

NGUNAWAL

past present and future



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The local traditional Aboriginal people, the Ngunawal, have occupied the area in the vicinity of the present town of Yass which was central to the clan boundaries of the Ngunawal people. The clan boundaries encompassed the area from Goulburn to the north, Gundagai to the west, Cooma to the south and Braidwood to the east. This also includes the entire territory of the Australian Capital Territory on which the national capital, Canberra, is situated.

The Ngunawal people today maintain a close connection to their traditional area and are actively involved in the protection and preservation of their culture, having been consulted with and involved in numerous field surveys since the 1970s.

To educate the wider community about Ngunawal culture and the importance of protecting and preserving it, we also offer guided walks; school, corporate and community talks. Join us on a guided walk and have a Ngunawal descendent interpret their culture at various Aboriginal sites of significance in Canberra and surrounding areas; or have a Ngunawal descendent visit your school to share with the children the local Aboriginal history of Canberra and surrounding areas and enjoy a hands-on experience learning about various tools and artefacts used by the Ngunawal people.

For more information on the guided walks we offer or to enquire about a school/community visit, please visit www.thunderstone.net.au.