




# DIGITAL CURATION CHALLENGES IN THE RESTORING DIGNITY REPATRIATION PROJECT

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# Return, Reconcile, Renew / Restoring Dignity

## The Community Partners



**The Ngarrindjeri Regional Authority**  
The Coorong, South Australia




**The Kimberley Aboriginal Law and Culture Centre**  
Fitzroy Crossing, Western Australia




**Gur A Baradharaw Kod (Torres Strait Sea and Land Council) Torres Strait Islander Corporation (GBK)**  
The Torres Strait

# The University of Melbourne



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**Organisation:**  
**The University of Melbourne (1853 - )**

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**From:** 1853, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia

**Website:** <http://www.unimelb.edu.au/>


**Summary**

The University of Melbourne was founded in 1853 in Melbourne, Victoria. The University was a Partner Organisation (represented by Lyndon Ormond-Parker at the Indigenous Studies Unit and Gavan McCarthy at the eScholarship Research Centre) on the Australian Research Council Linkage Project (LP130100131) *Return, Reconcile, Renew: understanding the history, effects and opportunities of repatriation and building an evidence base for the future* (2014-2017) and the Australian Research Council Linkage Infrastructure, Equipment and Facilities Project (LE170100017) *Restoring Dignity: Networked knowledge for repatriation communities* (2018).

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**Further information**

The University is known to have previously collected Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Ancestral Remains, particularly between the years 1890 to 1950. In 1984 the Murray Black Collection, including the Ancestral Remains of more than 500 Aboriginal Australians, were transferred to Museum Victoria for repatriation. In 2002 Ancestral Remains from the Berry Collection, named after the surgeon and Chair of Anatomy, Professor Richard Berry (1867-1962), were also transferred to Museum Victoria. At the time, the museum was the legally designated place of lodgement in Victoria. Amendments to the *Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006* in 2016



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**Related Legislation**

- Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006, Victorian Government, Australia
- Aboriginal Heritage Amendment Act 2016, Victorian Government, Australia

**Related Organisations**

- eScholarship Research Centre, The University of Melbourne (2007-)

**Related Policies**

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultural Heritage Policy (MFE1289) (2017), The University of Melbourne
- Human Remains and Burial Artefacts Policy (2017), The University of Melbourne

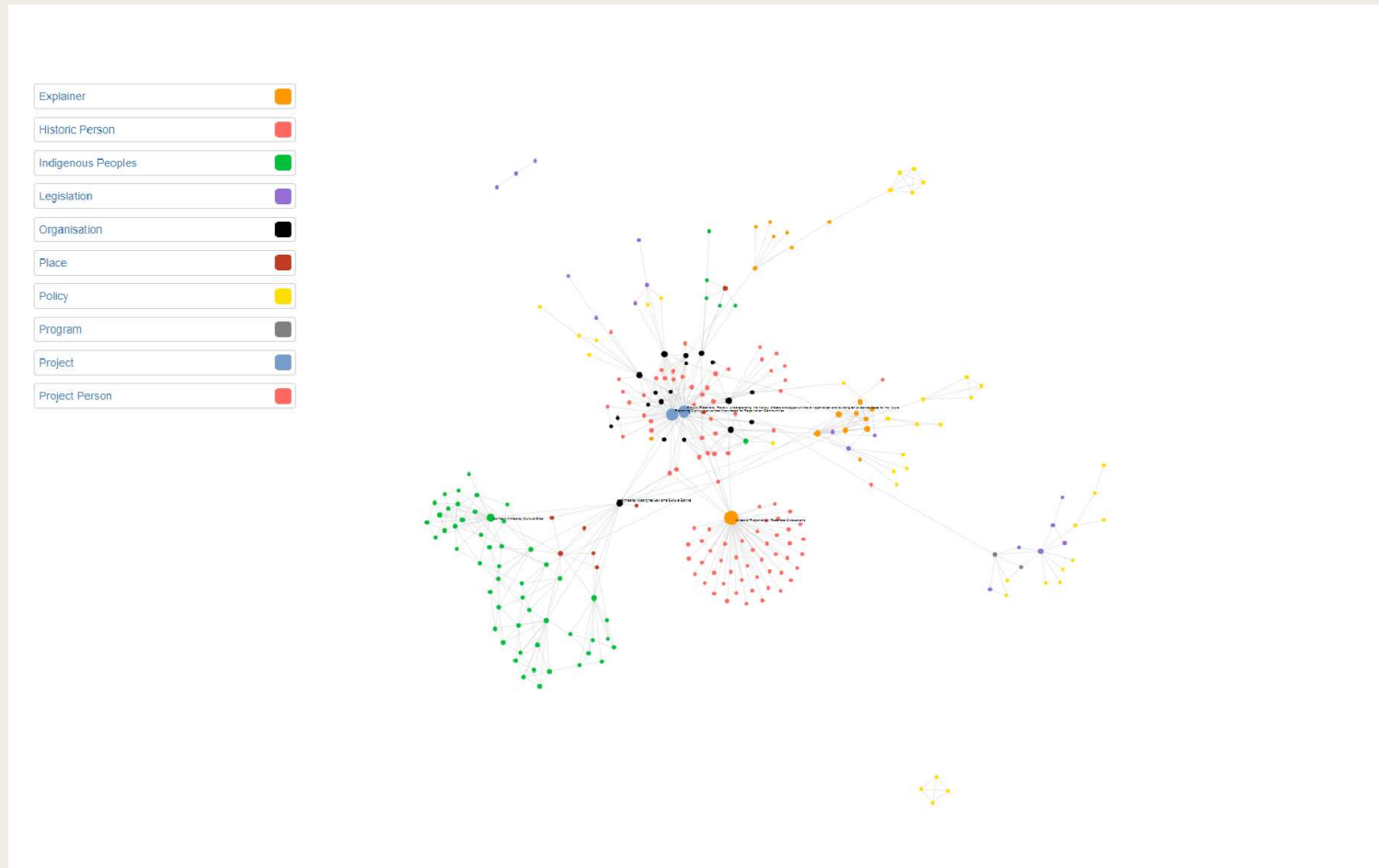
**Related Projects**

- Restoring Dignity: Networked Knowledge for Repatriation Communities (2018-)
- Date: 2018 -
- Return, Reconcile, Renew: Understanding the history, effects and opportunities of repatriation and building an evidence base for the future (2014-2018)
- Date: 2014 - 2018

**Related Project People**

- Adam, Winsome
- Bardo, Joseyjo
- de Villiers, Annelie
- McCarthy, Gavan

# The Online Heritage Resource Manager (OHRM)



# Digital Curation Challenges

- Representing complex stories where each entity is the beginning of one story and a part of another story
- Incompleteness (acknowledging the gaps in the archive)
- Managing sensitive information across the public/private divide
- Clearly acknowledging voices and sources



## Published Resources Details: **Book**

**Title:** *Restricted Resource, P00001460*

**Description:**

Reference to this resource is not available in the public space of the 'Return, Reconcile, Renew' Digital Archive as the resource to which it refers has been deliberately put into the restricted section of the archive at request of the Community Organisation Partners on the 'Return, Reconcile, Renew' Project.

Frequently, archival and published materials that contain sensitive or private information relating to particular Ancestral Remains are made easily available and discoverable to the public at large. It is the wishes of the Community Partner Organisations that, even when resources are freely available and discoverable elsewhere online, we should not replicate the practice of publishing sensitive information about Ancestral Remains in our work when communities believe the information they contain is private.

For this reason, this reference has been occluded from the public archive. However, we recognise that many community members, researchers and well meaning members of the public may wish for access to these resources for appropriate reasons. To request permission to access the restricted area of the archive, please see the RRR Access Guidelines page.

- Curation
- Preservation
- Dissemination
  
- Indigenous Data Governance

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