

Koori Art Poles – Western Bed

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Cumbungi

A natural plant that grows near the edge of rivers and lakes it was once a source of food and fibre for the Koori people. The fibre obtained from the root was made into string to produce nets for fishing.

Murnong

The yam producing yellow daisy was once an important part in Koori nutrition. The yam once gathered was cooked and eaten providing excellent nutrition.

Platypus

An important part of the creation era in Koori culture. To once again see the platypus in unlimited numbers is a dream we all share for this beautiful animal.

Koala

Often sighted around the area, the Koala just likes to find a quiet place to relax and have a quiet picnic.

Swans

An elegant sight to behold. The black swan is a true sign of freedom and family as it glides upon the waters of Lake Wendouree.

Grass Tree

An awkward looking bush tree that provided a variety of purposes to the Koori people. Resin was a major product extracted from the grass tree leaves.

Possums and Quandongs

The quandong is a small tree bearing a small native peach. A favourite food of the Koori people as well as of the native animals.

Snake Fire

The snake is wisdom and to be present at a fire demonstrates the coming together of people to share stories of the past, present and future.

Singing Magpies

On a good night the sounds of the magpies makes lovely music and the way they socialise with one another shows trust.

Hands

Our community is full of many cultures and when they all unite for a good cause anything is possible.

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