



Outer East KEO Team Newsletter

Term 3 2026

"The Outer East KESO team acknowledges all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Traditional Custodians of Country and recognises their continuing connection to land, sea, culture, and community. We pay our respects to Elders past and present."

Aboriginal people whose traditional lands and waters exist within the boundaries that today frame the state of Victoria are often collectively called Koorie peoples or Koories. Koorie is a contemporary collective or group term. Throughout this Newsletter, the term 'Koorie' is used inclusively and refers to both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people living in Victoria."

Welcome to the 3rd Edition of the KESO Newsletter for 2026.

This edition showcases remarkable examples of the amazing initiatives happening in the Outer East. Immense gratitude goes to those who contributed articles and photographs and congratulations to everyone who participated in these endeavours. We want to seize this opportunity to extend our best wishes to you and your loved ones for a restful term break with family and friends.

The KESOs will be on leave from Monday 21st of September 2026, returning on Monday 5th of October 2026. If you need to get in contact during this time, please feel free to email the team at nevr.koorie.outereast@education.vic.gov.au

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Cockatoo Primary School

Celebrating Young Koorie Voice

We are proud to share this beautiful poem written by one of our Koorie students from Cockatoo Primary School – **Frankie** aged 11 years. Her words offer a wonderful reflection of identity, culture and connection, and are a powerful reminder of the creativity and voice of our Koorie students.

The Outer East KEW Team are delighted to share her poem she wrote during Reconciliation Week with you all. We hope you enjoy reading it as much as we did.



One day not so long ago
The white men had far to go
Children screaming here and there
It was all too much to bear

Mothers cried, Fathers fought
All while the new language was taught
For many years the people worried
Worried all until the man said
'SORRY'



Frankie



Yering Primary School

Yedabila Habitat Pods

Yedabila is a Yorta Yorta word meaning 'animal'. Using traditional Indigenous weaving techniques, the students at Yering Primary School made a habitat pod.

Many small wildlife loses their natural shelter from native vegetation following flood and fire. This can leave them vulnerable to predation. Yedabila habitat pods are like a little temporary home where animals can hide and stay safe from predators following a natural disaster.

Jack wrote an article in their 'Yering Mail' saying, and I quote, "*Yering Primary School made 1 habitat pod for fish because the water is very dirty and certain fish 'bully' the other fish by biting their fins but the dirtiness of the water affects the wound and kills the fish. For fairy wrens, because they nest 0.6 to 1 metre high other animals like foxes are destroying the nests. Everyone grabbed at least one thin branch and bent it to make a dome shape. They then put it near the shore or in the water.*"



This is what the habitat pod, Yedabila, looks like when completed



Left: Billie drawing an Indigenous story



Yering Primary School

Seed Bombs

We also had an incursion to make seed bombs for Kai so he could plant the seed bombs. He brought along special seeds to make a bush tucker and some medicines from the seeds.

Step 1: Grab a small amount of clay and roll it in a small ball.

Step 2: Roll the ball in the seeds of your choice until it starts falling apart.

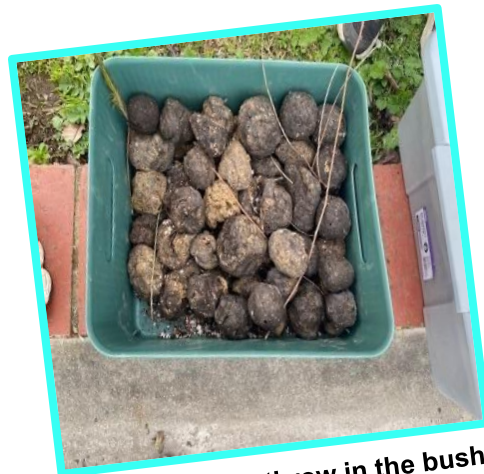
Step 3: Kai will take the seed bombs and throw them in the dense bushland.



Grew from a seed pod?



Kai showing how to make a seed pod



Pods ready to throw in the bush

Hands On Cultural Learning!!

Children's Day



Badger Creek Primary School

National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day celebrates the strengths, culture and well-being of Indigenous children in Australia, a date historically used to honour children of the Stolen Generations who did not know their birthdate



THEME: 2026

We are the Elders of Tomorrow, Hear Our Voice

Badger Creek Primary School welcomed parents and family to join First Nations students for a special Campfire Conversation to celebrate Children's Day.



Badger Creek Primary School

And what's a celebration without afternoon tea: The students proudly prepared homemade scones, ready to be enjoyed with jam as everyone gathered.



Badger Creek Primary School



The weather meant the campfire needed to move indoors, that certainly didn't dampen the spirit of the occasion! With a little stationery, some creativity and a strip of lighting, the students and staff created a very impressive indoor campfire providing a warm and welcoming space for connection, conversation and celebration.



Happy Children's Day

Building Connections



Menzies Creek Primary School

Students and staff at Menzies Creek Primary School were delighted to welcome students from Ntaria School in the Northern Territory, for a special afternoon of connection, sharing and learning.

Ntaria, also known as Hermannsburg, is a remote community approximately 125 kilometres west of Alice Springs, on the traditional lands of the Western Arrernte people. The visit provided a wonderful opportunity for students from two very different school communities to come together, learn about one another, and build connections.

The 20 visiting Ntaria students brought a wonderful collection of photographs and artwork from their school and community, giving Menzies Creek students an insight into what life is like where they live. In return, our students shared dances from our 2026 school production, *We Speak for the Trees*, providing an opportunity to share some of our own learning through dance and performance.



Menzies Creek Primary School

Students then spent the afternoon participating in a range of activities together, including creating fingerprint trees, skipping, down ball, basketball and developing a shared photo collage of our school. There was plenty of laughter, conversation and encouragement as students formed new connections and enjoyed learning and playing together.



Skipping Down Ball



Connecting through Yarning Circle

The visit was a wonderful reminder of the power of partnerships between schools. Through sharing stories, artwork, dance, play and learning, our students were able to broaden their understanding of another community while building genuine connections with their peers.

Menzies Creek Primary School

A particularly meaningful part of the afternoon was the creation of two matching fingerprint trees. One tree was gifted to Ntaria School to display in their school, while the other will remain at Menzies Creek Primary School to be proudly displayed in our Reception. Each tree represents the students and staff who contributed to the day and the connection between our two school communities.



We feel incredibly fortunate to be part of this partnership with Ntaria School and look forward to continuing to strengthen the relationship between our two schools.

Brooke Kogelman
Acting Principal – Menzies Creek Primary School

Wominjeka yearmann koodnee biik Ntaria

NAIDOC Week

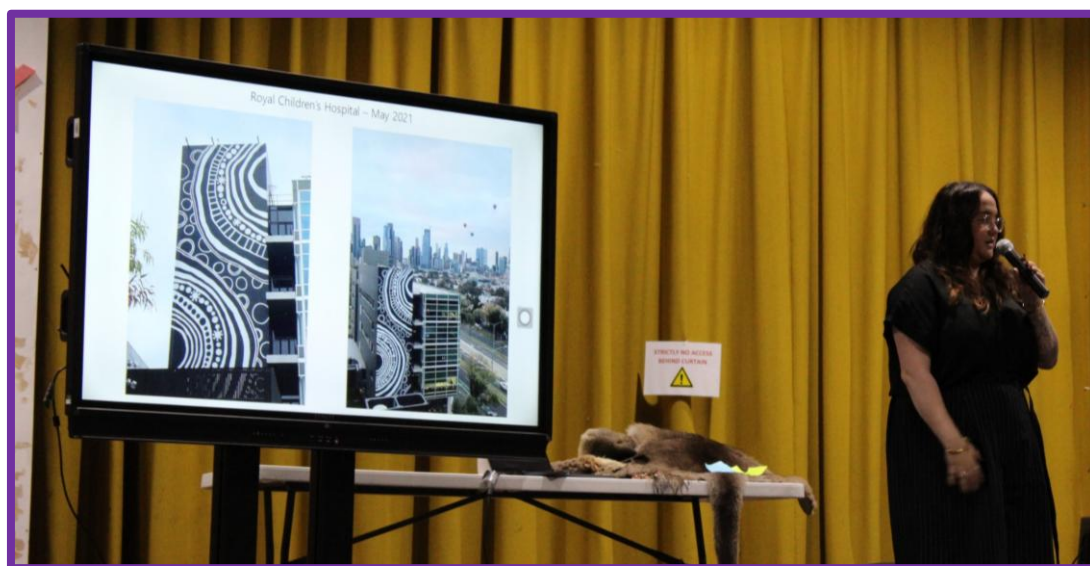


Fairhills High School

At the beginning of Term 3, students from Fairhills High School came together to celebrate **NAIDOC** Week and recognise the strength, culture and contributions of First Nations peoples.

This year's theme, '**50 Years of Deadly**' marked five decades of First Nations voices – strong, proud, unwavering and unapologetic. Across 50 years, NAIDOC Week themes have encouraged truth-telling, celebrated culture, honoured resistance and highlighted the enduring strength, resilience and pride of First Nations communities.

Fairhills High School embraced NAIDOC Week this year with a wonderful day of celebration, connection and learning. Students enjoyed a range of activities and events, with special guest artist **Sam Richards**, owner, founder, director, and artist of Muyan Story sharing her knowledge, creativity and culture with the school community.



Above: Sam Richards – Owner, Founder, Director, Artist Muyan Story

A proud descendant of the *Wurundjeri* and *Dja Dja Wurrung* peoples of the Melbourne and Bendigo regions, Sam generously shared her story at a whole-school assembly. Students heard about her cultural connection, personal journey and the experiences that have shaped her path, providing an inspiring insight into how she has reached where she is today and the work she does to connect others with First Nations culture.

Fairhills High School



Sam also facilitated a whole-school art activity exploring the meaning and significance of First Nations symbols. After sharing the stories and meanings behind the symbols, Sam invited students to create their own artwork.

The hands-on activity preceded students with a meaningful opportunity to learn about First Nations culture, explore symbolism and express their creativity through art.



Fairhills High School students creating their own stories

The celebrations also included a special art activity for First Nations students within the school community. Students came together in a small-group yarning circle, providing a safe and supportive space to connect, share, learn and create. Through this experience, students were able to celebrate their culture and identity while creating their own individual artworks.

Fairhills High School



The artworks created by students have since been collated by Sam and will be used to create a **whole-school mural**. We all can't wait to see the finished results!



Fairhills High School Creations!

Djelk Wukang



Meaning: Djelk Wukang means "giving goodness, giving respect" in the language of the Djaara people of central north-western Victoria.

Goal: The plan strengthens Aboriginal inclusion, self-determination, and cultural safety across the entire workforce, including schools, corporate offices, the Victorian Public Service (VPS), and the Government Teaching Service (GTS).

Key Focus Areas & Initiatives:

- **Koorie Staff Network (KSN):** Connects and supports Koorie employees to foster a safe work environment.
- **Yan Ngitj Ambassadors Program:** Volunteers across the department support and promote cultural safety, respect, and inclusive practices.
- **Employment Plan Integration:** The governance structure monitors the Aboriginal Employment Plan (AEP) to improve attraction, retention, and culturally safe workplaces.

Outer East Djelk Wukang Working Group

A small group of Outer East area staff, from various roles, come together twice a term to support implementing Dhelk Wukang - 'Giving Goodness, Giving Respect.' Our discussions and planning help support cultural safety across the Outer East.

Our work over the last few terms has included:

- Providing updates at our Outer East All Staff Forums
- Actively working with our Koorie Workforce to recognise culturally significant events throughout the year
- Establishing accessible Dhelk Wukang goals, actions and strategies for staff PDPs
- Establishment of a Dhelk Wukang update/newsletter
- Providing information on how staff can engage with First Nations culture
- Providing accessible PL opportunities for staff (Understanding Treaty, CUST)

Additionally, we have also had the opportunity to explore local activities including attending the NAIDOC ball and exploring local area. Below is a recent outing to ngurrak barring (mountain paths).

Djelk Wukang



We shared our journey with the Outer East area staff at our last All Staff Forum.



Anita Santalucia & Suzanne Satchell walking on Country

We are going to take you on an adventure.

*Trees, leaves, mud and bark,
Sunlight, birds, wind and art.*

*Silence, breath, rest and care
Energy, sacred, connection shared.*

Nestled in the trees of the Dandenong Ranges, are a range of new artworks along the walking trail from Ferny Creek to Kallista. We had the opportunity to visit, where we able to immerse ourselves in the sunlight, air and the sounds of the land. Each area along the trail has a node, a meeting point, created by First Peoples design studios Djinjama and COLA Studio. They have collaborated to create 5 architectural nodes that explore the themes of the walk – Ways of Seeing, Country, Community, Activism and Resilience – from an Indigenous perspective.

Connecting to Country!

Yarra Ranges SDS

Koorie Family Morning Tea

Yarra Ranges Special Developmental School (YRSDS) caters for school-aged students with moderate to profound intellectual disabilities. Many students also present with additional needs, including sensory, physical, and autism spectrum disorders. Their Early Education Program supports pre-school children aged 2 years 8 months to 4 years old with developmental delay.



Yarra Ranges SDS

Students and staff at Yarra Ranges SDS warmly invited families to join them for a special morning tea filled with connection, creativity and fun. Everyone enjoyed spending time together while taking part in a range of fun activities, with plenty of smiles and laughter throughout the morning.

Some adults even embraced their creative side getting involved in making their own personalised jewellery – a wonderful reminder that everyone can join in, have fun and share in the experience!



Special Morning Together

Koorie Resource Kits

Our Koorie Education Resource Kits, are available on a loan scheme through Kelsey Leatham - Kelsey.Leatham@education.vic.gov.au - are a Cultural Inclusion/Visual and tactile stimuli.



Koorie Resource Kits

This Koorie Education Resource Kit has been developed by the Koorie Education Workforce in the Department of Education, Outer East Area, North Eastern Victoria region.

Kits are available on loan for 3, 4 or 5 weeks to Early Years Services, and Specialist, Primary and Secondary Schools in the Outer East Area. We invite you to trial these resources with your students. Please use these resources with care so that they can continue to be shared. You are welcome to share any lessons plans that you have developed using these resources.



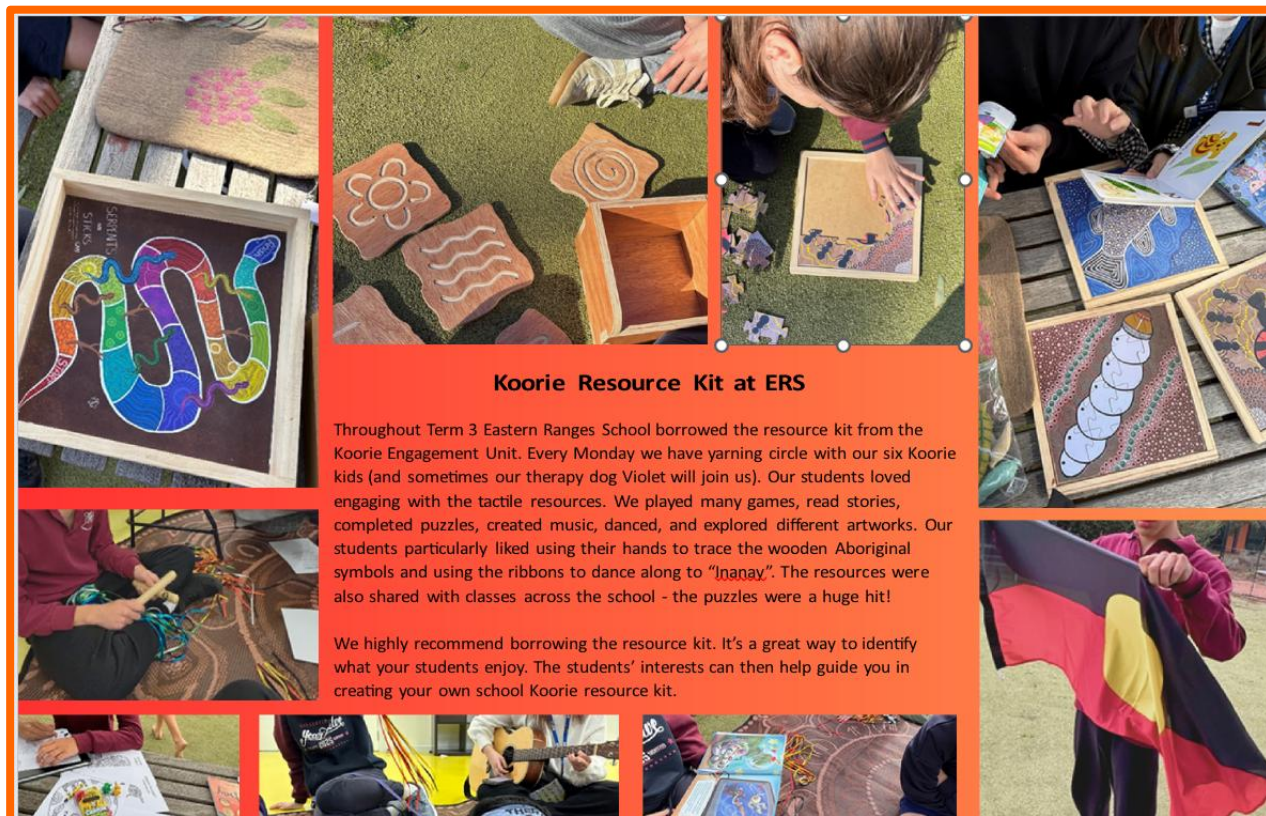
Resource list includes information about where the item was sourced, and suggestions for how the resource can be used,

We are encouraging schools who borrow this resource to share any lessons that they develop.

Koorie Resource Kits

Throughout Term 3 Eastern Ranges School borrowed the resource kit from the Koorie Engagement Unit and shared some wonderful photos with the team.

We are so pleased the Kit was a huge success for the students!!



Eastern Ranges students enjoying the Kit

Contact: kelsey.leatham@education.vic.gov.au
Mobile: 0499 786 210

<https://forms.office.com/r/nqDa2B7Z5N>

Early Years

Koorie Kids Shine at Kindergarten

Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander children can access 15 hours of free kindergarten each week for the two years prior to school. To be eligible, a child must turn three or four by 30 April in the year they start a kindergarten program.

At kindergarten, children will make new friends, enjoy fun activities, and get ready for school in a safe and supportive environment.

Children will:

- learn through play, art, music and dance
- learn to express themselves in a safe, inclusive and caring environment
- build the skills and confidence to prepare them for school.

Kindergarten programs have a qualified teacher and work hard to create culturally safe places for Aboriginal children and families, such as including Aboriginal perspectives in the learning curriculum and environment.

Learn more, visit [Kindergarten for Aboriginal children: Koorie Kids Shine](#)



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Please Share...

The link below is this week's release in the new style:

<https://mailchi.mp/c7ae40c714f0/pix3slaho0-4745201?e=37ef51772a>

PDF version embedded. Links embedded in the headings. Please send through any flyers or links to culturally safe events/activities for young people.

- [24 HOUR Telephone Support Services](#)
- [Foster Caring? Learn More](#)
- [13YARN - Downloadable Fact Sheet](#)

Programs and Groups

EOi – [Jets Studios by Banyule Youth Services - BANYULE](#)

Jets is a safe place where young people aged 14-25 years of age can come together to access a range of awesome FREE services.

EOi - [Strong Brother Strong Sister Youth Group – GEELONG](#)

Register on the Youth Group page on our website for our weekly Koorie Youth Group starting back up next week!

2026 - [Goolum Toy Lending Library - STAWELL](#)

This free library is available to all our families in Stawell and surrounds to borrow toys every Monday from 9:00am - 11:00am. To access our Toy Library during alternate hours or for more information, please contact our Stawell team.

2026 - [Rumbalara Youth Hub Program Schedule - SHEPPARTON](#)

Build life skills, confidence & independence in a fun, supportive space!

2026 - [MDAS Playgroup - MILDURA](#)

Our playgroups provide pre-school-aged children with opportunities to socialise, have fun and learn through play. Activities are strong on culture and include active play, imagination, role play, educational games, toys and arts and crafts.

2026 - [What's On with Youth - BANYULE](#)

Find out what upcoming events and supports Banyule Youth Services have below!

2026 - [Goolum Goolum Youth Drop-In - HORSHAM](#)

Are you turning 12 in 2026? This is a free program for all high school aged Mob to come together and hang out. Whether it's playing games or homework help we want to see you there! Runs monthly.

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2026 - VAHS Western Women's Program - ST. ALBANS

For Aboriginal women aged 13-20 Fortnightly Thursdays 3.30pm-5.30pm (starting 16 July). Weaving, culture, and art.

Events

Term 3 ends 18 September

Sep - Karroong Kanyool L2P Program - WATHAURONG

Do you need support to get your license? If you are aged between 16-21 and need some support, don't have access to a car or a supervisor register now!

EOi 17 Sep - Youth School Holiday program - MILDURA

These programs/activities are designed for our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander youth, aged 10 - 17 years old. Lunch and transport home from all activities are provided. For more information and permission forms, please contact; YouthTeam@mdas.org.au

Closing 18 Sep - Youth Programs Feedback Wanted - WINDA-MARA

Are you mob aged 12–25 in Heywood or Hamilton? We want to know what YOU want to see from our youth programs! Your feedback will help us plan programs and activities that you actually want to be part of.

Ending 18 Sep - Little Boorais Swimming Classes - IVANHOE

Every Friday, 2 age-groups. 0 - 3 years, and 3 - 5 years. Build confidence in water. Come prepared with bathers and towel.

EOi 19 Sep - MDAS Youth Advisory Committee - MILDURA

We are setting up a Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) in Mildura, so our young people can help shape the programs, spaces and decisions that affect them. Calling all young mob to get involved.

20 Sep - Banyule Youth-Fest - BANYULE

Live music and art from local Young Artists, activities, rides, food trucks, market stalls and so so much more!

21 Sep - Koorie Basketball Academy - SEYMOUR

Register your child for the FREE Koorie Academy Basketball Skills Clinic.

21 Sep - Tiddas Basketball Clinic - TRARALGON

Girl are invited to take part if a basketball clinic and cultural workshop and share lunch as part of Melbourne United's United for Her program, alongside Koorie Academy and the Gippsland Wrens.

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21 Sep - [Casey Aboriginal School Holiday Activity - DOVETON](#)

Sports day. For ages 5 - 9 years old.

21 Sep - [United for Her Tiddas Clinic - TRARALGON](#)

Free. Girls are invited to take part in a basketball clinic and cultural workshop, and share lunch.

21 Sep - [Kids Movie Sessions - GEELONG](#)

Hosted by Wathaurong as part of their school holiday program.

21 Sep - [Deadly Youth Fest - HEYWOOD](#)

Victorian Youth Fest is a month-long celebration across Victoria recognising the contributions, achievements and creativity of young people aged 12-25 in their communities Lunch provided, transport available.

21 Sep - [Casey Sports Activity for Youth - CRANBOURNE EAST](#)

Come along to our free Sports Day and enjoy a fun-filled day of games and activities alongside other young mob aged 5 - 9 years.

21 Sep - 2 Oct - [Wathaurong School Holiday Program - GEELONG](#)

Arts, crafts, BBQs and movie sessions. See flyer link for full details.

22 Sep - 1 Oct - [BADAC School Holiday Program - BALLARAT](#)

Term 3 School Holiday Program. See link for details.

23 Sep - [Youth Cinema Session - BENDIGO](#)

We've got two fun activities coming up this school holidays!

23 Sep - [Hoops & Healing Family Day - WATIRNA SOUTH](#)

The free family day will bring together movement, culture, healing and community at the State Basketball Centre in Wantirna South. Register via QR code.

23 Sep - [DDACL School Holiday Program - FRANKSTON](#)

Spots are limited, so register now using the QR code or link on the flyer! Visit to Bunjilaka Aboriginal Cultural Centre (Museums Victoria). For young mob 12 - 18.

23/24 Sep - [VACSAL Junior Football and Netball carnival - BAIRNSDALE](#)

Registration closes on Sunday 13th September 2026 at 11pm. Registration is to ensure that all playing participants in the carnival are covered by insurance.

EOI 25 Sep - [M/FW First Nations Pathway Program - VIC](#)

M/FW is currently seeking expressions of interest for its 2026 First Nations Pathway Program, designed to create meaningful pathways into the events and fashion industries.

26 Sep - [Young Entrepreneur Market - BROWN HILL](#)

A great way for our young community members to showcase their talents and maybe make themselves a little extra cash. Hosted by the Brown Hill Community.

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27 Sep - [Koling wada-ngal karrung school camp - VIC](#)

Experience university life at our Mt Helen Campus on Wadawurrung Country. Free for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students in years 9, 10 and 11. Hosted by Federation University.

28 Sep - [Bunjil's Larr - NORTHCOTE](#)

Join us in exploring traditional Aboriginal tools and artefacts. Play the Indigenous game of Kolap, and create your own Aboriginal-inspired pieces using clay. Ages 5 to 12.

29 Sep - [Casey Aboriginal School Holiday Activity - DOVETON](#)

Earring Making & Yidaki Playing Workshop. For ages 10 - 17.

29 Sep - [Spring Holidays Community Dinner - DOVETON](#)

Come along and enjoy a delicious dinner with family and friends these school holidays.

29/30 Sep - [Youth Dance Workshops - HORSHAM](#)

Ages: 11–21. Cost: FREE (t-shirt & afternoon tea included). First Peoples Youth Dance Workshops - Chunky Move & BGLC - are back in Horsham for one week only! Register via link in the post description.

30 Sep - [Netball Victoria Koorie Clinic and Umpiring - ALBURY](#)

Join us at our Koorie Clinic and Introduction to Umpiring Workshop, an opportunity for mob to get together, learn to play netball and further develop netball skills! Koorie Clinic ages 5+. Umpiring workshop ages 12+

30 Sep - [Young Mob Cultural Weaving Workshop - DOVETON](#)

Calling all young mob aged 10 - 17 years! Join us these school holidays for a cultural workshop.

Ending Sep - [Netball Victoria Koorie Clinics and Umpiring Workshops - VIC](#)

Across multiple regions from April through to September. For ages 5+. Umpiring workshops, 12+.

1 Oct - [DDACL School Holiday Program - FRANKSTON](#)

Spots are limited, so register now using the QR code or link on the flyer! Visit to Bunjilaka Aboriginal Cultural Centre (Museums Victoria). Clip N Climb Berwick. For young mob 12 - 18.

2 Oct - [Youth Jumpz Session - BENDIGO](#)

We've got two fun activities coming up this school holidays!

8 - 25 Oct - [Na Djinang Circus - VIC VARIOUS](#)

Our purpose is to elevate Blak Australian circus nationally and internationally, fostering new practices, works, and futures through research, articulation, and agitation.

12 Oct - 7 Dec - [BADAC Junior Youth Group Calendar - BALLARAT](#)

For primary school aged youth.

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14 Oct - [BADAC Dance Group - GOLDEN POINT](#)

The group is open to all ages and abilities - no dance experience or fitness level is needed. Together, we will create a strong, supportive space for culture, connection and community.

28 Oct - [Youth Camp Fire Night - GOLDEN POINT](#)

For high school aged youth.

31 Oct/1Nov - [Djilang Sports seeking players - BALLARAT](#)

Djilang is calling on women and girls to get involved in football, and men and boys to get involved in netball!

11 Nov - [BADAC Dance Group - GOLDEN POINT](#)

The group is open to all ages and abilities - no dance experience or fitness level is needed. Together, we will create a strong, supportive space for culture, connection and community.

25 Nov - [End of Term Celebrations - BALLARAT](#)

Location tbc. For high-school aged youth.

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12 - 15 Jan - [VACSAL Youth Leadership and Resilience Camp - NORTH METRO](#)

Inviting young people in Grades 5, 6 and 7 in North Metro. See flyer details for more information. Please register via QR Code.

Community Events

Sep - [Mullum Mullum Community Events Calendar - RINGWOOD EAST](#)

Events and activities for all the community. 16 Sep - 6 Oct - [Djaara Malamiya Mang 2026 Program - BENDIGO](#)

Aboriginal arts and culture festival celebrating the enduring connection between the Dja Dja Wurrung People, Culture, and Country across central Victoria.

17 Sep - [BAYMOB Expo 2026 - FRANKSTON](#)

Promoting health and wellbeing.

18 Sep - [Fitzroy Stars Football & Netball Club Presentation Night - SOUTH WHARF](#)

Come together with teammates, volunteers, supporters, sponsors and our wider Stars family as we recognise the outstanding achievements of our players, coaches and club community, and present our 2026 season awards.

18 Sep - [Onus Vs. Alcoa - 45 Year Celebration - LAKE CONDAH](#)

Join us to celebrate the 45th anniversary of the High Court decision led by Aunty Sandra Onus & Aunty Tina Saunders.

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19 Sep - Women's Wellbeing Workshop - SUNBURY

We are continuing – a safe and supportive space for women to come together, connect, and take time for themselves.

EOi 20 Sep - Seeking Eastern Maar Artists - EASTERN MAAR

Eastern Maar Artists are invited to submit an Expression of Interest to collaborate with local students and young people at Graze the Day 2026, creating a new artwork live at the event.

21 Sept - Wathaurong Open Day - NORLANE

There will be information, activations, and a chance to yarn with staff members from all areas of our organisation. Any questions about this event, reach out to comms@wathaurong.org.au

22 Sep - Possum Skin Cloak Workshop - NORLANE

This workshop is an opportunity for community to come together to contribute to the creation of possum skin cloaks and blankets for patients on their cancer journey or receiving palliative care, supporting connection, comfort and cultural care.

23 Sep - Community Health Day/Yarn and Feed - CRANBOURNE

We will have the following attractions: A range of health services, Animals, Coffee Van, Face painting, Elder, BBQ, Cultural activities for all to experience, Free items table. Register via link.

23 Sep - VAHS Epilepsy Yarning Session - SOUTH MORANG

This session is open to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people living with epilepsy, their carers, family, and other supporters, as well as Community who simply want to learn more about supporting Mob with epilepsy.

Ending 23 Sep - BDAC Online Safety Workshops - BENDIGO

Learn how to strengthen your privacy and online security. Come and yarn with BDAC staff about staying safe online, and get help with practical online safety support.

24 Sep - Ngwala Community BBQ - RICHMOND

Sausage sizzle and coffee van.

27 Sep - 18 Oct - Birrarung River Festival - MELBOURNE

Riverfest returns in 2026 with 70+ events from the source to the sea and its tributaries. From walks, talks and paddles to art, music, storytelling, wildlife spotting and tree planting — there's something for everyone at Riverfest.

Closing 28 Sep - Entries Open - Koorie Art Show 14 - VIC

Are you an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander artist living in Victoria? We'd love you to be part of one of Victoria's most celebrated exhibitions of First Peoples art.

29 Sep - Possum Skin Cloak Workshop - COLAC

This workshop is an opportunity for community to come together to contribute to the creation of possum skin cloaks and blankets for patients on their cancer journey or receiving palliative care, supporting connection, comfort and cultural care.

29 Sep - Spring Holidays Community Dinner - DOVETON

Come along and enjoy a delicious dinner with family and friends these school holidays.

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3 Oct - Gugu Dindi Gunyah - MELBOURNE

Featuring Uncle Kutcha Edwards. Gugu Dindi Gunyah. Many Rivers. One Home. is a powerful celebration of culture, resilience and collective belonging, shaped by rivers, songline, ancestral stories and shared memory.

3 Oct - Campfire Concert - BRENANAH

Hosts Mel and Tim Fitzgerald and Loddon Valley Arts Trail are delighted to announce that, with the assistance and collaboration of Djaara's Dumuwul agency, the Campfire Concert with Carl Pannuzzo is now in Kooyoora State Park, at the Melville Caves Picnic Ground.

5 Oct - Treaty Yarn - BRUNSWICK

Troy Austin and Indi Clarke Gellung Warl/ First People's Assembly Victoria will facilitate a Yarning Session focused on Treaty updates and support.

10/11 Oct - VACSAL Senior Football and Netball carnival - WARRNAMBOOL

Invites to the Registration Night will be emailed to team managers after registration closes on Sunday, 27th September 2026 at 5pm. Registration is to ensure that all playing participants in the carnival are covered by insurance.

10/11 Oct - Banyule Open Studios - HEIDELBERG WEST

We would like to offer you a FREE space to set up a studio at Barrbunin Beek from the 10th to 11th October where you can showcase your work, creative process, build your artistic profile, promote yourself and sell your work.

12 Oct - Clifton Hill Jiujiitsu - Celebrating 20 years - CLIFTON HILL

20 year celebration - past students most welcome. Celebrating Aboriginal martial arts.

12 Oct - The Brunswick Circle - BRUNSWICK

Join us for an evening of conversation, connection and collective reflection as migrant, refugee and First Nations voices come together to explore what reconciliation can look like in multicultural Australia.

14 Oct - First Nations Women's Breakfast - CARLTON

Join us for a morning of laughter, love, lessons, and healing with First Nations women at our breakfast event! With Shelley Ware and Emma Bamblett.

14 Oct - Film Screening: Ablaze (2021) - NORTHCOTE

This History Month, join us to see a documentary about the charismatic Aboriginal cultural leader, William "Bill" Onus.

17 Oct - 21st Gala Fundraiser Event 2026 - DONCASTER

Join us for a special evening of culture, community and celebration at Mullum Mullum Aboriginal Gathering Place's 21st Annual Fundraising Gala.

21 Oct - 2 Dec - Indigenous Surfing Program - BREAMLEA

Learn to be safe in the ocean while having fun. You'll get to surfing, Learn about the ocean and have a feed after! Open to all ages! Elder's encouraged to get involved!

24 Oct - Cultural Yarns for Carers of Aboriginal Children - ONLINE

These sessions are designed to support carers to strengthen their confidence, knowledge, and practical skills in nurturing the cultural identity, belonging, and wellbeing of Aboriginal children in their care.

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29 Oct - Ngwala Community BBQ - RICHMOND

Sausage sizzle and coffee van.

27 Nov - BADAC Twilight Market - BALLARAT

That's right, the BADAC Twilight Market is back again for 2026!!

Ending 29 Nov - BIYAL Exhibition - CASTLEMAINE

A free exhibition featuring the creative mind of Traditional Owners, allies, and the cultural act of giving back to Country. Presenting the wood gifted from the Guildford Biyal (Red gum) - known affectionately as the Guildford Big Tree.

EOi Dec - Aboriginal Sport Participation Grant Program guidelines - VIC

Assists in addressing a range of barriers to the community's participation in sport and active recreation across the state. Applications open until funding allocation is exhausted.

1 Dec - Cultural Yarns for Carers of Aboriginal Children - ONLINE

These sessions are designed to support carers to strengthen their confidence, knowledge, and practical skills in nurturing the cultural identity, belonging, and wellbeing of Aboriginal children in their care.

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6/7 Feb - Cultural Connections Retreat - HEALESVILLE

Bringing First Nations Carers together for a weekend of connection, learning and development. Immersed in Cultural Therapeutic Ways, social and emotional wellbeing, Men's and Women's Business and supporting our mob in Out of Home Care. Hosted by VACCA.

14 Feb - Take Back the Track - AUS

We are calling on groups or individuals to join the annual National. Take Back the Track Day. Events across the country. See link for more details.

Closing 31 Aug 2027 - Territories Stolen Generations Redress Scheme - AUS

For for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people who were removed from their families or communities as a child in the Northern Territory (before 1 July 1978), the Australian Capital Territory (before 11 May 1986) or the Jervis Bay Territory.

Programs & Activities

Term 3 - VACCA Eastern Koorie Kids Playgroup - EASTERN METRO

Eastern VACCA's Koorie Kids Playgroup is a fun, safe, and culturally empowering space for kids under 5 and their families in Melbourne's east.

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Term 3 - Western VACCA's Koorie Kids Basketball program - WERRIBEE

Designed for primary school aged Aboriginal young people at any skill level, it's a great opportunity to learn new skills and meet friends in a space that's safe and inclusive.

Term 3 - Winda-Mara Youth Programs - HEYWOOD/HAMILTON

Please make sure your details are up-to-date with the Community Services team to be notified of any changes to programs throughout the term.

Term 3 - Rumbalara Boxing Program - MOOROOPNA

Sessions starting again on 17 July. For all ages. Every Friday 3:30 - 4:30pm.

Term 3 - Youth Hub – Gaka Yapaneyepuk ("Come Together") - RUMBALARA

Our Youth Hub is back, providing a safe, welcoming and culturally connected space where Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people can come together, build confidence, learn new skills and strengthen connections to culture, community and each other.

Term 3 - Bengadak Babab Playgroup - BALLARAT

Come be a part of a solid community of little ones, their parents and carers. At playgroup, we are excited to learn about our strong Culture, a safe space for children to be themselves, to play, sing, dance, laugh, explore and build relationships with others. Each Monday and Friday of the school Term.

Term 3 - Willarn Playgroup - HAMILTON/HEYWOOD

What better way to kick off Term 3 Playgroup than with a Fitness Session! Join us for a fun, family-friendly workout with Ash Dyson!

Term 3 - Nairn Marr Djambana Weekly Programs - FRANKSTON

See their Youth and Community focused programs run through the week, during school term.

EOi – Jets Studios by Banyule Youth Services - BANYULE

Jets is a safe place where young people aged 14-25 years of age can come together to access a range of awesome FREE services.

EOi - Strong Brother Strong Sister Youth Group – GEELONG

Register on the Youth Group page on our website for our weekly Koorie Youth Group starting back up next week!

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2026 - Goolum Toy Lending Library - STAWELL

This free library is available to all our families in Stawell and surrounds to borrow toys every Monday from 9:00am - 11:00am. To access our Toy Library during alternate hours or for more information, please contact our Stawell team.

2026 - Rumbalara Youth Hub Program Schedule - SHEPPARTON

Build life skills, confidence & independence in a fun, supportive space!

2026 - MDAS Playgroup - MILDURA

Our playgroups provide pre-school-aged children with opportunities to socialise, have fun and learn through play. Activities are strong on culture and include active play, imagination, role play, educational games, toys and arts and crafts.

2026 - What's On with Youth - BANYULE

Find out what upcoming events and supports Banyule Youth Services have below!

2026 - Goolum Goolum Youth Drop-In - HORSHAM

Are you turning 12 in 2026? This is a free program for all high school aged Mob to come together and hang out. Whether it's playing games or homework help we want to see you there! Runs monthly.

2026 - VAHS Western Women's Program - ST. ALBANS

For Aboriginal women aged 13-20 Fortnightly Thursdays 3.30pm-5.30pm (starting 16 July). Weaving, culture, and art.

Programs & Groups

Term 3 - Laps for Lungs Running Group - SHEPPARTON

Whether you're just starting out, returning to fitness, or already love a run, everyone is welcome to be part of this supportive and encouraging group. Hosted by Rumbalara.

Term 3 - Goolum Motivational Monday - STAWELL

Fasten your laces and get walking with our Stawell Mob, followed by a healthy lunch back at our Stawell Hub.

Term 3 - MVAC Weekly Community Activities - ROBINVALE

All activities are run by MVAC- call the contact listed to arrange your ride on the day.

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Term 3 - Interactive Gardening Group 2026 - DOVETON

For all ages. Do you have a passion for gardening? Then our Interactive Gardening Group is for you!

Term 3 - Mullum Men's Group - FERN TREE GULLY

A safe space for men to come together, yarn, connect and support each other. No pressure, no judgement.

Term 3 - MVAC Winter Sports Activities - ROBINVALE

Held at Robinvale Recreation & Aquatic Centre.

Term 3 - Aboriginal Women-only Water Sessions - RESERVOIR

Enjoy gentle to moderate movement in the hydrotherapy pool, led by an experienced swim instructor. Sessions run Fridays, 2.30pm to 3.15pm or 3.15pm to 4pm. Please arrive early. Bookings are essential with limited places.

Term 3 - Wathaurong's Men's Group - GEELONG

The group regularly meets for social activities, cultural sessions and a shared meal — creating opportunities to support one another, build friendships, and stay connected to culture.

Term 3 - Njernda Men's Gym Program - ECHUCA

This program has already kicked off, but it's not too late to join! Limited spots still available for men aged 16 and over.

Term 3 - Nairm Marr Djambana Weekly Programs - FRANKSTON

See their Youth and Community focused programs run through the week, during school term.

Term 3 - Willum Warrain Community Programs - HASTINGS

Womens and Mens groups.

Term 3 - Winda-mara Men's Group - HEYWOOD

A deadly opportunity for our men to come together for a yarn and a feed.

Term 3 - MVAC Winter Sports Activity Calendar - ROBINVALE

FREE ENTRY for Robinvale locals in Robinvale Recreation and Aquatic Centre. Get active with MVAC.

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Term 3 - GEGAC Pilates Sessions - LAKES ENTRANCE

These funded places are available for people who may be experiencing barriers to participating in physical activity.

Term 3 - Wellbeing Wednesdays - KERANG

Each Wednesday, starting next week, an Alcohol and Other Drugs or Mental Health worker will be on site if you need or want a yarn. Walk-ins are welcome, or you can book ahead to guarantee your spot.

Term 3/4 - Dunguludja Yakapna Weaving Group - MOOROOPNA

Weaving Group will now be continuing until the end of the year, except for the school holidays.

2026 - Carers Connect Events Calendar - VARIOUS

Drop-in days provide family members, carers, friends, and supporters with access to information, peer support, and the opportunity to relax and take a break. No referral or appointment is needed; you can just drop in when it suits you.

2026 - Mullum Men's Group - FERNTREE GULLY

Men's group will now run every WEDNESDAY from 3PM—7PM.

2026 - Family Services Drop-In Sessions - HEYWOOD/HAMILTON

Our Family Services Manager is available monthly in both Heywood and Hamilton to have a yarn with you about our programs and support. By Winda-Mara.

2026 - Goolum Deadly Dads Program - HORSHAM

Deadly Dads will be on the last Wednesday of each month, starting next week! A space for all fathers, grandfathers, uncles and father figures to come together for a yarn, learn and share experiences.

2026 - Goolum Circle of Security Carers Program - HORSHAM

Goolum's Circle of Security runs over 8 sessions and aims at supporting carers in understanding the needs of young ones in their care.

2026 - Free Job Support - DOVETON

Chisholm Skills and Jobs Centre will be available at the Gathering Place for free jobs and career support or advice! See link for dates, times and registration details.

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2026 - Kinship Carers Yarning Circle - HAMILTON/HEYWOOD

Carers Yarning Circles are a warm and welcoming space where Kinship carers can come together, share their stories, support one another through challenges, and honour the meaningful moments of caring. It's about connection, community, and sharing the journey together.

2026 - MDAS Community Calendar - MILDURA

Ongoing list of Community events.

2026 - Willum Warrain 2026 Community Events - HASTINGS

All the major community events are now available for viewing through their calendar.

2026 - Ladies Gym Sessions - BAIRNSDALE

Held every Wednesday at 11:15am at R U Fit Gym, 14 Wood Street Bairnsdale. These 45-minute sessions are a great way to build strength, boost your wellbeing, and connect with other women in the community.

2026 - VACCA Deadly Dads - WYNDHAM VALE

Open to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander dads and dads of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander kids, our group meets every three weeks to yarn, connect and learn more about early childhood development and building strong cultural identities in a culturally safe space.

2026 - VAHS AOD Support Group - PRESTON

Every Friday at VAHS Preston from 1pm-3pm we have a discrete new AOD Support Group. Based on the 12-step program, this is a beginner's group for people who are new, curious, or just want to listen and learn.

2026 - Willum Warrain Community Events Calendar

Please note changes to our calendar for this term.

2026 - MUSIC First Nations Open Mic at Bar Oussou - BRUNSWICK

Join us for another special Sunday afternoon with Uncle Teddy Chassells and his Koorie Open Mic!! First nations performers come sign up or join the community and let the music hit your soul!

2026 - Nairm Marr Djambana Services Australia Visit - FRANKSTON

Monthly on Thursdays. See link for full list up visits.

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2026 - DDACL Mums and Bubs Group - DANDENONG

For mums with little ones 0 - 3 years of age.

2026 - Community Harmony Food Co-op - SUNBURY

A welcoming, community-led alternative to the big supermarkets with fair prices, great quality and a friendly team always up for a chat.

2026 - Winda-Mara Community Dinner Dates - HAMILTON/HEYWOOD

Community dinner is back for 2026! See link for full details.

2026 - Kinship Carers Support Yarning Circle - HAMILTON/HEYWOOD

Carers Yarning Circles are a warm and welcoming space where Kinship carers can come together, share their stories, support one another through challenges.

2026 - Carer Kafe - Upcoming Training Events - ONLINE

Carer Kafe is dedicated to keeping carers informed, supported, valued, and respected.

2026 - DWGP Monthly Community Gatherings - CHELSEA

DWGP invite our local First Nations community to attend our Monthly Community Gathering. Participate in Cultural Connection Workshops with Men's & Women's Groups. Lunch will be served at 12pm in a communal space, so we can all share a meal together!

2026 - Casey Aboriginal Community Lunch Dates - DOVETON

Mark your calendars and get ready to connect and share a meal! Check out the rest of our 2025 monthly Community Lunch dates.

2026 - VACSAL Men's Yarning Circle - PRESTON

Open to all males. Our yarning circle is a safe welcoming space to connect and have a yarn.

2026 - VAHS Men's Group - PRESTON & FITZROY

Join us to yarn with some likeminded fellas, enjoy a feed, and connect to Culture. See linked post for full days and times.

2026 - Wathaurong Men's Group - GEELONG

The Wathaurong Men's Group is a safe, relaxed space where Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men yarn, connect, and share culture.

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2026 - Elders Afternoon Tea - FRANKSTON

All Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Elders and their partners are welcome to come join us for our Elders Afternoon Tea!

2026 - Wathaurong Gather Art & Connection Space - GROVEDALE

Every Wednesday, join us at Booln Booln Cultural Centre from 2pm til 4pm, "Gather" is a space where community are welcome to drop in and immerse themselves in creating and exploring different art mediums.

2026 - Dhelk Dja Elders Program - PRESTON

Come along to our Monthly Yarning Circles. Cultural Activities. Guest Speakers. Lunch provided.

2026 - Additional Respite for Unpaid Carers - MORWELL

An 'unpaid' carer is anyone who gives essential and unpaid care, support and help to someone. They may provide this care anywhere from a couple of hours a day to around-the-clock help.

2026 - Community Yarn and Paint - SEYMOUR

Hosted by Rumbalara. Come along every Thursday for a relaxed space to get creative, have a yarn and connect with community!

2026 - Young Families Village - CROYDON

Young Families Village is a welcoming space for parents aged 26 and under and their children to connect, share experiences, and support each other. Meet other young parents, build confidence, and develop practical skills, all while enjoying fun activities with your child. Drop in anytime.

2026 - Dardi Men's Healing and Behaviour Groups - VARIOUS and ONLINE

These groups provide a supportive space for men to reflect, learn, and make positive change. Please refer to the flyer for locations, dates, and contact details.

2026 - Blak Pearl Creative Studios and Gathering Place - FITZROY

Tuesdays. All Mob are welcome to come in, access high quality art materials and a space to work (and store their works), get a feed, talk about any advocacy needs, and link up with the local community.

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Support - [Stolen Generations Reparations Package - VIC](#)

The package addresses the trauma and suffering caused by the forced removal of Aboriginal children from their families, culture, and Country. It applies to children removed in Victoria before 31 December 1976.

Support - [Redress for Historical Institutional Abuse - VIC](#)

Redress for Historical Institutional Abuse is for people who experienced physical, emotional or psychological abuse and neglect as children in institutional settings in Victoria before 1990.

EOi - [Coranderrk Visitor Program](#)

We offer immersive experiences on Country, focusing on the history, truth-telling, and ecology of Coranderrk. We host groups up to 30 participants, on Thursdays, with limited availability on Tuesdays.

EOi - [Work Ready for Mob - CASEY](#)

Employment and education support for mob. Resume & Cover Letter Support Get your Ls

EOi - [Wathaurong Community Dance Group](#)

If you are interested in being involved in ongoing dance practices, with the potential to dance at future events, register your interest below. All ages, genders and experience levels are welcome!

EOi - [Take Back The Track](#)

Our Vision is for women and gender-diverse runners to feel less alone, validated and a sense of belonging and safety when running.

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Downloads & Activity

Colouring Sheets, crafts & activity sheets.

- [Yarn Sista Strong - Crafts & Colouring Sheets \(scroll to bottom of page\)](#)
- [Mulganai Indigenous Artist - Free Colouring Pages](#)
- [SNAICC - Colouring & Activity Sheets](#)
- [VAEAI - Aboriginal Educational Activities](#)
- [Elizabeth Morgan House - Kids Corner](#)
- [Yulunga Traditional Indigenous Games](#)
- [MAYSAR Boredom Busters \(pdf\)](#)
- [VAHS Deadly Dan Colouring Book \(pdf\)](#)
- [Colouring & Activity Book - VAEAI \(pdf\)](#)
- [VACCHO Healthy, Deadly Lunch Boxes - colouring book \(pdf\)](#)

Cultural Hubs & Spaces

- [Koorie Heritage Trust Online Activities](#)
- [VACCA Cultural Online Activity Hub](#)
- [Wellmob - Social, emotional and cultural wellbeing online resources for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People](#)
- [Cultural Centres in Victoria](#)
- [Cultural Walks & Spaces](#)

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Watch, Read, Listen

Watch Movies

ABC iview - Indigenous



ABC iview is the ABC's streaming service with a section devoted to Indigenous Films & TV Shows.

- [Website - ABC iview Indigenous](#)

SBS On Demand website



SBS On Demand is the streaming service for SBS where you can watch all watch all your favourite SBS and NITV programs. First Nations movies that are currently available include, [Rabbit Proof Fence \(PG - available till 1March22\)](#) and [Yolngu Boy \(M - available till 30June22\)](#). (Free Subscription)

- [Website - SBS On Demand](#)

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Kanopy



Kanopy, Inc. is an on-demand streaming video platform for public libraries and universities that offers films and documentaries. Kanopy has an entire section dedicated to 'The First Australians' with many First Nations movies. *(Free – requires a library card or university log in)*

- [Website - Kanopy](#)

Netflix



Netflix is a streaming service that offers a wide variety of award-winning TV shows, movies, anime, documentaries and more on thousands of internet-connected devices. First Nations movies that are currently available include, The [Sapphires \(PG\)](#) and [In My Blood it Runs \(PG\)](#). *(Cost: \$10.99 to \$19.99 per month)*

- [Website - Netflix](#)

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Stan



Stan is an Australian streaming service that offers a range of movies and TV shows including a good amount of Australian. First Nations movies that are currently available include, [The Final Quarter \(PG\)](#) and [Bran Nue Dae \(PG13\)](#). (Cost: From \$10.00 a month)

- [Website - Stan](#)

YouTube



YouTube is an American online video sharing and social media platform. Enjoy the videos and music you love, upload original content, and share it all with friends, family, and the world. First Nations movies that are currently available to rent or buy include, [Satellite Boy \(PG\)](#) and [Top End Wedding \(M\)](#). (Cost: Depends on movie)

- [Website - YouTube](#)

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iTunes



iTunes is an Apple service that allows you to buy and download your favourite songs, TV shows, movies and podcasts. First Nations movies that are currently available to rent or buy include [Charlie's Country \(M\)](#) and [Samson & Delilah \(MA15+\)](#). (Cost: Depends on movie)

- [Website - iTunes](#)

Watch Television

Aboriginal Broadcasting Australia



Aboriginal Broadcasting Australia is one hundred per cent Aboriginal owned and operated located in Darwin. They broadcasts across Darwin, Northern Territory and Australia. The Aboriginal Broadcasting Australia operates:

- Darwin TV Channel 41
- Tourism TV Channel 42
- Education TV Channel 43
- FIRST NATiONS TV Channel 4

[Website - Aboriginal Broadcasting Australia](#)

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ICTV



ICTV is a television service delivering cultural and community video content to remote Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities around Australia, and beyond. It enables the sharing of cultural stories, song and dance, language and essential information through two accessible platforms - our television service and our on-demand internet-based service - and by producing and supporting the production of video content in remote communities.

- [Website - ICTV](#)

NITV



NITV informs, educates and entertains its Indigenous and non-Indigenous audiences about the issues that matter the most to Indigenous Australians. It provides a rich diversity of cultures, languages and talent.

- [Website - NITV](#)

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SBS



Australia's multicultural and multilingual broadcaster. Includes news, sport, entertainment, documentary, film, food, radio and television schedule.

- [Website - SBS](#)

ABC



The Australian Broadcasting Corporation is Australia's national broadcaster. Your home of Australian stories, conversations and events that shape our nation. Includes a range of channels such as ABC News and ABC Kids.

- [Website - ABC](#)

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Web

indigiTUBE



indigiTUBE is the online media platform by and for First Nations people, preserving language and culture for future generations. indigiTUBE gathers First Nations stories from the desert to the sea, connecting and sharing culture from our extremely remote to urban regions; from our fresh new talent to archived histories. indigiTUBE is a digital meeting place for First Nations song, dance, language and lore; creating a unified space to share our evolving and living culture.

- [Website - indigiTUBE](#)

TEDx



TEDx is a grassroots initiative, created in the spirit of TED's overall mission to research and discover "ideas worth spreading." TEDx brings the spirit of TED to local communities around the globe through TEDx events. These events are organized by passionate individuals who seek to uncover new ideas and to share the latest research in their local areas that spark conversations in their communities.

- [YouTube - Aboriginal talks on TEDx](#)

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Music

Spotify



Spotify is an audio streaming and media services provider. It is one of the world's largest music streaming service providers. Spotify is home to many different First Nation artists from [Uncle Archie Roach](#) to [Alice Sky](#). They also have the [The Sound of Australian Indigenous](#) a playlist with over 15 hours of First Nations music covering all genres and generations.

- [Website - Spotify](#)

indigiTUBE



indigiTUBE is the online media platform by and for First Nations people, preserving language and culture for future generations. Their music section is full of amazing First Nation's music and through their FIRST SOUNDS initiative they have helped published over 100 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists.

- [Website - indigiTUBE](#)

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Podcast

Unapologetically Blak



Unapologetically Blak is a project that has been developed by two Australian Indigenous women to offer an insight into the personal lives and distinctive sisterhood that Blak Australia exists within. This project has been created for an array of ages, genders and backgrounds. Transcending the colonial constructs of division, placing Indigenous voices at the front and centre of sticky conversations to show Australia a new narrative of Blak experiences in contemporary society. Join us as Ginny and AJ embark on this journey of transparency, truth and strength. Discussing topics that have been placed into the too hard basket; laughing, crying and yarning along the way

- [Spotify - Unapologetically Blak](#)
- [Apple Podcasts - Unapologetically Blak](#)

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Indigenous Ghost Stories



Indigenous people have lived in this country for thousands of years and have formed a deep spiritual relationship with the land which is generational. Some of these spiritual bonds include communicating with spirits on the other side. From the Wau-wai in the south to the Dujay in the north, whether we like it or not these spirits are a part of this land and apart of all our lives. Hosted by NITV's Luke Briscoe, Indigenous Ghost Stories reveals frightening and compelling encounters with spirits on the other side.

- [Spotify - Indigenous Ghost Stories](#)

Word Up



Word Up shares the diverse languages of black Australia from Anmatyerre to Arrernte, from Bidjara to Bundjalung, from Nyungar to Ngaanyatjarra, from Yankunytjatjara to Yorta Yorta—one word at a time.

- [Apple Podcasts - Word Up](#)

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AWAYE!



AWAYE! presents a diverse and vibrant Aboriginal arts and culture from across Australia and the best from Indigenous radio broadcasters around the world.

- [Apple Podcasts - AWAYE!](#)

Pretty For An Aboriginal



Nakkiah Lui and Miranda Tapsell have the conversations Australia is uncomfortable having—about sex, relationships, dating, power, and, most difficult of all, race. More suited for older listeners. Also a great resource for non-Indigenous carers & workers to help with cultural awareness. (Note: this podcast does use course language.)

- [Spotify - Pretty For An Aboriginal](#)

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Radio

3KnD



3KND is Melbourne's first Indigenous owned and managed radio station, providing a vital service not only to the Indigenous community but also to the wider community as a whole. 3KND provides information and entertainment for our community and anyone else who wants to join in.

- [Website - 3KnD](#)

NITV Radio



Listen to NITV Radio at 12pm on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays on SBS Radio 1

- [Website - NITV Radio](#)

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indigiTUBE



indigiTUBE is the online media platform by and for First Nations people, preserving language and culture for future generations. IndigiTUBE's radio section allows you to listen to over 20 different First Nations radio stations from around the country.

- [Website - indigiTUBE](#)

The National Indigenous Radio Service Limited (NIRS)



NIRS is a national program distribution service that delivers multiple radio channels of content produced by First Nations broadcasters via satellite distribution and via the internet.

- [Website - The National Indigenous Radio Service Limited \(NIRS\)](#)

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Dance

Click on image for link



Theatre



Exhibits & Collections Instagram



Local Community Organisations

Regardless of where we live, or who our mob is, we can all go through tough times. You and your loved ones can find support through your local Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations.

Oonah Aboriginal Health & Community Services	http://hicsa.org.au/
Mullum Mullum Indigenous Gathering Place - Ringwood	https://www.mmigp.org.au/
VACCA – Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency	https://www.vacca.org/
Boorndawan Willam Aboriginal Healing Service	https://www.bwahs.com.au/
Eastern Health Aboriginal Health Service	https://www.easternhealth.org.au/site/item/127-aboriginal-health
VAEAI	VAEAI – Victorian Aboriginal Education Association Inc.
Orange Door – Croydon, Box Hill, Heidelberg	https://www.orangedoor.vic.gov.au/oema@orangedoor.vic.gov.au 1800 271 150 Walk in 4-16 Devon Street Croydon

NEED SUPPORT?

If you or anyone you know is in immediate danger, please call 000.

For mob:

[Yarning Safe N Strong: 1800 959 563](#)
[13YARN: 13 92 76](#)

For children and young people:

[Kids Helpline: 1800 55 1800](#)
[Headspace: 1800 650 890](#)

For everyone:

[Lifeline: 13 11 14](#)
[Beyond Blue: 1300 22 4636](#)
[Safe Steps \(Family Violence\): 1800 015 188](#)

Links and contact phone numbers for emergency Support Services

[24 Hour Telephone Support Services](#)

Emergency phone numbers.

[Victorian Aboriginal Services Directory](#)

Contact and social media links

[BLKTRX Service Directory](#)

Culturally safe mental health support.

[Wellmob](#)

Social, emotional and cultural wellbeing online resources

[Ask Izzy](#)

Search over 450,000 support services.

[Carer Kafe](#)

A free learning and development program for carers

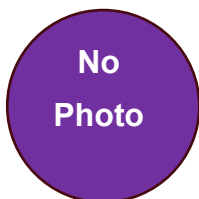
[Become a Foster Carer](#)

Submit an online enquiry.

[VACCA Services](#)

Supporting a broad range of needs

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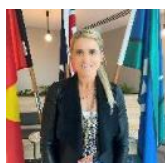
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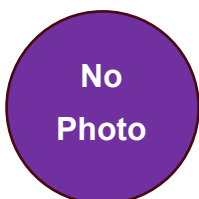


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