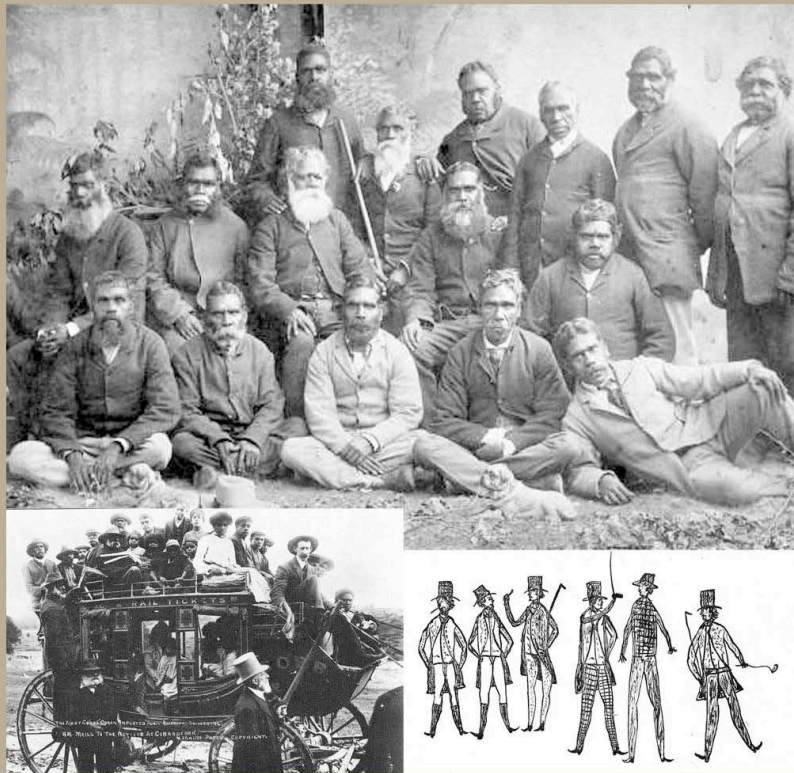


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Many books, articles and film documentaries have appeared over the years detailing the story of Coranderrk, the Aboriginal station established on the Yarra outside Healesville in 1863 and unfortunately forced into closure in 1924. With the 150th anniversary of the station's establishment due in 2013, a great deal of renewed interest is being shown in the station's many successes and ultimate sad closure.

More recently, fresh information has surfaced detailing the underlying reasoning behind the station's secretly engineered demise. Mick Woiwod's forthcoming book *Barak and the Black Hats of Melbourne* identifies how in 1875, all major positions on the government appointed Board for the Protection of Aborigines, responsible for the station's wellbeing, had been clandestinely taken over by leading office-bearers of the Victorian Acclimatisation Society (VAS), who'd been informed that Coranderrk residents had shot six of their society's recently released deer.

Having taken over the station and finding it impossible to close it down, this new board starved the station of funds and then installed wholly inappropriate managers. In their way had stood the influential elder, William Barak, blocking their every move.

Coranderrk Database is a collation of the above author's extensive research collected over many years and now being made available for the first time to budding authors interested in identifying further aspects of this remarkable sequence of events in our Victorian story.

Each copy of both of these databases includes a searchable CD made possible by a grant administered by Public Record Office Victoria on behalf of the Victorian State Government. Funding for the original print run was made possible through the generosity of the late Bruce Nixon of Tarcoola Press, who lived on the beautiful 'Birrarrung' River.

BIRRARUNG DATABASE

For thousands of years, Wurundjeri people have lived along the Yarra (or as they knew it, *Birrarrung*, the river of mists), especially set in place for their very own use in the Dreaming by their creative beings.

Nowadays, the Yarra has lost much of its magic, its Indigenous story buried beneath a thin veneer of mainstream living, social infrastructure and privately owned dwellings. Much like a modern archaeological dig, this volume is designed to breathe new life into cultural material that a wide range of earlier authors have unearthed and interpreted before again imbedding in a multitude of at times difficult to locate literary works.

Until recent years Victorians have been coerced into feeling ashamed of their founding river. For 150 years Melburnians had turned their back on what over the millennia had in effect been at the heart of Wurundjeri society.

Still today, the prime focus of authors, artists, performers and historians is unfortunately the river's European story, with little thought ever given to the Wurundjeri Dreamtime stories of how it had been created or how Wurundjeri people had once so productively resourced and cared for it.

The intent of the producers of these two databases is to have them made available as accessible reference material, free of charge to all Aboriginal organisations, regional & secondary school libraries, historical societies and other relevant organisations in what is seen as Wurundjeri Country.

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