

# Dancers hit the beach



Carly Sheppard working with six of the Aboriginal girls taking part in the workshops.



ABORIGINAL girls have learned contemporary dancing skills during a series of workshops on Victoria's Mornington Peninsula. The workshops, facilitated by

NASDA-trained Carly Sheppard, were organised by Baluk Arts - Indigenous Artists of Frankston and the Mornington Peninsula.

Held at Frankston and Rye, the program celebrated youth and indigenous culture in south-east

Melbourne with a dance routine fusing traditional indigenous movements with modern dance.

The Indigenous participants, aged 10-16, focused on telling a story, showing they have survived and highlighting their people and culture.

The workshops have led to the formation of the Baluk girls' Indigenous dance group, which will perform at the Survival Day Picnic on 26 January at the Frankston foreshore. For more information go to [www.balukarts.org.au](http://www.balukarts.org.au)