

# William Barak

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William Barak is a proud First Nation Australian of the Wurunderjeri descent. William Barak was born in 1824 and lived in Croydon Melbourne. William is a Diplomat artist, storyteller and the leader of Wurunderjeri clan. He is well known for protecting Indigenous culture and is a man of many talents that were developed at an early age.

Originally William was called Beruk Barak after adopting the name the first name William when he joined the native police at the age of 19. William attended to Yarra Mission School in Narm Melbourne and shortly after he joined the native police as a tracker as mentioned before. William grew up in the years of white settlement. Which then resulted in William playing a major role in being an advocate for Aboriginal rights.

Barak's Father Bebejan and Uncle, Billiebery we're both clan leaders, so William had leadership in his blood. The time came for William to become a clan leader himself of the Wurunderjeri people. Shortly after he became the Narm Melbourne regions most senior elder.

As a leader, William faced a lot of difficulties as he started his journey as a clan leader. During the time of white settlement many people died from starvation. That didn't stop William as he emerged as a politically Savvy Leader, with the help of his trustworthy cousin they both successfully protected their clans.

