



For Our Future Eco Arts Celebration with Community Feedback

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We honour the beautiful
Boonwurrung/Bunurong Country,
and we thank the Ancestors who
have cared for this Country for
tens of thousands of years.

We recognise the wisdom of
First Nation Peoples here and
across the world who have taught
us the importance of being in
relationship with Country and
caring for the Living World.



‘I think it is so important that the ‘For Our Future’ project creates such powerful opportunities for non-Indigenous community members to experience First Nations peoples’ culture and stories first-hand.

Such opportunities are critical for our communities to move forward together.’





Introductions across the oceans

'I applaud the 'For Our Future' project for its aspirations to engage community and schools, to foster a greater sense of individual and community

connections with the natural world and to create spaces in which greater awareness, understanding and respect between people of different cultures can flourish.'







‘Such events are not only important, enjoyable and special.

They are essential to our understanding of our connection to everything and everyone.

They are essential to the continuing health and life of not only us but to future people and to the planet itself.’



‘Listening to people from all over the world you realise that we are not alone and our numbers are increasing for the benefit of the whole human race.’



On Zoom ...

Craig Barrie – Musician, General Manager Community Music Victoria; Wonthaggi ArtSpace, Bass Coast;
Malgorzata Oakes - Artist, Hudson Valley, New York State; Colin Funk Eco Theatre-maker Cortes Island,
British Columbia; Donita Large - Cree Singer/Songwriter and Cultural Educator; Joey Thompson - Climate
Activist and Environmental Leader, Newhaven College calling in from Seattle, USA.





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Collaborative Responses to Whale Songs





Earlier in the week ... Collaboration between Bass Coast Children's Centre and Rose Lodge Residents







‘Just a wonderful event and so refreshing to have this built around our entanglement with the living world, an Earth-first approach to narrative, creativity and community.’





Artworks, Photographs and Creative Writing from Cortes Island, British Columbia

Jane Newman, Karen McDiarmid, Colin Funk, Connie Brill



Artworks from Navajo artist Melanie Yazzie, Sue Pearson (Norfolk Island), Malgorzata Oakes (New York)



‘A program that is intergenerational, intercultural and intergenerational and brings together arts, culture and science is such a sensible yet powerful way to connect people and environment.’



“For Our Future’ has been such a success, involving so many people.

When it began it was a hard thing to pull off but as usual you excelled and from a local initiative it grew to an international exchange. Thank you so much for your wonderful festive and creative spirit and energy. I loved working with you.’

Kay Setches OAM – For Our Future Project Patron



L. To R. Michelle Maes, Cr Geoff Ellis, Susan Hall, Anne Davie OAM, Kay Setches OAM – Project Patron Laura Brearley, Ursula Theinert, Terry Melvin



'These are life changing experiences.
'For Our Future' has been
a staggering achievement.'





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