

## 5. SITES

There has been occasion where sites that have been made public have been damaged or severely vandalised. These cases should be taken into consideration when marking all Pre and Post-Contact sites.

\*See appendix for example.

### 5.1 PRE CONTACT SITES

Prior to the European invasion the Land now known as the City of Yarra was occupied by the Wurundjeri people, the known family groups being, Gunung willam balug, Marin balug, Tallin willam, Kurung jang balug, Wurundjeri willam and Wurundjeri balug, the Woiwurrung language group of the Kulin Nation.

Pre-contact sites are sensitive both culturally and physically. Out of respect for Wurundjeri not all sites are detailed.

#### 1. Corroboree Tree – Burnley Park

A red gum tree, which is of spiritual significance to the Wurundjeri people. The Corroboree tree is located near the Burnley Oval in Richmond. Melway reference 2H G10.

#### 2. Scared Tree - Studley Park (no photograph available)

A red gum tree. Although there are other scared trees in the area they must be regarded as doubtful 'Aboriginal Scar Trees'.

#### 3. The confluence of the Yarra River and Merri Creek.

"The locality belonged to the Wurundjeri willam, a patriline of of the Wurundjeri balug, a large Woiwurrung clan associated with the Yarra River drainage basin. The locality was associated with Billibellary, one of the leading Woiwurrung clan heads (ngurungaeta). The junction of the Merri Creek with the Yarra River was an important meeting place and living site, where *tanderrum* ceremonies, and large gatherings were held to settle disputes, and hold regular meetings." 1.

##### 1. The confluence of the Merri Creek and Yarra River:

A History of the Western Port Aboriginal Protectorate and the Merri Creek Aboriginal School. A Report to the Heritage Services Branch, Aboriginal Affairs Victoria by Ian D. Clark & Toby G. Heydon 1998