

# Tiagarra Cultural Experience & Guided Walk - Member Event

The first quarterly online RAP Circle Meeting was held in August with almost 40 attendees.

On November 22 Reconciliation Tasmania hosted its first Organisational Member event at the Tiagarra Aboriginal Cultural Centre and Museum with around 17 RT members attending.

It was a wonderful opportunity to learn from local Tasmanian Aboriginal guides at one of the oldest Aboriginal operated Cultural Centres in Australia.

The tour included around an hour inside the centre itself taking in the comprehensive displays which included: replicas of huts; information about middens; how fire was used; animals that were commonly used for food such as wallabies; a stone tool, spear, wadi and clothing display including possum skin shawls; shell necklace display; and displays on colonisation. Guides Jennifer Houston and Mitchem Everett provided further interpretation.

A Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony were performed around the fire pit on Devonport Bluff/limilinaturi – with a guided walk taking in the top of the bluff. Karen Smart and Mitchem spoke about the different plants used for food and attendees got to try some plants like boobialla, lomandra, and sheoak.

RT Board Director Bonnie Bonneville said the experience was really informative and she learnt a lot.

“It was very positive, and very welcoming,” she said. This is just one of several informative cultural events open to members around the state. Become a member today!



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