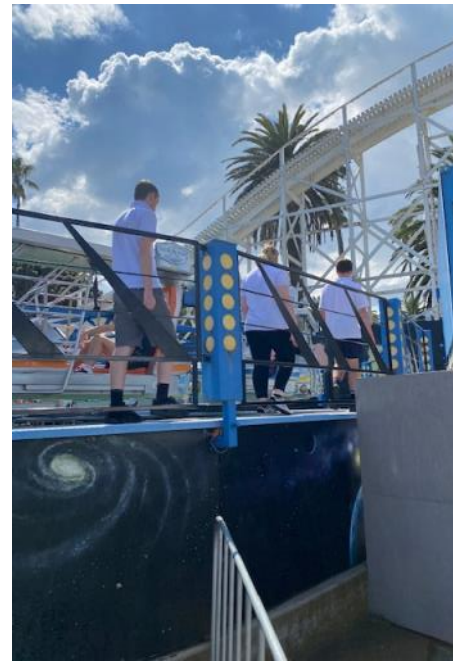
A reminder that Breakfast Club is on every morning, from 8.15 to 8.45, with cheese toasties, fruit cups, cereal, tea and milo available free of charge for all students. We'd love to see you there!



Luna Park Physics Excursion



Each year Luna Park is closed to the public for three days and made available to Year 11 and 12 physics students from across the state. Luna Park's VCE Physics Days have been designed by science teachers to provide students with practical examples of the concepts covered in 'Motion in one and two dimensions' and 'How fast can things go?' These concepts form part of Unit 3 of the VCE Physics Study Design.



Ararat College Year 11 and 12 Physics students gathered at the Ararat railway station in the early hours of the morning to travel by train down to Luna Park in St Kilda. On arrival in Melbourne we took a tram down to the St Kilda esplanade and waited for the gates to open at 10am. With the gates open we had the hard task of going on theme park rides! We started on the *Supernova* which was a 30m high rotational swing. Next was the iconic *Scenic Railway* which is the oldest continuously running rollercoaster in the world. We got on several other rides that not only tested our mental fortitude but our stomachs as well. One thing of note for the day would be the current affinity for the mullet hair style, with several other schools/teachers remarking on students' hair lusciously flowing in the wind during rides. The students now have to do the hard work of solving the mathematics behind the rides and making sense of force, momentum, gravity, velocity and acceleration.

Thank you to Josh Barrie and Tricia Ruthven for supervising this very informative excursion. They were incredibly proud of how our students conducted themselves at Luna Park and in Melbourne.

Year 11 and 12 Physics Class



VET Music

'As part of their VET Music course, students are required to complete at least three performances, either at school or to the wide community. Last Sunday Holly McAdie sang to an appreciative audience in Ballarat at the Workshop Cafe's Open Mic event, accompanying herself on the Ukulele. Thanks to her voice teacher at soundcheck studios for the organisation of the event. Well done on a fantastic performance Holly !



It's Brain Injury Awareness Month

This month is brain injury awareness month. A brain injury is a head injury that has left permanent damage. People that have a brain injury can go unrecognised as people with brain injuries are invisible and cannot be seen from the outside. We do day to day activities that people who don't have a brain injury take for granted. We do things that people would say we can't. Some brain injuries are invisible and do not affect the way we look but we can have daily challenges with remembering and doing simple tasks. Brain injuries affect all aspects of our lives and more in some than others. As a person who has a brain injury I struggle with change and how I process things. Never say to somebody with a brain injury to just get over it as many of them cannot. You will never know what it's like until you have a brain injury yourself, but it is important to be understanding and empathetic towards us.

Alanna Robertson



IS YOUR DOG OUR NEXT SUPERSTAR? ARE THEY READY TO HIT THE CITY LIGHTS ON A PAWCATION?

Let's give our pets the chance to shine.

Our pets have helped us through isolation with their silly antics, providing us with endless amusement.

In 2021 the joy that pets bring to our lives is more important than ever. So we at *The Ararat Advocate*, in partnership with *The Somerset Hotel on Elizabeth*, are holding a competition give away, for a family **Pawcation Getaway** to escape to Melbourne's CBD with your best friend to the value of \$750.00.

We want to see the funniest photos of you and your pet across the Rural City of Ararat. To showcase your dog(s) pulling silly faces, getting into mischief, striking a cool-guy pose, taking a no-filter Instagram selfie or photo bombing your family portrait. Dress-up and set the scene with your pet or just record them at a funny moment.

Email your (jpeg) photo to:

- advertising@theadvocate.net.au
- with your name and contact details.
- by 5pm Friday April 9th 2021.

We are giving away a family package with a two bedroom apartment for 2 adults, 2 kids and a dog.

- Accommodation in one of *Somerset on Elizabeth's* spacious two-bedroom and two-bathroom apartments – plenty of room for the WHOLE family to enjoy + your dog!
- Snack & Activity Packs to keep the lil' ones entertained
- Victorian cheese plate (kids can't have all the fun)
- Personalised dog treat for your furry friend (as well as all our pet package inclusions – bed, water and food bowls)
- Car parking for one car
- Late check out of 1pm

\$750.00 value

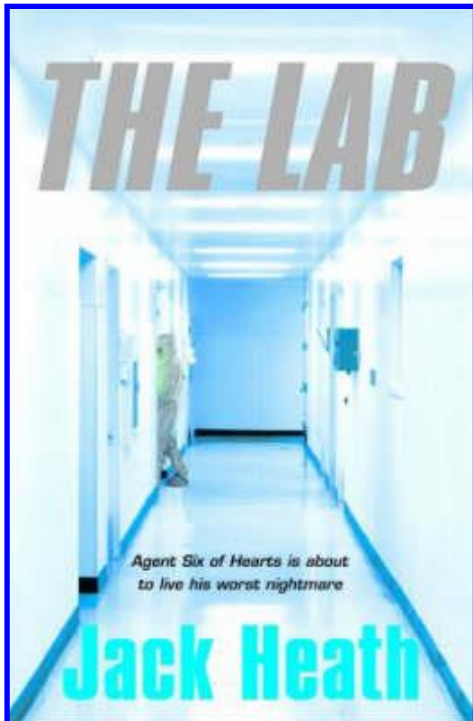



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RULES: The terms of the competition are: It can be a funny photo of your dog on its own or with the owner(s) and the dog. Somerset on Elizabeth St will judge the winner of the competition. This prize cannot be transferred. The competition will run for a duration of 4 weeks starting on Friday March 19th 2021 until close of Friday April 9th 2021. Winner to be announced in our next following issue on Friday April 16th 2021. There will be a full display of contestants funny photos at the end of the 4 weeks.

These new novels are now available for borrowing from the library.



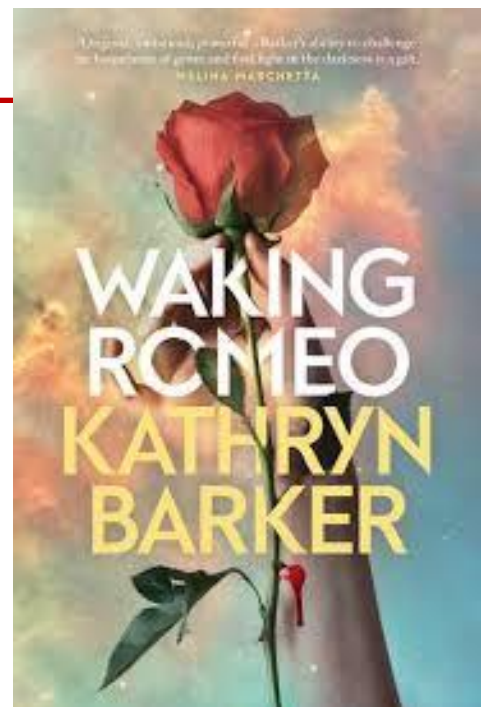
Sixteen-year-old agent Six of Hearts is the first human to be grown from designer DNA.

He can run faster, jump higher and react more quickly than anyone else.

Six escaped from his creators, a sinister underground organisation called *the Lab*, when he was a baby. Now, he works for the Deck, a group of vigilantes who are trying to protect *the Code* – the moral values set down before the world descended into anarchy. When the Deck begins investigating the Lab, Six walks a tightrope between his two worlds, trying to keep his origins a secret. Then he meets Kyntax, a boy with the same DNA...

YEAR: 2083. LOCATION: LONDON. MISSION: WAKE ROMEO.

It's the end of the world. Literally. Time travel is possible, but only forwards. And only a handful of families choose to remain in the 'now', living off the scraps that were left behind. Among these are eighteen year old Juliet and the love of her life, Romeo. But things are far from rosy for Jules. Romeo is in a coma and she's estranged from her friends and family, dealing with the very real fallout of their wild romance. Then a handsome time traveller, Ellis, arrives with an important mission that makes Jules question everything she knows about life and love. Can Jules wake Romeo and rewrite her future?



March 2021

Week 9	Monday	22	
	Tuesday	23	
	Wednesday	24	Music Performance Night
	Thursday	25	Parent / Teacher / Students Conferences
	Friday	26	Parent / Teacher / Students Conferences
Week 10	Monday	29	
	Tuesday	30	
	Wednesday	31	

April 2021

	Thursday	1	School Athletics Sports Last Day of Term 1
	Friday	2	Easter - Good Friday

Term 2

Week 1	Monday	19	First Day Term 2
	Tuesday	20	
	Wednesday	21	
	Thursday	22	
	Friday	23	
Week 2	Monday	26	
	Tuesday	27	
	Wednesday	28	
	Thursday	29	
	Friday	30	

Ararat College is committed to child safety (Ministerial Order No. 870) and takes all reasonable steps to ensure that the safety of our students is paramount.

Ararat College acknowledges the Traditional Owners of the country throughout Victoria. We pay our respects to them, their culture and their Elders past, present and emerging.