



LAKE BOLAC
EEL FESTIVAL
KUYANG LAPAKIRA
- PLENTY EELS -

7 April 2021

**Statement –
Lake Bolac Eel Festival re Kuyang Stone Arrangement destruction**

The Lake Bolac Eel Festival Committee and friends are devastated to learn of the recent desecration of the Kuyang Stone Arrangement.

The Lake Bolac Eel Festival (Kuyang Lapakira) has been and continues to be a significant gathering place for people who care for the environment, respect Aboriginal cultural heritage and foster reconciliation and mutual respect and understanding between indigenous and non-indigenous peoples.

We offer our full support to the Eastern Maar Aboriginal Corporation and Traditional Owners and it is our intention to work towards providing assistance and support for the protection of this sacred site.

The Committee further welcomes Aboriginal Victoria's investigation into this isolated but profoundly disappointing incident at Lake Bolac and hopes that the destruction of the Kuyang Stone Arrangement, and hopefully its restoration, will trigger a significant coming together in the community.

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