



**KOORIE**  
HERITAGE TRUST INC  
GNOKAN DANNA MURRA KOR-KI

# **KOORIE HERITAGE TRUST BEQUEST PROGRAM**



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GNOKAN DANNA  
MURRA KOR-KI**

*Welcome, give me  
your hand my friend*



# WHO WE ARE

## OUR VISION, OUR PURPOSE, OUR MOTTO AND OUR VALUES.

### OUR VISION

To live in a society where Aboriginal culture and history are a fundamental part of Victorian life.

### OUR PURPOSE

To promote, support and celebrate the continuing journey of the Aboriginal people of south-eastern Australia.

### OUR MOTTO

Gnokan Danna Murra Kor-ki – Give Me Your Hand My Friend.

### OUR VALUES

Respect, Honesty, Reciprocity, Curiosity.

The Koorie Heritage Trust was established in 1985 by a respected Koorie Elder, the late Ron Castan AM QC, and Ron Merkel QC. It was registered as an incorporated association in 1992.

We are an Aboriginal-owned and managed not-for-profit organisation. We celebrated our 35th birthday in 2020 as a bold and adventurous 21st century organisation offering an inclusive and welcoming place for all.

We offer a unique range of programs and services to promote, support and celebrate the Aboriginal culture of south-eastern Australia.

Anticipating and embracing advances in digital technology, we aim to provide best-practice client service delivery, and meaningful engagement with young Koorie people. At the same time, we embrace technology to record the memories of our Elders for the benefit of present and future Koorie and non-Koorie generations.

Our key strategic goals – to strengthen, promote, extend and develop – facilitate the participation of the Koorie and wider

Victorian Aboriginal communities in our programs and services, while promoting cultural exchange for all Victorians.

Koorie Heritage Trust is a place for everyone; a unique space in which Koorie and non-Koorie people can experience, learn, connect and reconnect with the rich, powerful and living Aboriginal culture, heritage and histories of Victoria, in a safe environment. We are also a knowledge bank and vital community resource, as much a physical as well as a virtual space for sharing, learning, collaborating and creating.

As reflected in the vision of our founders, our current staff and Board, both Koorie and non-Koorie, represent reconciliation in action, striving to uphold our Vision and Purpose and acting in ways that reflect our Values.



# WHAT WE DO

## WE ARE ONE OF THE OLDEST ABORIGINAL CULTURAL ORGANISATIONS IN AUSTRALIA AND OFFER THE FOLLOWING PROGRAMS:

### COLLECTIONS

The Koorie Heritage Trust continues to conserve, care for and curate one of the largest and unique collections of historical material directly pertaining to the clans and nations of south-eastern Australia.

The collection is significant, extensive and irreplaceable, and comprises pre-contact, historical and contemporary items: historical artefacts and objects, contemporary sculptures, paintings, prints, photographs and a reference library. It provides a tangible link to connect the community to the past and assists in the ongoing building of Aboriginal culture and pride.

### KOORIE FAMILY HISTORY SERVICE

Our Koorie Family History Service is a leader in the field of Aboriginal genealogy and family history research. We provide an extensive family history service for Koorie members of the Stolen Generations.

### ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION

Since 1987, our Oral History Collection has captured knowledge and stories of culture on behalf of the Koorie community. The Collection encompasses over 2000 audio and visual recordings of Koorie people from across Victoria.

### EXHIBITIONS

We facilitate the sharing of Aboriginal art and support emerging and established Aboriginal artists through an extensive exhibitions program. In addition, we host travelling exhibitions and associated public programs.

### CULTURAL EDUCATION

Our Cultural Education programs are provided for schools, organisations, and the general public, and include guided walking tours of the Birrarung Marr (River of Mists/Yarra River) and other sites of cultural significance at Federation Square and within Melbourne.

Our Building Aboriginal Cultural Competency and Building Aboriginal Cultural Safety workshops provide professional and personal development, and training to major federal, state and local government departments as well as the general public and corporate sector. The program complements the Reconciliation Action Plans of many corporate and government bodies.

### SHOPKOORIE

shopKOORIE works with community artists and craftspeople from around Victoria to promote and sell their products. It stocks products that are designed and/or crafted in Victoria by Koorie artists and craftspeople, as well as other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities. shopKOORIE sells products to government departments, local councils, universities and government schools.



# MAKING A BEQUEST

## A BEQUEST IS A TRULY PERSONAL DECISION AND THE KOORIE HERITAGE TRUST DEEPLY VALUES THE PROFOUND IMPACT OF THESE GIFTS TO TRANSFORM ORGANISATIONS.

We invite you to make a notified bequest in your Will.

### You can do this by:

- writing a letter to the KHT advising of your intention to make a bequest; or
- providing a copy of the relevant extract from your Will; or
- providing a confirming letter from your solicitor.

### You can bequeath:

- a specified amount of cash; or
- a percentage of the value of your estate; or
- a gift of an asset such as property or works of art; or
- a residual gift, which is a portion of what remains of your estate once all your gifts and costs are deducted.

You may also like to consider how you would like your gift to be used by the Koorie Heritage Trust.

If you would like the Trust to use the bequest for general purposes then the following wording is appropriate for use in your Will:

*I give **[insert percentage]** of my residuary estate to the Koorie Heritage Trust ABN 72 534 020 156 of Level 3, Yarra Building, Federation Square Melbourne, Vic 3000 for its general purposes for which the receipt of the Treasurer, Financial Officer or CEO shall be sufficient discharge to my Executor for the Bequest.*

### OR

*I give **[insert dollar amount]** to the Koorie Heritage Trust ABN 72 534 020 156 of Level 3, Yarra Building, Federation Square Melbourne, Vic 3000 for its general purposes for which the receipt of the Treasurer, Financial Officer or CEO shall be sufficient discharge to my Executor for the Bequest.*

If you would like the Trust to use the Bequest for a specific program or purpose then the following wording is appropriate for use in your Will:

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For peace of mind we recommend seeking legal advice on the terms of your Will.

## BEQUESTS MAKE A DIFFERENCE

The Norma Gleeson Bequest was established in 2012 and its sole beneficiary is the Koorie Heritage Trust. The Bequest supports a range of programs including the employment of Indigenous Cultural Interpreters and members of the Indigenous community in the development and delivery of programs of benefit to the Indigenous and non-Indigenous community to honour Norma's legacy as a passionate advocate of Aboriginal rights.

When you choose to leave a bequest to the Koorie Heritage Trust you know that it will be a legacy that lasts.

For further information, please contact us so that we can ensure your gift reflects the generosity of your spirit and intention.

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***“We value your support  
of the Koorie Heritage  
Trust where we promote,  
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the world’s oldest and  
continuous living culture”***

IAN HAMM, CHAIRPERSON, KOORIE HERITAGE TRUST



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Glenda Nicholls (Wadi Wadi, Yorta Yorta, Ngarrindjeri), *Feather Flower* (detail), c1994, feathers, wire, binding tape.  
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Interior, Koorie Heritage Trust.  
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Koorie Heritage Trust, scar tree cultural education walk. Image courtesy Visit Victoria, 2019.

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