

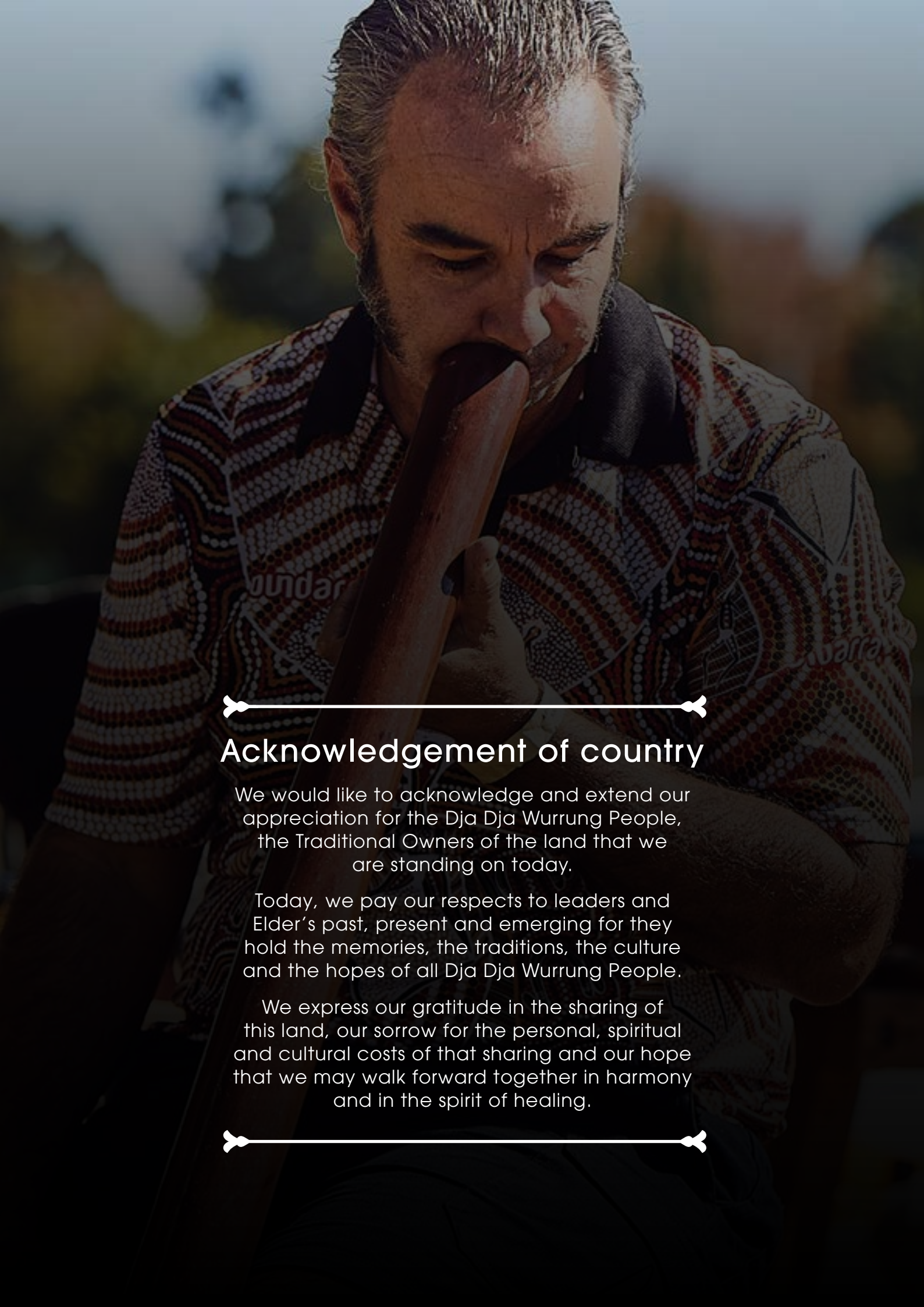
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Lost TRADES FAIR

BENDIGO

WELCOME TO LOST TRADES FAIR 2023 –
CELEBRATING 10 YEARS OF SHARING SKILLS,
KNOWLEDGE AND CRAFTSMANSHIP.



A close-up photograph of a man with grey hair and a beard, wearing a patterned shirt, playing a didgeridoo. The background is blurred, showing trees and a building. The text is overlaid on the lower half of the image.

Acknowledgement of country

We would like to acknowledge and extend our appreciation for the Dja Dja Wurrung People, the Traditional Owners of the land that we are standing on today.

Today, we pay our respects to leaders and Elder's past, present and emerging for they hold the memories, the traditions, the culture and the hopes of all Dja Dja Wurrung People.

We express our gratitude in the sharing of this land, our sorrow for the personal, spiritual and cultural costs of that sharing and our hope that we may walk forward together in harmony and in the spirit of healing.

The Lost Trades Fair

From its very beginning, the Lost Trades Fair has created an opportunity for craftspeople from across the globe to share their stories and make their work available to a larger audience. Now in our tenth year this remains a key focus and our 2023 event in Bendigo showcases artist-makers from across Australia and abroad.

The Lost Trades Fair celebrates skill, lost arts, rare trades and heritage crafts. Discover materials, techniques and gather knowledge passed down through generations, watch first nations crafts presented on Djaara country; from field-crafts, workshop trades, textiles, clay, stone and wood; fibre, leather, metal, building trades, fine arts and decorative crafts; all are present this year and serve as distinct cultural calling cards for each artisan.

We support and promote artisans pursuing traditional trades with authenticity and integrity, validating what they do, and acknowledging their dedication and commitment to their craft and passing on their skills and knowledge to others and of course the passion they have for their work.

We hope that visiting the Lost Trades Fair inspires you and sets a new generation of future craftspeople on their own journey so that these trades continue to be practised and not lost to history. We thank you for your support over the past decade and hope that we continue to provide a place where you can meet makers, see how things are made and find a little inspiration.





Minister's Message

On behalf of the Victorian Government, welcome to Bendigo for the 2023 Lost Trades Fair.

We are proud to support this event through the Regional Events Fund and it's fantastic to see it back at Bendigo Racecourse for another year.

This unique celebration of the lost arts and rare trades attracts thousands of visitors to Bendigo for a chance to learn about the forgotten crafts of yesteryear.

There is nowhere else in Australia where you can experience an event that champions artisans and master craftspeople quite like this.

Beyond the festival, visitors can soak up the city's heritage architecture, enjoy Bendigo's world-class food and wine scene, or discover the region's rich history at its many museums, gardens, and galleries.

Since 2016, the Regional Events Fund has funded more than 300 events across the state bringing thousands of visitors to regional locations, growing local visitor economies and showcasing the wide range of experiences on offer in regional Victoria.

Have a great time at the Lost Trades Fair and while you're in Bendigo, I encourage you to enjoy everything the region has to offer.

Steve Dimopoulos
Minister for Tourism, Sport and
Major Events

Lost Trades Fair is supported by Visit Victoria and The City of Greater Bendigo and we acknowledge their support of artisans, fine craftsmanship and creative events.

Trades & Crafts



METAL & GLASS

Armourers, Bell Maker, Blacksmiths, Bladesmiths, Coachbuilder, Knifemakers, Metalsmiths, Silversmiths and Goldsmiths, Toolmakers, Locksmith, Horologists / Clockmakers, Penny Farthing Maker, Leadlighter, Tiffany Lamp Maker

STONE, CLAY & WAX

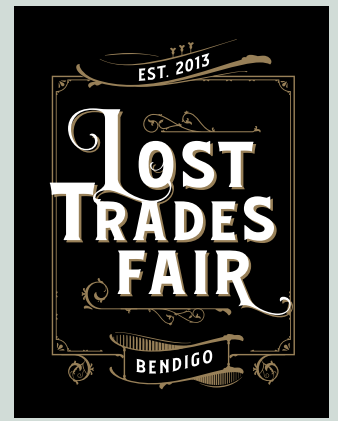
Stonemasons, Sculpturers, Stone Wallers, Chandler (candle maker), Soap Maker, Potters, Porcelain Flower Maker

LEATHER

Leatherworkers, Bootmaker, Whip Maker, Leather Plaiter, Belt-maker, Bridle Maker, Leather Bag & Accessories Makers.



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Trades & Crafts



DECORATIVE ARTS

Decorative Painters Pinstripers, Sign Writers, Gilder (Gold leaf), Letterpress and Print Compositor, Printmakers, Dry Point Etchers, Typesetter, Botanical Illustrator, Watercolour Artist, Ink Maker, Pigment Maker, Bookbinders, Silhouette Artist

WOOD

Woodcarvers, Green Woodworkers, Turners, Coopers / Barrel Makers, Chairmakers, Cabinet makers, Instrument Makers, Luthiers (Guitar Makers), Bowyer (Long Bows), Harp Maker, Bush Skills & Slab Huts, Heritage Builders, Timber Framers, Shingle Splitters, Rocking Horse Makers, Wheelwrights, Toy Makers, Spoon Carvers, Puppet Maker, Relief Carvers, Sculptors.



Trades & Crafts



FIRST NATIONS CRAFT

Trades and crafts, shared by local first national artisans on Djaara country.

TEXTILES

Spinning & Weaving, Wool Dyeing, Saori Weaver, Traditional Tailor, Seamstress and Toymaker, Upholsterers,

FIELD CRAFTS

Fly Rod Maker, Basket Weaving, Blade Shearer, Cane Weaving, Corn Dollie Maker, Wicker Weaving, Ropemakers, Vintage Machinery - Strawbaling and Chaff Cutting, Heavy Horse work and demonstrations.



Demonstration Program

Saturday

10am : Welcome to Country and smoking ceremony

11am : Whip Cracking Demonstration

12pm : Spoon Carving Race

1pm : Little Tradies Activities

2pm : Whip Cracking Demonstration

3pm : Fly Fishing Rod Casting Demonstration

Sunday

10am : Whip Cracking Demonstration

11am : Ropemaking Demonstration

12pm : Traditional Tug-of-War

1pm : Little Tradies Activities

2pm : Fly Rod Casting

3pm : Whip Cracking Demonstration





Demonstrations throughout each day

Over 100 individual artisan demonstrations each day including:

Blacksmiths Team - Twice Daily

Wheelwrights - Hot Wheel Tying Demonstration - Twice Daily

Cuttlefish Casting at Silversmiths, Bronze Bell Casting, Steambending,
Stone Wall Building, Knife Forging, Blade Shearing (Sheep), Decorative
Painting, Tailoring, Weaving, Leatherwork and
Heavy Horse Machinery Demonstrations



Little Tradies - things to do

Hobby Horse Race, Egg + Spoon Race,
Potato Sack Race, Gum Boot Throw.

Wooden Toy making with Schloss Toys

Dip your own beeswax candles with Fiona the Candlestick Maker

Carriage Rides on the Cobb + Co Carriage

Lost + Found - Lost Trades Treasure Hunt

Californian Redwood Forest
Great Ocean Road

Grand Ridge Road
Gippsland

Stay close, go further.

VISIT VICTORIA

You don't have to go far to feel like you're a whole world away. Just far enough to leave the crowds behind and find your space. A place where you can reconnect with nature, soak in the scenery and feed your soul. And okay, enjoy some great wine while you're at it. Go further in Victoria.



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