



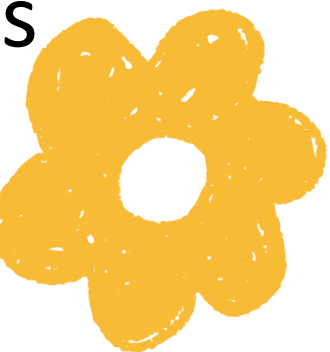
Exploring Junior Landcare's First Nations Perspectives Learning Activities

**CREATING A YARNING
CIRCLE SERIES**

WHAT IS JUNIOR LANDCARE?



- Junior Landcare recognises the vital role young Australians play in caring for the natural environment, and encourages participation from childhood to adulthood so the children of today become the landcarers of the future.
- In 2023, Junior Landcare celebrates 25 years of providing children the opportunity to play an active role in ensuring the safe future of our natural environment.
- Through its campaigns, environmental education resources and grants program, Junior Landcare helps children to develop skills, share knowledge, create experiences and foster connections with place and community.



WHAT IS THE JUNIOR LANDCARE LEARNING CENTRE?



The learning activities help to build knowledge and deeper connections to...



Biodiversity



First Nations Perspectives



Waste Management



Food Production

The Junior Landcare Learning Centre, proudly supported by Woolworths, is an online platform packed with fun educational resources and learning activities to help educators/carers run Junior Landcare projects with children of all ages at school, home or in the community.

The Learning Centre offers free access to:

- 30-minute activities with curriculum and framework links
- Step-by-step instructions with background information
- Videos that explain why the learning activity is important before students get started
- Educator notes and printable activity sheets
- Extension activities and reference lists for further information
- Did you know? section with fun facts
- www.juniorlandcare.org.au/learningcentre/

FIRST NATIONS PERSPECTIVES LEARNING ACTIVITIES



Landcare Australia, together with First Nations educator, Wiradjuri man Adam Shipp, has already developed First Nations Perspectives Learning Activities for the Junior Landcare program to assist educators in the classroom when teaching First Nations perspectives.

- The 10 curriculum-linked First Nations perspective learning activities are supported by a series of educational videos.
- The Learning Activities include the topics areas of:
 - Local seasons exploring First Nations weather
 - Creating an Indigenous plant use garden,
 - Whose Country, exploring First Nations peoples languages map.

“ The knowledge that comes from our Elders and ancestors that have come before us, is extremely important to capture and keep alive. Our lands will be much healthier in doing so. I am extremely proud to see these online resources developed which capture our cultural values and stories for the next generations.

-Adam Shipp



CREATING YOUR YARNING CIRCLE



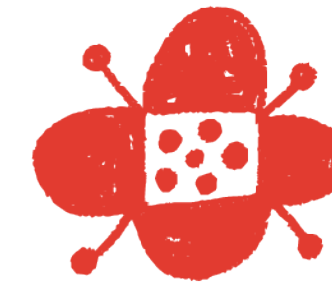
Yarning circles provide a place to talk, share, discuss, educate and have a yarn together; a place to build respectful relationships and informal space to enrich students' learning experiences and connect them to the outdoors and deepen their connection to Country. Important steps to take when creating a yarning circle include:

- Consult with your Aboriginal Education Consultative Group (AECG) and local First Nations community from the outset of your project.
- Yarning circles can be as simple as sitting down in a circle on the ground. You don't have to build one.
- If you do wish to build a yarning circle, consult with your local First Nations community about the location, design and choice of materials. There may be traditional beliefs when it comes to natural materials being removed from/introduced to Country.
- Reach out to your local council or developers/construction businesses in your area to enquire about materials that could be upcycled or donated to your project.
- There will be important safety and accessibility considerations when building the yarning circle e.g., shade, safety under trees

YARNING CIRCLE EXAMPLES



USEFUL LINKS AND RESOURCES



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Junior Landcare Webinar



Join us Tuesday March 7 at 4pm AEDT



Junior Landcare Professional Development Webinar: Exploring new First Nations Perspectives resources

Join Junior Landcare ambassador Costa Georgiadis in conversation with Wiradjuri man and First Nations educator Adam Shipp on Tuesday, **7 March from 4-5pm AEDT**, to explore the importance of embedding First Nations perspectives into everyday learning and environmental education for children.

Facilitated by education consultant and landcare facilitator, Sam Harrison, this exciting Junior Landcare Professional Development Webinar will also look at

- To request a Professional Development Certificate, email: enquiries@landcareaustralia.com.au
- For information on How to Start a Junior Landcare group or for Junior Landcare Learning Activities: www.juniorlandcare.org.au
- For news, new Learning Activity alerts, upcoming webinars, etc. subscribe to the Junior Landcare Newsletter: www.juniorlandcare.org.au/jlc-news/newsletter-subscribe/

