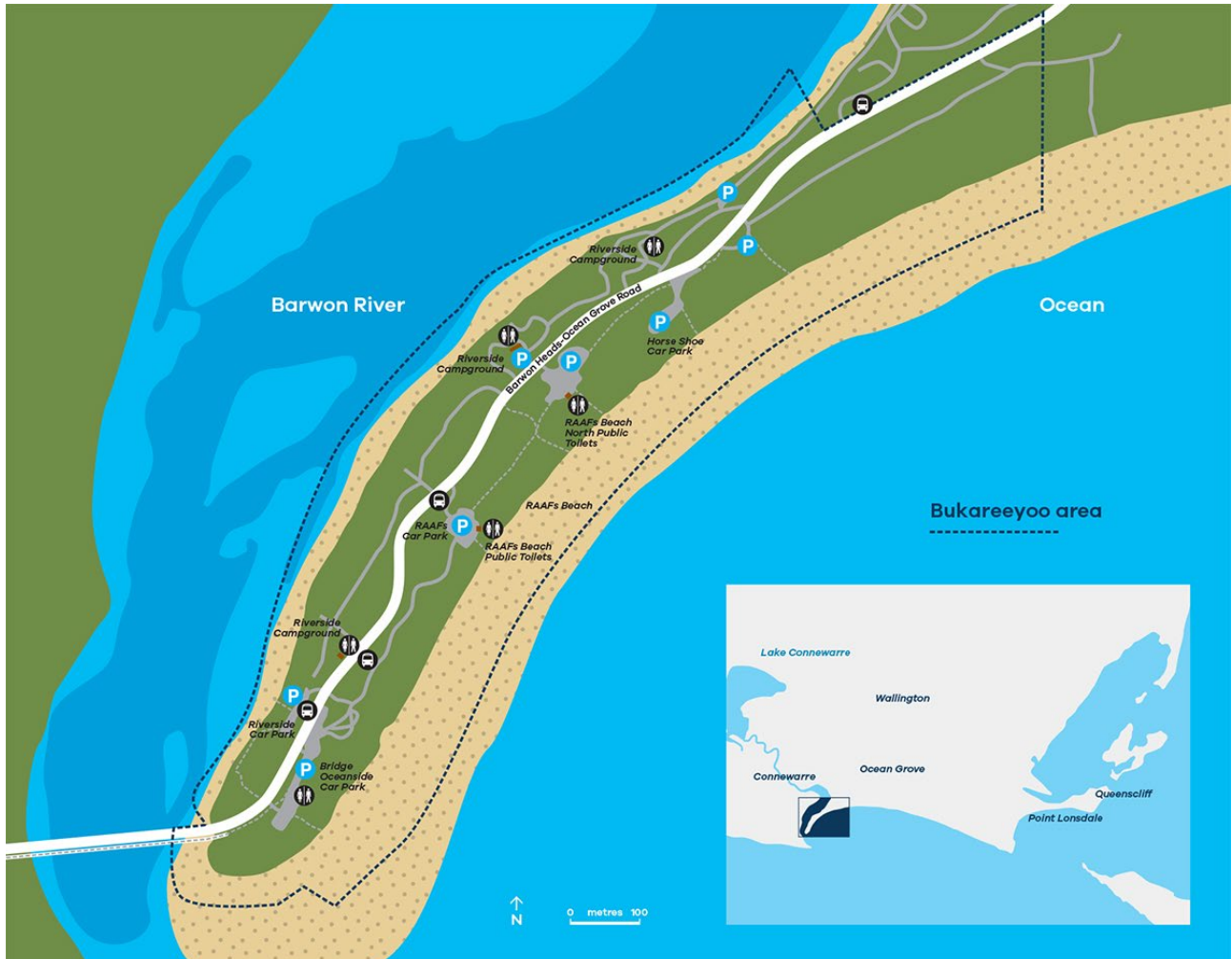


# Bukareeyoo

## Returning Wadawurrung Language to Country



**Bukareeyoo is the name once again being given to the area of land known informally as the Ocean Grove Spit.**

Bukareeyoo (Book ar ree you) is a Wadawurrung word which means 'between'. Bukareeyoo sits between two waters – the ocean and the river. Bukareeyoo is on Wadawurrung Country. Wadawurrung People would traditionally visit this area in the warm summer weather to camp and fish.

### A WADAWURRUNG NAME

Sarah Eccles, Wadawurrung woman and Healthy Country Project Officer (Warri and coastal Dja at Wadawurrung Traditional Owners Aboriginal Corporation) explains:

*It means a lot to see our Dja (Country) being named in Wadawurrung language, and we*

*appreciate the interest and support already shown for the name Bukareeyoo.*

*Wadawurrung people have our own language that is strongly connected to our Dja and people. Our old people spoke Wadawurrung fluently, but this was disrupted for many years. We are respecting our Elders wishes in reviving our language.*

*Having a Wadawurrung language name will help those who enjoy this cultural landscape understand whose traditional country it is, the cultural values it holds and ongoing connections it has to Wadawurrung people.*

*The partnership with Barwon Coast in working with us to bring Wadawurrung language back to Dja (Country) is deeply valued and in the spirit of Koling wada-ngal (let us walk together).*



Corrina Eccles, Wadawurrung Woman on Bukareeyoo

## **PROJECT OVERVIEW**

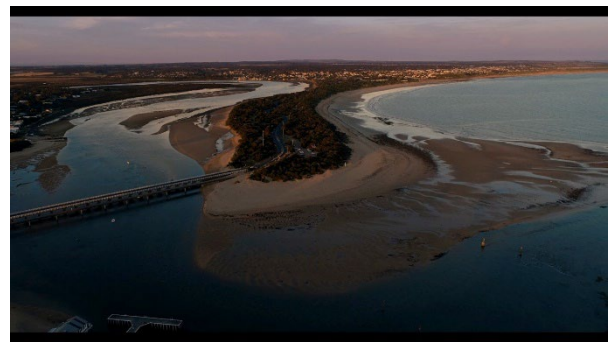
Barwon Coast is the designated land manager for Bukareeyoo and they are committed to working alongside the Wadawurrung People to care for this area of coast. Bukareeyoo was given to this area by the Wadawurrung Traditional Owners Aboriginal Corporation.

Bukareeyoo is a popular place for walking, swimming, fishing and picnics and is also used over summer and Easter periods as a campground named 'Riverside'. The campground will be named Bukareeyoo

Campground. This will come into effect for the Summer 2024 camping season.

The process of naming Bukareeyoo is guided by the Geographic Place Names Act 1998 and the Naming rules for places in Victoria 2022. It is proposed that the new name will be formally gazetted in March 2023.

More project information can be found at [barwoncoast.com.au/projects/bukareeyoo](https://barwoncoast.com.au/projects/bukareeyoo)



## **Get Involved**

To better understand community thoughts and ideas in relation to the name Bukareeyoo, Barwon Coast have an online survey which is now open. The survey can be accessed at:

[www.surveymonkey.com/r/Bukareeyoo](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Bukareeyoo) or at the QR code below.

The survey closes on 31 January 2023.

## **Scan for the Bukareeyoo Survey**



## Some Frequently Asked Questions

### **Q. How can the Ocean Grove Spit' be renamed?**

A. The 'Ocean Grove Spit' is not a registered place name. As the registered land manager Barwon Coast can register a name for the area under the *Geographic Place Names Act 1998* and the *Naming rules for places in Victoria 2022*. It is proposed that the new name will be formally gazetted in March 2023.

### **Q. Will emergency services be able to locate people when the area is named Bukareeyoo?**

A. The formal naming process will ensure that all emergency services and wayfinding services are aware of Bukareeyoo as the formal name for this area.

### **Q. How will people know the name is now Bukareeyoo?**

A. Once the name Bukareeyoo is formally gazetted in 2023, we will promote it through local media and a launch event. Signs on Bukareeyoo will show that the area is called Bukareeyoo. These signs will also explain the meaning and significance of the name.

### **Q. How do I pronounce Bukareeyoo?**

A. The Barwon Coast website at [barwoncoast.com.au/projects/bukareeyoo](https://barwoncoast.com.au/projects/bukareeyoo) has a short sound snap video showing how to say Bukareeyoo (Book ar ree yoo).

### **Q. I would like to share my thoughts on the new name. How can I do that?**

A. There is an online survey open until January 31 2023, this is where you can let us know your thoughts and ideas. Access it at [www.surveymonkey.com/r/Bukareeyoo](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Bukareeyoo)

### **Q. I would like to talk to someone about the new name. Who do I talk to?**

A. The Barwon Coast team are more than happy to discuss the name or naming process. We can be contacted by phoning 5254 1118 Monday to Friday, or email [office@barwoncoast.com.au](mailto:office@barwoncoast.com.au).

### **Q. Can I discuss the new name with the Wadawurrung Traditional Owners?**

A. An event to celebrate the new name and connect with the community of people who use Bukareeyoo will be held in early 2023. This will be a chance for people to connect with the Traditional Owners of Bukareeyoo. We will advertise this event widely and in our community newsletter. You can sign up for the Barwon Coast community newsletter at [bit.ly/BarwonCoastNewsletter](https://bit.ly/BarwonCoastNewsletter)

## THANKYOU FOR YOUR INTEREST IN BUKAREEYOO.



**Wadawurrung representatives and Barwon Coast staff at Bukareeyoo.**