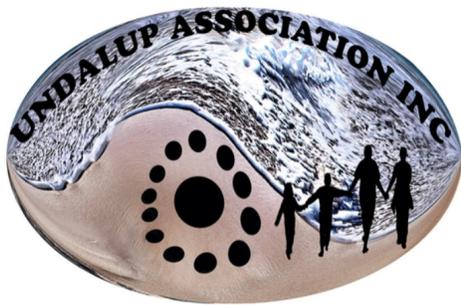




# Undalup News



## Djeran issue

April to May 2019

We are excited to present to you the first issue of the Undalup Seasonal Newsletter. Each issue will come out with the change of the Wadandi Seasons. Undalup News will bring you the latest in Wadandi culture, events, arts and community



### Kaya – Welcome

The Undalup Association Inc. would like to acknowledge the past, present and future Traditional Owners and Elders, whose cultures and customs have and will continue to nurture the land on which we walk and live – Boodja.

#### “From little things big things grow”

Undalup Members believe that “from little things, big things grow”.

The Undalup Association Inc. embraces the Aboriginal culture. We believe that the shared ownership of our events and projects will lead to a more reconciled and respectful future giving us all a sense of belonging and drawing everyone into the culture, spirit and history of the area.

#### Who is Undalup?

Undalup Association is a not-for-profit organisation formed in 2012 by a group of passionate people turning ideas into reality. Undalup is the Wadandi word for Busselton named after a great Wadandi Warrior, ‘Undal’.

Some of the ways we support the growth and diversity of Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal communities are by:

- building awareness of the traditional culture and heritage of the South West
- providing positive opportunities for Aboriginal people
- providing unique community events, educational workshops and projects
- creating collaborative relationships with other community organisations

Share the  
Wadandi culture  
traditions  
knowledge and  
history

#### Our Goals

Teach the  
importance of  
Boodja

Teach respect for  
the importance  
of Wadandi  
Elders and  
Traditional  
Custodians



## Undalup in the Community

Our Board members and volunteers have been out and about in the community promoting Wadandi culture, the arts, history and caring for Boodja.

The National Reconciliation Week event was celebrated in partnership with the Augusta-Margaret River (AMR) Shire with the launch of the New Margaret River Youth Precinct on 3 June 2018, special guest being Martin Luther King III, with his wife Andrea (pictured above with our Undalup Board Members - photo courtesy of Wendy Slee) and daughter, Yolanda. The Undalup board members and Cultural Custodians, had the privilege of meeting and yarning with the family and what an honour that was for us all. With those famous words from his grandfather, "I have a dream, that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the colour of their skin, but by the content of their character". Martin Luther King III follows in his grandfather's footsteps helping to promote change.

Pop down and check out the community bush food garden at the Art Geo Complex; "Merenj Boodja" is filled with bush food plants depicting the six seasons. The beautiful bench seats (pictured below) were designed and made by Mike O'Neil Builders from recycled jetty timbers courtesy of the City of Busselton.

Photo courtesy of Double M Photography.





### Mulgarnup, Balbarignup

The Wadandi Cultural Custodians have named the Western Power Vasse Depot “Mulgarnup, Balbarignup” (Place of Thunder, Lightning). The new depot has the largest concrete slab in the South West of WA and is close to the Wadandi track. The name originates from the songline along the Yalyal-Witcher escarpment from ranges of Ironstone Ridge, past Capel and through the countryside to Undalup (Busselton); where the land meets the sea.

Along this songline is a culturally significant sight close to the where the Woddidup Creek meets the Sabine River. The original site was an old Aboriginal camp and healing site. The Mulgarnup/Woddidup Mission was built here around 1887 as it was a known location visited by the Aboriginal people who travelled there to gather and live along the banks of the river. The Mission was known as a place of healing/medicine, near the Bilya (River).

Top left: Ironstone Gully Falls near Capel where the Mulgarnup, Balbarignup sonlines runs through; top right; Wayne Webb and partner, Toni onsite at the new Vasse Depot location.

We aim to provide opportunities that encourage feelings of self-worth and a sense of wellbeing, giving Aboriginal people the confidence and self-determination to share their cultural knowledge with others.



## Featured Story

The Undalup Association Inc. is fully supportive of our Youth Projects, workshops and events. One of the positive outcomes we have experienced so far on our Culture Journey is being able to give Shannon Hart Cole his first gigs at the Birak Festival 2018 and Djeran Youth Week Event 2018 – at which Shannon was the Festival Ambassador.

Shannon had struggled for many years with mental health issues and found his way of healing was through creating music, allowing him to express his feelings and experiences through his lyrics. His songs relate to many youth, struggling with their own demons, not knowing or understanding where they belong in the family structure and society.

Since then, Shannon has had his journey documented and has recently been working with WA's Individualised Services (WAIS), a small organisation which supports people, families and service providers with individualised self-directed supports and services to people with mental illness or a disability to produce a book called "Shannon's Story" which helps other young people to plan for the future and reconnect with culture and people.

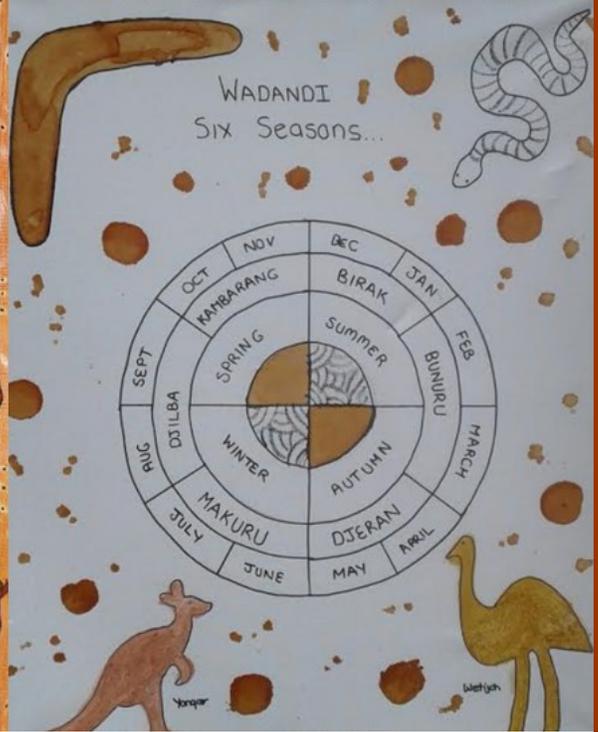
Photo (right): Shannon has also performed alongside dancer, Michael Smith. Photo taken at the Act-Belong-Commit Undalup Birak Festival 2018 (photos courtesy of Double M Photography).

*In Shannon's words, "to think this came out of the blue and how I can make a change in someone's life makes me happy, even the smallest person can change the course of the future".*



Photo (above): Undalup Youth Ambassador, Shannon Hart Cole performing live at the 2018 Djeran Youth Festival.





## Out on Boodja

*"We don't own the land, the land owns us"*

In March, we were invited by Rosa Brook Learning Centre in Margaret River to present a Cultural Workshop to Koolungars (Children) and parents. Connection to country and land conservation were the focus of the workshop presented by Iszaak Webb who presented in a bush classroom. A walk on Boodja allowed participants to identify plants in the bush and learn about bush medicine and bush tucker. Zac taught about the Wadandi six seasons and the Koolungars made artwork using natural ochres and resins.

Photos: Iszaak Webb, Cultural Presenter gets on the Koolungar level during the Rosa Brook Learning Centre Cultural Workshop (above left); painting boomerangs (Kylees) with native bush paints (top right); Wadandi six seasons calendar painted with natural ochres and resin (below right).

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# Undalup Events

## Djeran Youth Event

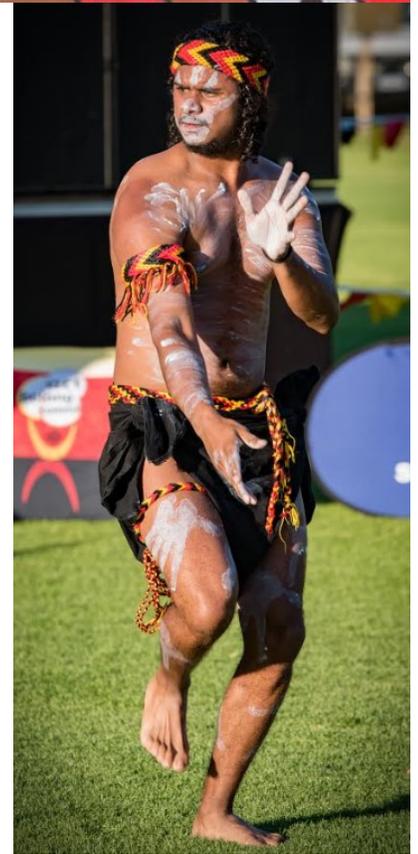
Saturday 13 April 2019

Margaret River Youth Precinct & Skate Park

The Djeran Youth Week Event is a joint partnership between the Shire of Augusta-Margaret River and the Undalup Association Inc. to provide cultural and youth art-focused activities to the region as part of National Youth Week. This year's theme was "Nurture the Now" and promoted mental health awareness among youths.

Undalup developed a range of cultural activities to help educate and entertain the audience on the history and rich traditions of our local Wadandi (Saltwater People) Aboriginal community. Thanks to everyone who made it down to the Margaret River Youth Precinct – it was a great turn out!

Isaac Webb performed a Welcome to Country and was joined by Bindjareb Middars Cultural Dancers (Cultural Dancer Chris Nannup pictured). Undalup Youth Ambassador and hip hop artist, Shannon Hart Cole returned to perform new material he has been working on over the past 12 months. Shannon was available to sign copies of the youth mental health book, "Shannon's Story" and mental health service providers were available to speak to the public on mental health issues.



The day was packed with fun and included bush tucker tastings alongside a display of traditional ochres, bush tool and materials, weavings and skins. Young people had the opportunity to create their own boomerangs and native animal and clapping stick art works. The Margaret River Youth Affairs Council conducted tie dye workshops and were involved in developing and running the event on the day which will also included:

- Spray art workshop with local artist Karl Heussenstamm
- Skateboard workshops with Margaret River Skate school
- Social health and well-being stalls
- Live music and DJs throughout the day
- Soggybones food and café

This event was sponsored by AMR Shire, Local Drug Action Groups Inc. and the Department of Communities.

## Noongar Footy Legends Nite

Saturday 18 May 2019, 6:30pm – 11:00pm

High Street Community Hall – 47 Bussell Hwy, Busselton

The Undalup events team are presenting a "Noongar Footy Legends Nite" presented by Kelton Pell (Actor), with Uncle Syd Jackson, Mark 'Jacko' Jackson and Peter 'Buzz' Bosustow as a fundraiser for the Undalup Association to help put more community rangers out on Wadandi Boodja (country). Many items of memorabilia will be auctioned on the night, with some West Coast Eagles items as raffle prizes. Cash only. No eftpos facilities available.

Tickets are \$65 per head (tables of 8) and will be available online at:

<https://www.trybooking.com/BBPSX>

Roelands Village Festival

Saturday 4 May 2019

Roelands Village

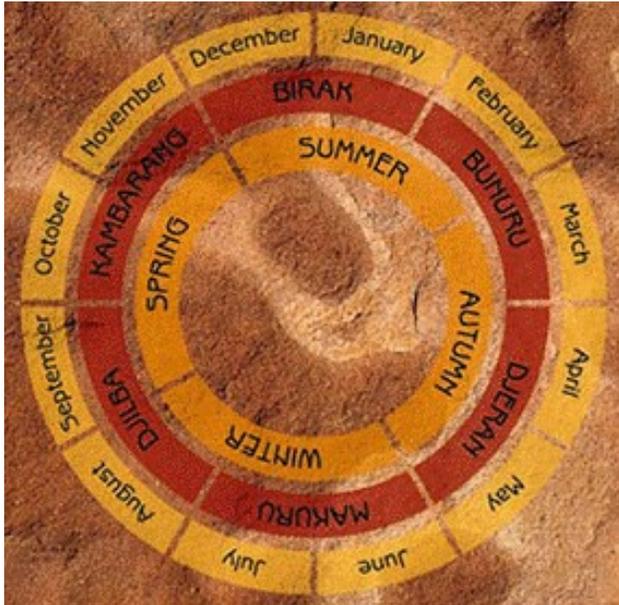
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Readers Writers Festival

Friday 3 May – Sunday 5 May

Margaret River Region

# Do you know the Six Seasons?



The Six Seasons of our Wadandi people, traditions and culture are relied on to this day to keep Nala Boodja (Our Country) strong and healthy.

The six seasons are governed by what is happening and changing around us rather than by dates on a calendar. It helps to understand and respect plant and animal fertility cycles and preservation of the land.

Each of the six seasons coincides with a seasonal abundance of a variety of food resources which informs which foods and medicines should be consumed at that time of the year.



## Djeran (April to May)

Colours: ● red, ● brown, ● grey

Climate: Cooler weather begins, first dew.

Known as: Ant season (season of the adulthood)

Djeran season at last sees a break in the really hot weather. A key indicator of the change of season is the cool nights that once again bring a dewy presence for us to discover in the early mornings.

The winds have also changed, especially in their intensity, with light breezes common and generally swinging from southerly directions (i.e. south east / south west). Many flying ants can be seen cruising around in the light winds. Djeran is a time of red flowers especially from the red flowering gum (*corimbia ficifolia*), as well as the smaller and more petite flowers of the summer flame (*beaufortia aestiva*). As you travel around the South West area, you may also notice the red 'rust' and seed cones forming on the male and female sheoaks (*allocasuarina fraseriana*). Banksias start to display their flowers ensuring that there are nectar food sources for the many small mammals and birds that rely upon them.

Traditionally, foods at this time of year included the seeds that had been collected and stored for treatment from the zamia during the previous season along with the root bulbs of the yanget (bullrushes), fresh water fish, frogs and turtles.

As the season progresses, the nights will become cooler and damper along with some cool and rainy days which also means that traditionally mia mias (houses or shelters) were now repaired and updated to ensure they were waterproofed and facing in the right direction in readiness for the deep, wintery months to come.



# Wadandi goodbye

“Jinnung Noonduk Boorda Yen”

## See you in the future

If you enjoyed our first issue of *Undalup News*, please subscribe by emailing [undalup@outlook.com](mailto:undalup@outlook.com) with the subject “Subscribe” and your first name, surname, email address and phone number in the body of the email. We thank you for your support!

## Getting involved

Undalup Committee meetings are open to the public and are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month at 4:00pm at the Undalup Office (High Street Hall – 47 Bussell Hwy, Busselton).

If you like what we are about and want to get involved, we have a number of membership options for individuals and groups (prices include GST and are yearly fees):

- Unpaid members receive our newsletter (seasonal), invitation to Undalup events and meeting minutes for keeping in the know.
- Paid members \$27.50 get access to our library, discounted (or free) event access, newsletter, invitations to assist on all projects, events and workshops.
- Not-for-Profit Groups, Community Organisations, Schools \$110.00
- Corporate Memberships
  - Small Business (Less than 20 employees) \$275.00 (July to June, pro rata)
  - Large Business (21 employees and over) \$550.00 (July to June, pro rata)
- Philanthropic Donors

## Check out our YouTube Channel!

We are in the process of uploading a bunch of great entertainment and educational videos to our new YouTube Channel.



Search for “Undalup” next time you log into YouTube and you can see a few videos that have already been uploaded.  
Like, comment and share!



## Contact Details

At Undalup Association Inc. we like to give back to the community anyway we can. If you are a community organisation and need help with grant applications involving the environment or culture, you will need to consult with your Wadandi Cultural Custodians as, for example, you may be working in a protected nature reserve or a culturally sensitive area. So please, ask first. Email your enquiries to: [undalup@outlook.com](mailto:undalup@outlook.com).

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