



## Application Form for Membership of Wadawurrung Traditional Owners Aboriginal Corporation (WTOAC)

### Confirmation of Aboriginality Procedure

WTOAC and its Board of Directors take the responsibility of confirmation of Aboriginality very seriously. The Board will only consider applications where the applicant and their family heritage is proven and/or known to the Board, and where all eligibility requirements are met.

Information is collected via this application form for the purpose of assessing eligibility for membership of the WTOAC and, if successful, for ongoing administrative and operational purposes. Only fully completed applications for confirmation of Aboriginality will be presented to the Board and the Council of Elders for consideration at the next available meetings.

### Personal Details

Mr  Mrs  Ms  Miss  Other \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Surname

\_\_\_\_\_  
Given name(s):

\_\_\_\_\_  
Other names: (including maiden name or any other names you are or have been known by)

Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Place of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Age at the time of application: \_\_\_\_\_

Residential Address:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Postal Address: (if different from residential address)

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Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile number: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Next of kin: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile number: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Privacy Notice**

1. The personal information about you and the others you have included in this form is being collected by WTOAC in accordance with our Privacy Policy.
2. Your personal information, and the personal information of others you have included in this form, will be used by WTOAC for:
  - a. the purposes of considering and determining your Application for Membership;
  - b. if successful, ongoing administrative and operational purposes; and
  - c. otherwise as may be required or authorised by law or as outlined in our Privacy Policy.
3. WTOAC may also use this information to provide you with invitations to events, information, opportunities both within and outside of the organisation. There will always be an opportunity to opt out of receiving any correspondence from WTOAC.
4. Your personal information may be stored or disclosed to third parties outside of Australia in accordance with our Privacy Policy.
5. The supply of your and others' personal information is on a voluntary basis. However, if the required information for assessment is not provided, we are unable to consider and/or approve your application.
6. You may request access to, or correction of, your personal information held by WTOAC, as well as make a complaint about WTOAC's handling of your personal information, via [members@wadawurrung.org.au](mailto:members@wadawurrung.org.au) or at the WTOAC office located at 3/110 Creswick Road, Ballarat, VIC 3350 (Wadawurrung Country).
7. More information about the way WTOAC uses and disclosed your personal information is set out in our Privacy Policy at [www.wadawurrung.org.au/privacy](http://www.wadawurrung.org.au/privacy).

## Declaration

I declare that I am eligible for Membership on the following basis:

I am the son/daughter of: \_\_\_\_\_

My Family Group is:  Mary Edith Hine

William Robertson

Victoria Alice Brannelly

Valentine Margaret Dalton

Mabel Violet Powell

Hector Norman Arthur Robinson

Ellen Rose King

Thomas Joseph Russell Robinson

and can provide undeniable proof of eligibility per Rule 5.1 and Schedule 2, Definition of a Wadawurrung Person of the Rules of the Corporation with such proof provided together with this application.

I declare whether or not I am a member of any of the following groups (please tick the appropriate boxes)

Yes      No

Another Registered Aboriginal Party (RAP)

A Proposed RAP

Another Native Title Group

Another Native Title Claim Group

Another Traditional Owner Group

Another Aboriginal Corporation registered with ORIC

If you are a member of any of the above, please provide details below: -

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If I have included/disclosed the relevant details of any other individuals in this form (including relatives), I acknowledge and agree that it is my responsibility to notify, and obtain the consent of, such individuals with respect to the disclosure of their personal information as part of this form.

I understand and agree that, by providing any personal information, I consent to WTOAC collecting, using, disclosing and transferring it as described in this form and the WTOAC Privacy Policy.

I further declare that if I am approved as a Member of Wadawurrung Traditional Owners Aboriginal Corporation, I accept the Members' Responsibilities per Rule 5.6.2 of the Rules of the Corporation (see extract below) and I have read and accepted the Code of Conduct and will always act in accordance with those.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Name (print): \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Family Tree Information

This information will assist the Board of Directors and the Council of Elders with your application.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Father

\_\_\_\_\_  
Grandfather

\_\_\_\_\_  
Grandmother

\_\_\_\_\_  
Great Grandfather

\_\_\_\_\_  
Great Grandmother

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Great Grandfather

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Great Grandmother

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Mother

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Grandfather

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Grandmother

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Great Grandfather

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Great Grandmother

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Great Grandfather

\_\_\_\_\_  
Great Grandmother

Please attach supporting documents, such as birth, death, or marriage certificates, to prove your Wadawurrung Descendancy.

## **Supporting Documentation Checklist**

**Please complete the checklist to assist with proof of Wadawurrung Descendancy:**

- Full name (including middle and other known names)
- Current contact details
- Completed family tree chart
- Supporting documents (e.g., Birth certificate, Death certificate, Marriage certificate)
- Signed and dated application form

Incomplete applications will be returned without being considered.

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### **Office Use Only**

Is this an applicant from Kanyul Mob who has turned 18 and moving to a Member (yes/no):	
Application was presented to the Directors with the following outcome	Decision Date: Mover: Seconder: Outcome:
Application was presented to the Council of Elders with the following outcome	Decision Date: Mover: Seconder: Outcome:
New Member is entered in the register of Members on (date):	
Applicant notified of Membership (date):	

## **The following are extracts from the Rule Book of Wadawurrung Traditional Owners Aboriginal Corporation**

### **5.1 Membership criteria**

A person is eligible for membership if that person is:

- (a) a Wadawurrung Person, defined as a member of the Wadawurrung Traditional Owner Group described in Schedule 2, and
- (b) at least 18 years of age.

### **Schedule 2**

#### **Definition of a Wadawurrung Person**

A Wadawurrung Person means a person who is:

- (a) a biological descendant of apical ancestor John Robinson (also known as John Robertson), 1846-1919, born Terrinallum Station, died Warrnambool,
- (b) accepted by those descendants of the issue of John Robinson (Robertson), being:
  - (i) Emily Hewitt (1868-1898),
  - (ii) William Robertson (1870-?),
  - (iii) Mary Edith Hine (1893-1955),
  - (iv) Victoria Alice Brannelly (1895-1964),
  - (v) Valentine Margaret Dalton (1897-1977),
  - (vi) Mabel Violet Powell (1899-1984),
  - (vii) Hector Norman Arthur Robinson (1900-1944),
  - (viii) Ellen Rose King (1902-1999), or
  - (ix) Thomas Joseph Russell Robinson (1904-1933).
- (c) accepted as Wadawurrung according to Wadawurrung tradition laws and customs,
- (d) known as and identifies only as Wadawurrung, and
- (e) a female descendant of the issue of John Robinson (Robertson), who has a non-Aboriginal husband/male partner, and their issue.

### **5.6.2 Members' responsibilities**

Each member has the following responsibilities:

- (a) to comply with the Act and these rules,
- (b) to notify the Corporation of any change in their address within 28 days,
- (c) to comply with any code of conduct adopted by the Corporation,
- (d) to treat other members and the directors with respect and dignity, and
- (e) to not behave in a way that significantly interferes with the operation of the Corporation or of Corporation meetings.