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COUNCIL HIGHLY COMMENDED ON RECONCILIATION EFFORTS

Council has received a Highly Commended Award for its film series 'Peaks Wetlands and Rivers' at the HART Awards (Helping Achieve Reconciliation Together) in the Local Government category.

The three films take viewers on a journey of truth telling across the landscape with Djaara Elder Uncle Rick Nelson and Professor Barry Golding.

The project was an initiative of Council's Reconciliation Action Plan Advisory Committee.

Mayor, Cr Lesley Hewitt, said Council was very pleased to receive the award.

"These films tell important local stories and are just one of the ways we are working hard towards reconciliation in our Shire," said Cr Hewitt.

"Throughout Reconciliation Week in May and June we shared many actions that Council and our community are taking towards reconciliation," she said.

"Examples include promoting the beautiful new mural at Daylesford Primary School by Aboriginal artist Natasha Carter, sharing ideas to raise the profile of issues facing First Nations peoples, and encouraging an Acknowledgement of Country at public or community events.

"We also profiled the cultural training that Councillors recently undertook, along with the flag raising ceremony that was held in Creswick in recognition of Sorry Day.

"There really is a strong commitment within our community towards reconciliation and the HART Award is a welcome acknowledgement of our work in this important area."


Watch the three videos on You Tube using the links below.



Part one 'Peaks, Wetlands and Rivers' Mount Greenock – <https://youtu.be/5aav2w6gNyk>



Part two 'Peaks, Wetlands and Rivers' Merin Merin – <https://youtu.be/qmfhOxb2pAM>

 Part three 'Peaks, Wetlands and Rivers' Loddon River at Neereman –
<https://youtu.be/vaL4YnMmfcU>

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