



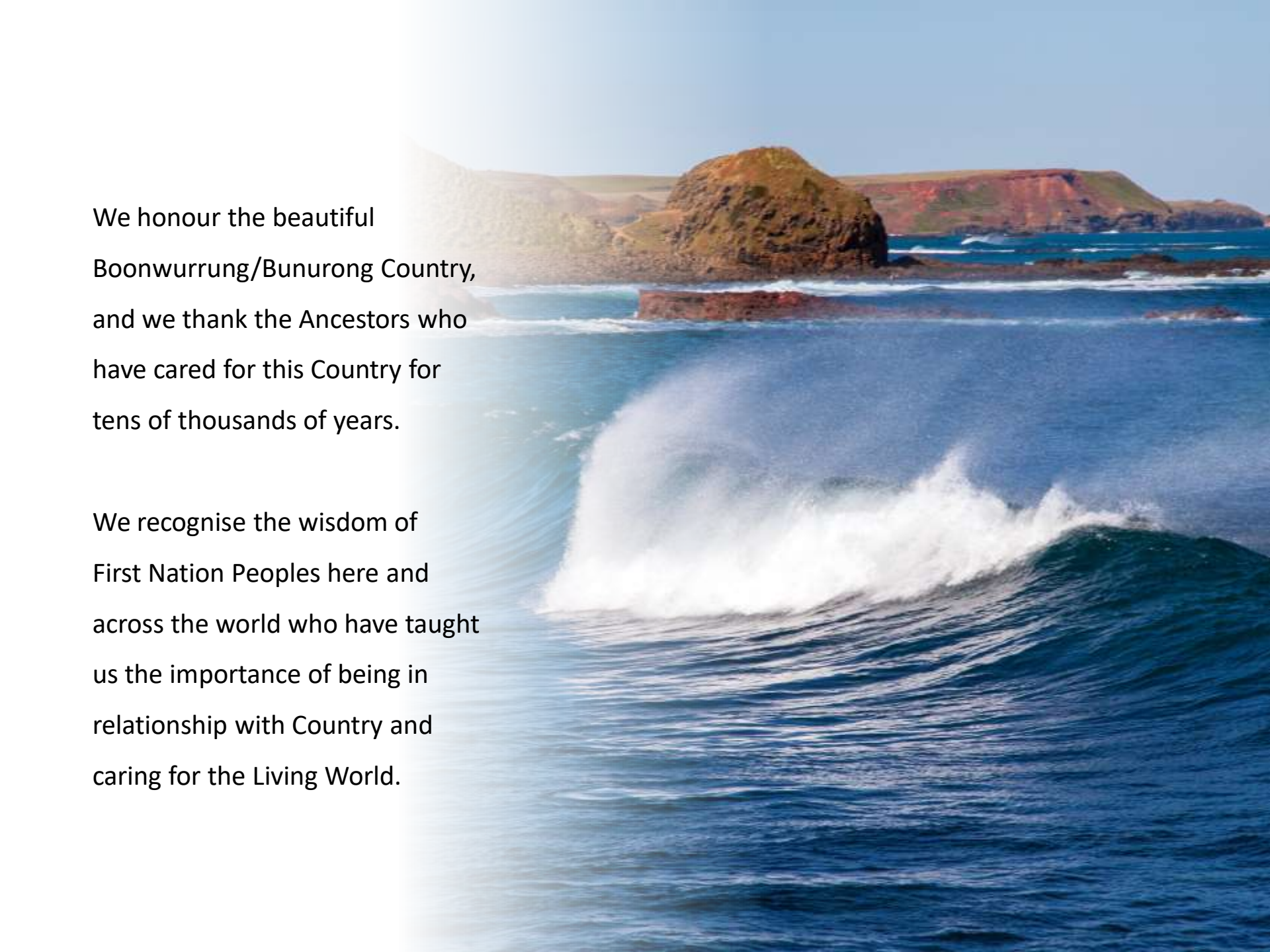
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# For Our Future Eco Arts Celebration

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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.





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.





Ursula Theinert, Werner Theinert and Deb Watson hosted the Eco Arts Celebration at ArtSpace Wonthaggi



Introductions across the oceans





Collaborative Responses to Whale Songs





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













































Children from  
Newhaven Primary School  
with Principal Sharyne Munday























Ploen shared the story of the Full Moon ritual of saying sorry and thank you to the ocean.







## Special Thanks

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Community Libraries, Phillip Island Land  
Alliance, Bass Coast/South Gippsland  
Reconciliation Group, Community Music  
Victoria, Bass Coast Schools, South Gippsland  
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