

## Walk on Country, October 2018

FCAV staff along with friend Emma Bamblett from VACCA, were honoured to be invited a second time, to Walk on Country with our Board Member and Wurundjeri man, Daryl Sloan. We explored Taungurong land near Euroa, from the top of Mount Wombat, to lunch by a waterhole and walked alongside an ancient 400m stone wall, built by Aboriginal people to herd and farm kangaroos. It was a truly amazing experience! Those who took part shared their thoughts of what Walking on Country means to them.



*I absolutely loved the Walk on Country, I've never done one before and found it truly enlightening. Daryl has a true passion for his culture and history, I believe he would be a great source of inspiration for many Australians. Having the opportunity to listen to stories and discover places has made me feel more in touch with the land. If only Daryl could do tours for everybody! Jasmine*

*Daryl's knowledge of Aboriginal land and its significance left me feeling overwhelmed with even more appreciation for the land we are most privileged to share. I truly feel honoured and blessed to have been part of this special day. Betti*



*I loved my day walking on country with everyone. Daryl is so knowledgeable and passionate. I appreciate him sharing information with me about birds, plants, the terrain as well as showing me animals up close and personal. To explore Taungurong country with Emma was really special. To see the rock wall and talk about its history is something I hold dear. It's an exciting time. Thanks - Katie*





*It was a real pleasure to travel to some very special sites on beautiful Taungurung land and hear Daryl's stories, great respect and passion he has for the land, animals and people.*

*We saw an amazing Aboriginal wall most likely pre-dating colonisation and without Daryl's keen eye and knowledge of the area, I might have missed the roos, echidna, baby cockatoo and other wildlife just out of Euroa. While it makes you feel a bit sad and reflective about what's been done to our first peoples' culture, I found it quite therapeutic to walk with Daryl, the beautiful Emma Bamblett and the team on the day and am inspired to keep learning.....and getting out and going bush! Nicole*

*It was a really great experience to share as a team. The richness of the experience really changes you as a person and an Australian. I loved the peaceful waterhole at lunchtime.*

*Thanks again to all those that made it happen. - Tessa*



*It was such an honour to walk with traditional custodians of this land and learn about Aboriginal totems, food sources, agriculture and communication methods.*

*Seeing the old stone wall that was built by Aboriginal people to herd and farm kangaroos was incredible. Bron*

