

First Nations history: Mallanbool Reserve

Level: 3–4

Curriculum focus: *Historical Knowledge*
First contacts
The diversity and longevity of Australia’s first peoples and the significant ways Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are connected to Country and Place (land, sea, waterways and skies) and the effects on their daily lives ([VCHHK078](#))

Learning outcome: Students understand the importance of Country and Place to Traditional Owners.

Students learn how the natural environment impacted the daily lives of Traditional Owners.

What’s included:

- Activities
- Discussion questions
- Further resources

Activities

Activity one

Watch the video [First Nations History: Mallanbool Reserve](#)
Pause and discuss the video as needed.

Discussion questions

- What does 'Country' mean to Traditional Owners?
- How did Traditional Owners live off the natural environment?

Activity two (excursion)

Visit Mallanbool Reserve and answer the following questions.

1. Find the timber information panels in the park and write down one fact from each spot.

- Mallanbool Reserve — history
- The Kulin — local mob
- Women's Business
- Traditional hunting
- The Kulin continuum

2. Draw a picture of one of the native plants you find in the park. Can you match it to one of the panels?

3. Sit down in the park as a class. In the video, Grant talked about connection to Country and Place. Discuss what you think Mallanbool Reserve was like before.

Activity two (alternative)

As a class, read [Mallanbool Reserve: traditional hunting](#) and answer the following questions.

What did men hunt?

What did women hunt?

Name one kind of animal Traditional Owners hunted.

Name one object Traditional Owners used to hunt.

How did Traditional Owners use fire to hunt?

What is a totem or moiety? What are the two main moieties for Traditional Owners?

Want to learn more? You can find this article and more at:

www.gleneira.vic.gov.au/our-city/sports-and-leisure/self-guided-walking-tours

Teacher resources

Visit

Map of historic sites in the City of Glen Eira

This [map](#) shows primary schools in the City of Glen Eira along with monuments, museums, historical societies, plaques, memorials, public art, historic buildings, and sites that commemorate First Nations history. Visit our [Self-guided Walking Tours page](#) for more information.



Watch

Glen Eira City Council (2019) [Welcome to Country with Parbin-ata Carolyn Briggs AM](#)

Glen Eira City Council (2019) [Parbin-ata Carolyn Briggs AM shares the story of the possum cloak](#)

Glen Eira City Council (2022) [Alicia Cerreto - in conversation with Glen Eira Historical Society](#)

Learn

City of Moorabbin Historical Society (2024) [City of Moorabbin Historical Society \(Box Cottage\) Collection](#)

Glen Eira City Council (2024) [History of Our Council](#)

Glen Eira City Council (2024) [Glen Eira City Council History and Heritage Collection](#)

Glen Eira Historical Society (2024) [Glen Eira Historical Society Collection](#)