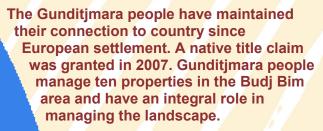


Cultural Features of the Budj Bim Landscape Lilies and Orchids

The Budj Bim Landscape extends from Mount Eccles National Park East of Heywood and along the associated lava flows to the coast. This is Gunditjmara country, the traditional lands of the Gunditjmara Nation. Cultural heritage and traditional ecological knowledge is very important throughout the region.



The Gunditj Mirring Partnership
Project has compiled examples of
cultural heritage and indigenous
ecological knowledge into fact
sheets to share with the Gunditjmara
community and the broader
community. A Field Guide to
Cultural Features of the Budj Bim
Landscape is also available from
Gunditj Mirring offices in Heywood
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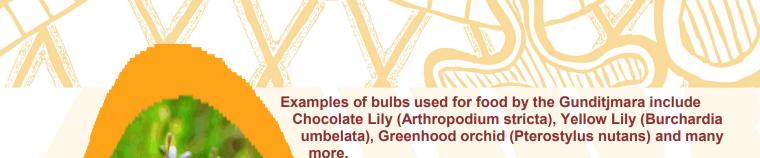
Many species of orchids and lilies have a small bulb full of nutritious carbohydrates.
Gunditjmara women and children would spend much of their day digging for bulbs and roots to supplement the meat and fish brought to camp by the men.











The bulbs are generally small and many were collected each day. The bulbs were washed and placed in specially made woven baskets. The baskets were placed in a camp oven to cook. Other Lilies and orchids were used for medicinal purposes.

Collection of roots and tubers was done at particular times for different species when the tuberous root systems had multiplied. Tuberous plant species were actively cultivated for future use.



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