

# Valuing and Sharing Aboriginal heritage: Funding Support for Tiagarra



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**The Greens will resource Six Rivers Aboriginal Corporation to operate *Tiagarra Aboriginal Cultural Centre and Keeping Place*.**

Mersey Bluff in Devonport is one of Tasmania's most prominent and accessible Aboriginal Cultural Landscapes. It's richness of living sites and rock markings right on the doorstep of the City of Devonport and just minutes from the Spirit of Tasmania terminal is cherished by Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal community. On this incredible site sits Tiagarra.

For over 41 years the Tiagarra Aboriginal Cultural Centre and Keeping Place has been a point of exchange and sharing of Aboriginal Cultural Heritage in the North West. Many coasters have visited Tiagarra as school children.

We will ensure that it can keep its doors open into the future

## THE GREENS WILL

- ▲ Provide annual funding of \$150,000 to employ a cultural educator and support staff.
- ▲ Ensure that Tiagarra is able to welcome and educate school groups, locals and visitors.

## FUNDING SECURITY

Funding support for Tiagarra has been insecure, fragmented and insufficient to operate such a premier cultural institution. This has led to periods of closure, limited availability to school groups and at times no capacity to open doors to the wider public, including visitors to our state.

Past funding has often been tagged to expectations that Tiagarra should become a commercial attraction and self-funding, an expectation not placed on non-Aboriginal institutions.

The Greens value the rich cultural heritage that Tiagarra preserves and shares. It's contribution to our community should not be measured in dollars and cents, but in the richness we all share from the experience and knowledge Tiagarra delivers.

In this spirit, The Greens are committed to secure ongoing funding for Tiagarra Aboriginal Cultural Centre and Keeping Place. We are committed to providing \$150,000 per year to employ a cultural educator and support staff.

## INITIATIVE COST

Initiative Investment (\$m)	1 <sup>st</sup> Year	2 <sup>nd</sup> Year	3 <sup>rd</sup> Year	4 <sup>th</sup> Year
Tiagarra Funding	0.15	0.15	0.16	0.16
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.15</b>	<b>0.15</b>	<b>0.16</b>	<b>0.16</b>