

Jungi Wahla – or Welcome – to the Ballina Shire, being the traditional Nyangbul Country of the greater regional cultural identity of Bundjalung people.

Ballina Shire Council, on behalf of its residents, respectfully acknowledges past and present Nyangbul and Bundjalung Elders and pays respects to their descendants as the traditional custodians of this land. The Council also acknowledges that, as Indigenous (or first) people, Nyangbul people hold a unique place in this shire.

As part of the Bundjalung cultural group, Nyangbul custodianship of the Ballina Shire area dates back many thousands of generations. Together with all Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures, the Nyangbul people are part of the oldest and continuing culture in the world.

The shire has important Aboriginal cultural heritage sites and places that contribute significantly to our areas unique history. These heritage sites and places remain very important to the identity and culture of the shire's Aboriginal community. Continuing to appreciate the importance of the past and present cultural landscape of the shire's Aboriginal people enhances all our experience of the shire.

The Council is committed to working with the shire's Aboriginal community representatives, including young people, to enhance the knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal history, heritage and culture. Aboriginal community members contribute to our shire in many ways as we all work with a common purpose of a strong and respectful future, together.