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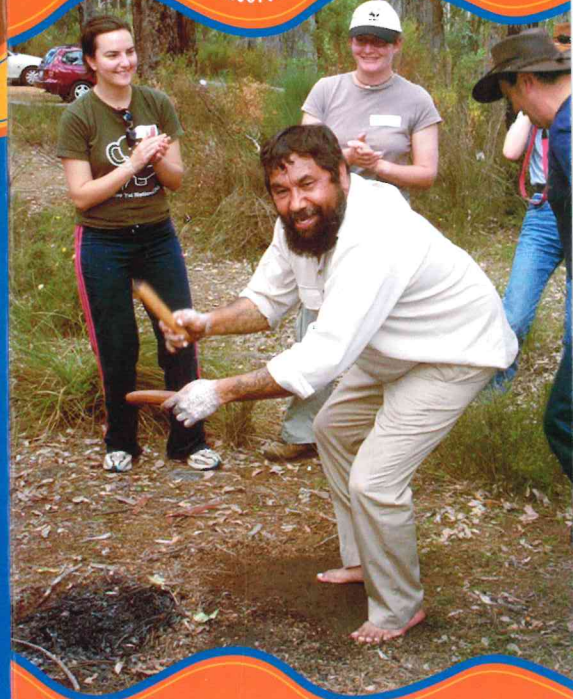
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# Sharing the dreaming

Indigenous Heritage Unit

Department of Conservation and Land Management



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*Embracing and sharing cultural values by facilitating the involvement of Aboriginal people in all aspects of the Department.*





## Indigenous Heritage Unit

The Department of Conservation and Land Management (CALM) in partnership with the wider community is working to conserve Western Australia's biodiversity and manage the lands and waters entrusted to it for their intrinsic values and for the benefit of present and future generations.

CALM recognises the unique role and expertise that Aboriginal people can have as both 'traditional custodians' with a cultural responsibility to care for country and as managers of conservation lands and waters for the State.

Through the involvement of the wider community, CALM's Indigenous Heritage Unit is providing an Aboriginal perspective on the management of lands and waters and raising awareness about the management and protection of Indigenous cultural heritage on CALM estate.

The Indigenous Heritage Unit is facilitating the involvement of Aboriginal people in CALM while enhancing staff cultural knowledge in relation to heritage sites and appropriate ways of working with Aboriginal communities.



## Our services

### The Indigenous Heritage Unit:

- provides CALM staff with links to Aboriginal communities;
- links Aboriginal communities with relevant CALM staff;
- builds and maintains cultural information;
- runs cultural heritage information programs;
- develops educational resources;
- liaises with Elders, community leaders and the wider Aboriginal community on cultural heritage issues;
- liaises with State and local government authorities and the community on the protection and management of lands and waters; and
- provides cultural heritage information and advice in CALM's planning processes;
- gives guidance and expertise in cultural interpretation.

## Aboriginal cultural heritage programs

### Sharing the Dreaming

This program focuses on interactive activities leading towards an understanding of the four key natural communities around Perth – forest, woodlands, wetlands and the coast – from an Aboriginal perspective.

Indigenous Heritage Unit staff provide educational talks, experiences and activities in classrooms, local bush and national parks.

There are opportunities for:

- universities,
- community groups,
- local government,
- business groups,
- primary schools and
- high schools.

The Unit is committed to the development of awareness, understanding and support for our Aboriginal heritage in WA.