



Reconciliation Report & Commitment Statement

At Chestnut Brae Farm, we acknowledge that we operate on the unceded lands of the Wardandi people of the Noongar Nation. We pay our deepest respects to Elders past and present, and recognise the ongoing cultural, spiritual, and physical connection First Nations peoples have to this land. We are committed to the journey of reconciliation — not just in word, but in action — and to building relationships based on mutual respect, recognition, and shared responsibility.



OUR RECONCILIATION VISION

We envision Chestnut Brae as a place where cultural understanding is nurtured alongside the land, where the stories and knowledge of Australia's First Peoples are honoured, and where visitors from all walks of life are encouraged to reflect, learn, and grow.

Acknowledgement of Country

We begin every event with an Acknowledgement of Country. We do this not as a formality, but as a meaningful act of recognition and respect.



COMMITMENTS TO RECONCILIATION



Learning and Listening

- We are actively educating ourselves and our team about the histories, cultures, and contributions of the Noongar Nation and other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.
- We support and participate in local cultural events, exhibitions, and reconciliation events promoted within the Shire of Nannup.

Sharing Culture and Stories

- Our mindful orchard walk and future interpretive signage will increasingly integrate Noongar seasonal knowledge and language, particularly the Six Noongar Seasons — Birak, Bunuru, Djeran, Makuru, Djilba, and Kambarang — as a guiding framework for farm experiences.
- We actively search out local first nation voices and stories to create a fuller understanding of the land and its history at Chestnut Brae.



Partnering with Community

- We seek to build respectful partnerships with local Aboriginal elders, educators, and artists, including in the co-creation of educational and cultural experiences on the farm.
- Where possible, we prioritise procurement from Indigenous-owned businesses.

Caring for Country

- Our regenerative farming practices are inspired by the principle of living in harmony with the land — an ethos long embedded in First Nations stewardship.
- We view soil regeneration, biodiversity, and native habitat restoration as part of our own responsibility to care for Country.

2025-2026 GOALS

- Find and consult with local Wardandi Elders to guide cultural inclusion in our signage, storytelling and visitor experiences.
- Establish a Cultural Advisory Relationship with a local Indigenous representative or organisation.
- Engage a First Nations artist to contribute a permanent artwork or mural to the farm that reflects connection to Country.



OUR REFLECTION

Reconciliation is not a destination, but a continuous journey. At Chestnut Brae, we recognise the deep knowledge, care, and wisdom that First Nations peoples bring to land, food, and community. We are committed to walking gently on Country and to building a future that acknowledges and honours the truth of the past.

WANT TO GET INVOLVED?

If you are a local Indigenous educator, artist, or community leader who would like to work with us — or if you are a visitor interested in learning more — we welcome your voice and ideas.



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