

## Dja Dja Wurrung Corporate and Community Centre

The Dja Dja Wurrung Clans Aboriginal Corporation, trading as DJAARA, will have a new Corporate and Community Centre. The Centre will be a permanent and centralised location for land management operations and sustainable building models regarding Country.



An artist's impression of the Dja Dja Wurrung Corporate and Community Centre

The Dja Dja Wurrung Corporate and Community Centre aims to be a place of learning and interaction and honour the survival, growth, and culture of Dja Dja Wurrung People.

The Centre will be located at Hattam Street in Golden Square.

On Friday, 18 February 2022, DJAARA received the official title to the land. A handover ceremony took place to mark the significance of the title return to Dja Dja Wurrung People by the Attorney General, Jaclyn Symes.

*"Homes can take so many forms; the Dja Dja Wurrung are contributing positively to healing Country and its People. This Centre will be a place for us to work together to create a future for Central Victorians that would make all of our Dja Dja Wurrung Ancestors proud."*

**Rodney Carter Dja Dja Wurrung Group, CEO**

The Dja Dja Wurrung People historically received their Recognition and Settlement Agreement in 2013, recognising them as the Traditional Owners for Central Victoria.

The State of Victoria has committed \$11.288 million to develop and construct the Dja Dja Wurrung Corporate and Community Centre.



DJAARA will lead this project's planning, design, and expenditure in partnership with the State Government, City of Greater Bendigo and DELWP.

The Centre aims to create a destination for arts and cultural events and provide multi-purpose uses for other businesses and the wider public.

The project is currently in the design stage with site visits and design development through Dja Dja Wurrung Wartaka (come together with purpose) gatherings.

DJAARA will engage and consult with stakeholders and the community. They will also provide ongoing project updates throughout the process.

#### Key Project Stages (2022-2024)

- Dja Dja Wurrung Design development Wartaka
- Community Engagement
- Design completion
- Implementation of Dja Dja Wurrung Artwork
- Digging Stick ceremony
- Construction commencement

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