Brothers Herbert and William Murray are two of many Aboriginal people who served in World War I. Today, some of their relatives are Moreland community members.

The Murray brothers were born on Gunditjmara Country in western Victoria. They were moved to the Lake Tyers Aboriginal Reserve in Gippsland before enlisting for service.

Herbert served as a tunneller during his military service between 1917 and 1919. He worked in a team that constructed complex tunnel systems underground before he was wounded in action in France (gassed). Herbert was discharged as medically unfit but the Australian government refused to pay him a war pension.

William Murray served in the 5th Battalion from 1916. He was killed in action while fighting at the Menin Gate in Belgium in 1917 and has no known grave. Both brothers are listed on the honour roll at Lake Tyers.

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