



***Dhelk Dja: Safe Our Way –  
Strong Culture, Strong Peoples, Strong Families***

# Acknowledgement of Country

I would like to begin by acknowledging the Boon Wurrung / Bunurong people of the Kulin Nation, the Traditional Custodians of the land upon which we meet today and pay my respects to their Elders past, present and emerging



# Family Safety Victoria

Family Safety Victoria (FSV) was established as an Administrative Office in July 2017 to drive key family violence reforms as part of the Victorian Government's response to the Royal Commission into Family Violence.



# Key Reforms

We were established to deliver the following key reforms:

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Establish 17 Support  
and Safety Hubs across  
Victoria

Implementation of  
family violence  
information sharing  
reforms

Establish and operate  
the new Central  
Information Point

Redevelop the Family  
Violence Risk  
Assessment and Risk  
Management  
Framework

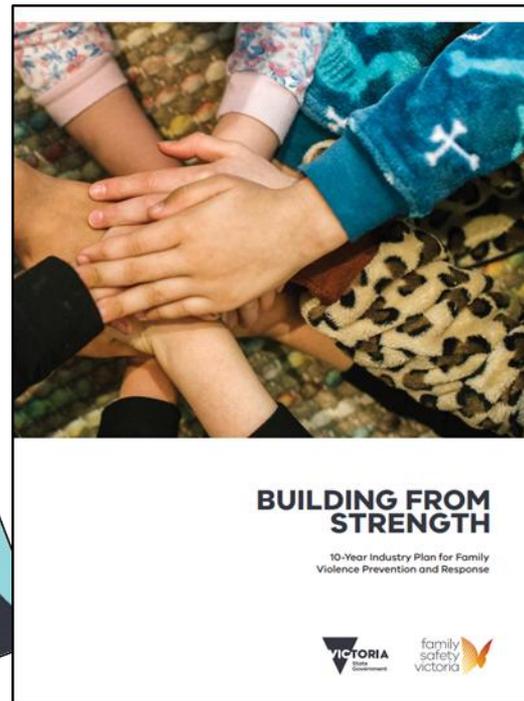
Deliver the Industry  
Plan

Establish the new  
Centre for Workforce  
Excellence

Embed diversity and  
inclusion and facilitate  
engagement across  
family violence reforms

Deliver and enhance  
existing specialised  
family violence  
response services  
funded by the Victorian  
Government

# Intersectionality in the Victorian Government

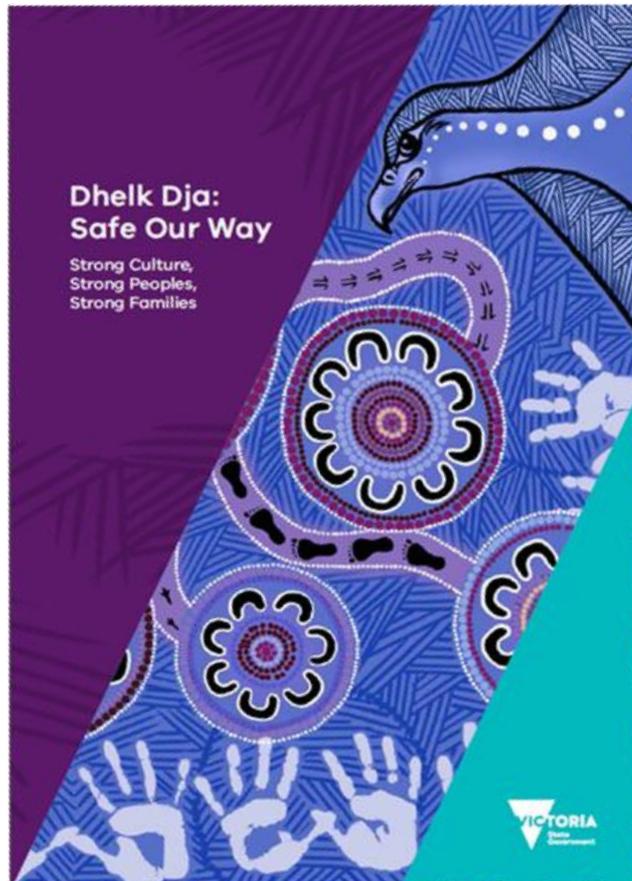


Building awareness, capacity and capability across Government

# Everybody Matters



# Dhelk Dja: Safe Our Way Agreement



*Dhelk Dja: Safe Our Way - Strong Culture, Strong Peoples, Strong Families* builds on the decades of leadership by Aboriginal leaders, communities and services in Victoria to prevent and address family violence.



# OUR GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- SELF-DETERMINATION
- COLLABORATION & PARTNERSHIPS
- OPENING MIND
- CULTURALLY & TRAUMA INFORMED, RESILIENCE & HEALING APPROACHES
- SAFETY
- ACCOUNTABILITY, TRANSPARENCY & HONESTY OF ALL PARTIES

MUCH WORK HAS ALREADY BEEN DONE TO GET US HERE...

CELEBRATE! COMMUNITY-LED

COLLABORATION, OPTIONS SUPPORT, OWNERSHIP, DATA SOVEREIGNTY, INCLUSIVE

local SOLUTIONS

systemic SHIFT

"good place"

# DHELK DJA

Safe OUR Way

THANK YOU to the Dhe Dhe Wayang Elders & Community for allowing the use of their language

DHELK DJA ABORIGINAL 30 YEAR FAMILY IMPLEMENTATION AGREEMENT

# OUR VISION

ABORIGINAL PEOPLE ARE CULTURALLY STRONG, SAFE, & SELF-DETERMINING WITH FAMILIES & COMMUNITIES LIVING FREE FROM VIOLENCE.

NEXT ACTION PLANS! GOING FORWARD TOGETHER!

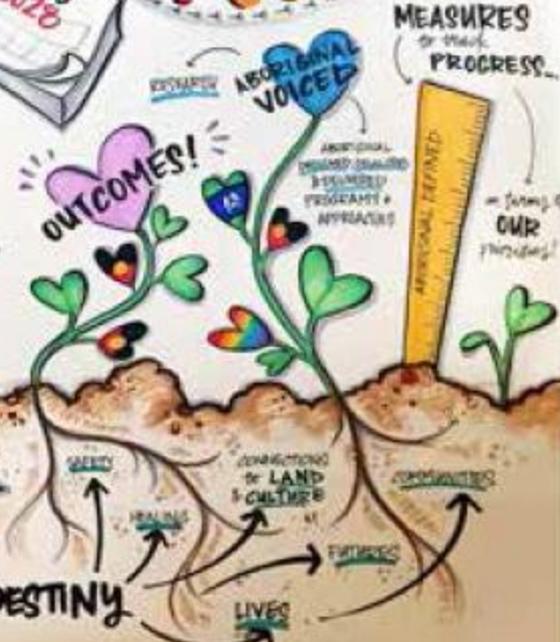


# SELF-DETERMINATION

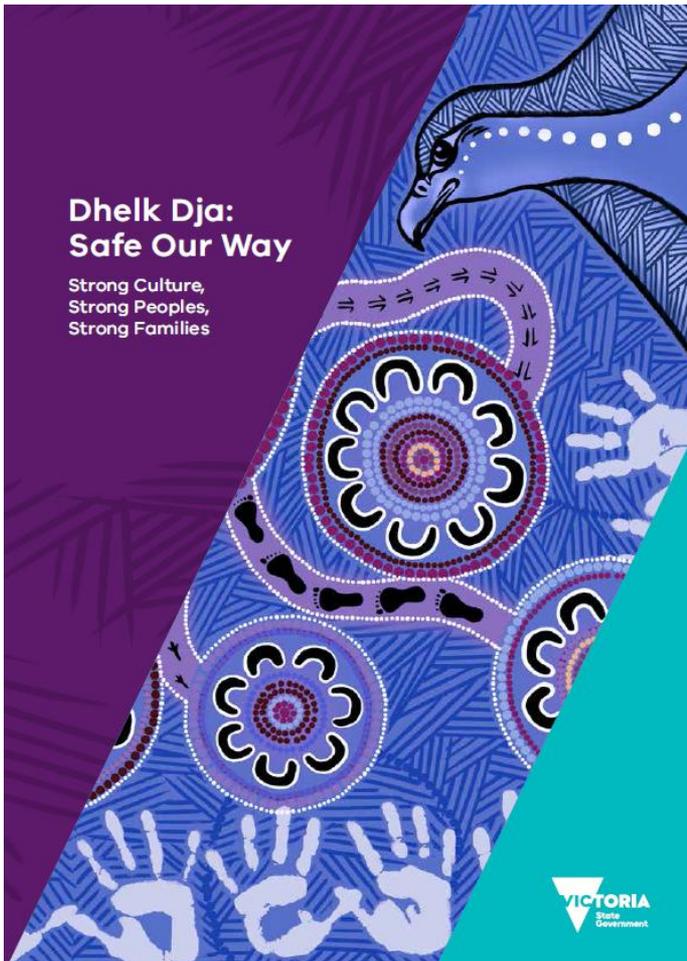
this means EXERCISING true freedom

is our most FUNDAMENTAL of all rights, and the FOUNDATION of Dhe Dhe

FULL & TOTAL CONTROL is our OWN DESTINY



# Dhelk Dja: Safe Our Way



Short overview of the development of *Dhelk Dja*

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Short animation of artwork by artist of *Dhelk Dja*

<https://youtu.be/IG782Zy1KQE>

# Guiding Principles

- Self-determination (*Community-led, self-management and leadership*)
- Collaboration and partnerships
- Strength-based
- Cultural and trauma informed resilience and healing approaches
- Safety (*Cultural, physical and community*)
- Accountability, transparency and honesty of all parties

# Dhelk Dja: Strategic Priorities

Priority One:  
**Aboriginal culture and leadership**

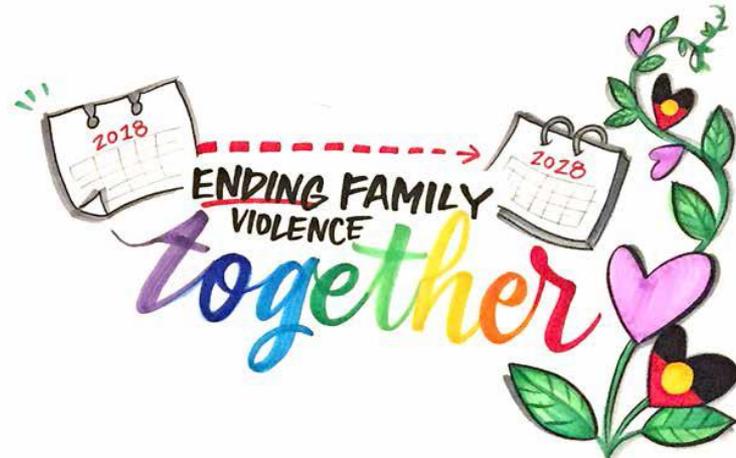
Priority Two:  
**Aboriginal-led prevention**

Priority Three:  
**Self-determining Aboriginal family violence support and services**

Priority Four:  
**System transformation based on self-determination**

Priority Five:  
**Aboriginal-led and informed innovation, data and research**

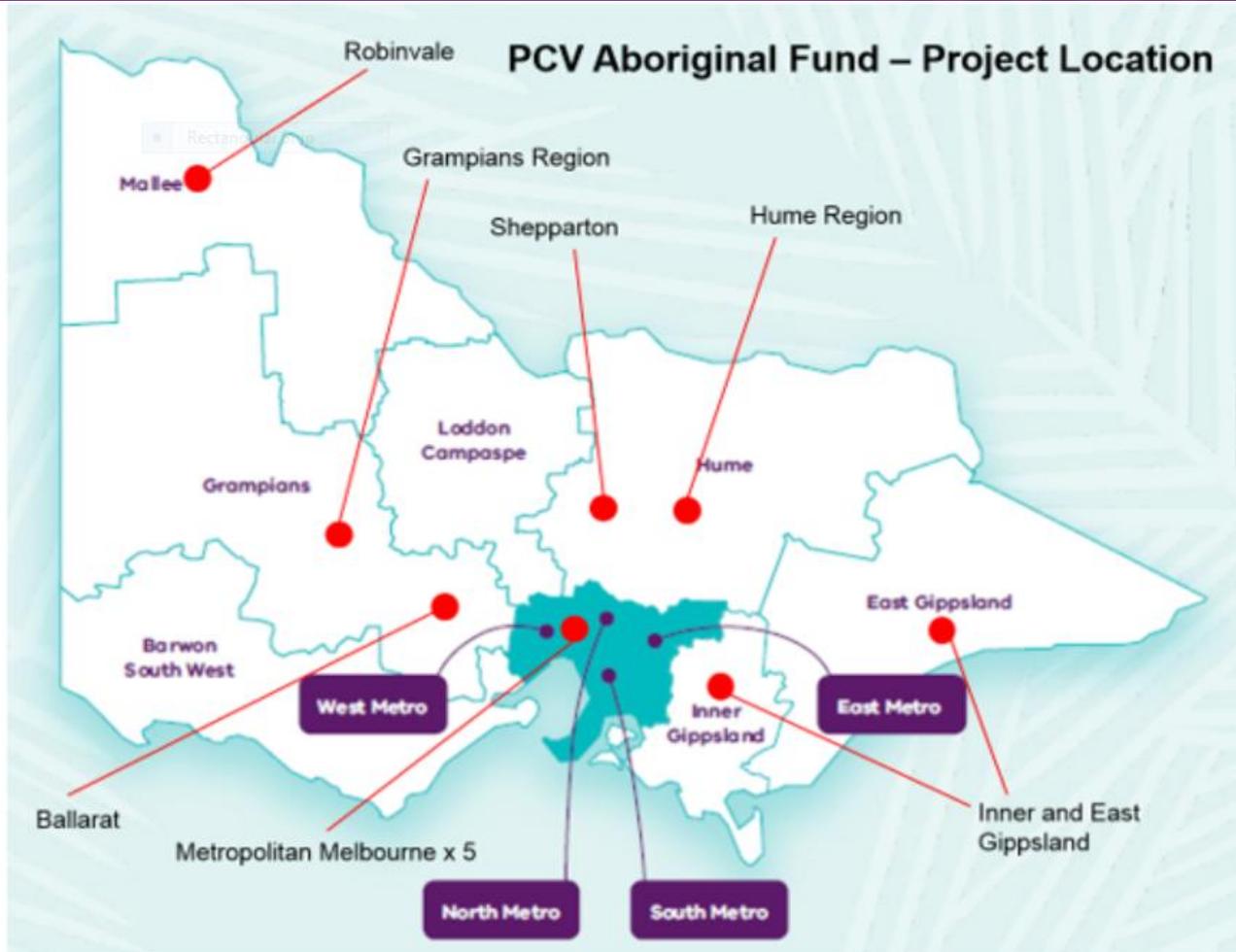
# Priority Two: Aboriginal led Prevention



# Preventing the Cycle of Violence Aboriginal Fund

- \$2.71m available over two years to support Aboriginal communities and Aboriginal services to develop and implement family violence prevention and early intervention initiatives
- It's vision is to *achieve respectful, culturally rich, strong and healthy relationships for Aboriginal children, young people, families and Elders.*
- To ensure the Aboriginal communities and services can respond to local needs.
- Funded 11 projects across Victoria.

# Preventing the Cycle of Violence Aboriginal Fund



# Preventing the Cycle of Violence Aboriginal Fund

ORGANISATION	PROJECT TITLE	DESCRIPTION
Dardi Munwurro	Aboriginal men taking responsibility and being part of the solution	<p><b>Location:</b> Statewide.</p> <p><b>Target group:</b> Men.</p> <p><b>Project Summary:</b> Develop a 'Preventing the cycle of violence' education package and associated collateral, targeted at Aboriginal men. The education package will be based on Dardi Munwurro's successful healing and behaviour change programs and underpinned by the principles: Strong Spirit and Strong Culture, Taking Responsibility and Healthy Relationships. Deliver the education package at the annual Aboriginal Men's Gathering (February 2019).</p>
VACCA North	Young fulla's building safe & strong futures	<p><b>Location:</b> Northern Metro.</p> <p><b>Target group:</b> Aboriginal children/young people in out of home care people aged 10-17 years.</p> <p><b>Project Summary:</b> This project will involve 6 key activities to prevent family violence and target Aboriginal children/young people aged between 10-17 years who are at risk of violence, exposed to violence or in violent relationships and are from Out Of Home Care, with child protection or youth justice involvement, connected through our family services program and/or from the local Northern Aboriginal Community.</p>
VACCA South	Young Koorie women's dance workshops and yarnning circles	<p><b>Location:</b> Southern Metropolitan</p> <p><b>Target group:</b> Young women aged 10-24 years</p> <p><b>Project Summary:</b> The project will consist of 4 x 15 week terms of weekly dance classes and yarnning circles for up to 20 Koorie girls/young women aged from 10 to 17 from the Southern metropolitan region of Melbourne who are currently in or have been in out of home care, disengaged or at risk of disengagement from education or employment, in contact with the justice system and are victims or are at risk of family violence</p>
VACSAL	VACSAL Resilience Camps	<p><b>Location:</b> Melbourne and 4 regions (North Metro, West Metro, Ballarat and Shepparton).</p> <p><b>Target group:</b> Families.</p> <p><b>Project Summary:</b> Delivery of six family resilience camps (3 days each) across four of the regions VACSAL operate in north metro, west metro, Ballarat and Shepparton. Camps are about healing and building strength and confidence in self, families and culture.</p>

# Preventing the Cycle of Violence Aboriginal Fund

<p><b>First Australians Media</b></p>	<p>Staying strong together; respectful relationships radio.</p>	<p><b>Location:</b> Melbourne, with international reach via digital streaming.</p> <p><b>Target group:</b> Victorian Koori Community.</p> <p><b>Project Summary:</b> Deliver a comprehensive engagement media campaign which will encompass regular programming, community service announcements. This includes podcasts, interviews and outside broadcasts of significant events.</p>
<p><b>Ballarat &amp; District Aboriginal Co-operative</b></p>	<p>Strong culture, stronger families: Grampians family violence primary prevention project</p>	<p><b>Location:</b> Grampians region.</p> <p><b>Target group:</b> Families.</p> <p><b>Project Summary:</b> 25 families (approximately 75 people) who will benefit from primary prevention work. The project includes cultural art, cultural activities and storytelling, separate activities and education for men, women and children (men's business, women's business and kids' business), and other experiences which will be enjoyed together. Sessions for re-capping and 'what did we learn' will reinforce learnings and discoveries. Healthy relationships will be the key focus, along with cultural connection and pride.</p>
<p><b>Wayapa Wuurrk</b></p>	<p>Creating thriving communities with the revitalisation of traditional cultural practices</p>	<p><b>Location:</b> West Metro.</p> <p><b>Target group:</b> Boys and girls aged 14-16 years.</p> <p><b>Project Summary:</b> <i>Creating Thriving Communities with the Revitalisation of Traditional Cultural Practices</i> is a project that aims to support Victorian Aboriginal people to be culturally-strong, safe &amp; self-determining, with families &amp; communities living free from violence. Grounded in passing on the traditional knowledge, practices &amp; ceremonies of the Old Ways. Like the Foundation, this project is about providing the opportunity to members, families &amp; communities to learn traditional knowledge &amp; practices to strengthen &amp; capacity-build.</p>
<p><b>Ramahyuck</b></p>	<p>Gippsland Aboriginal people say no to violence in our communities (aboriginal name will be determined after discussions with elders)</p>	<p><b>Location:</b> Inner and East Gippsland</p> <p><b>Target group:</b> Boys and girls aged 14-16 years; Separate groups for women and girls (&lt;15), men and boys (&lt;15).</p> <p><b>Project Summary:</b> Aboriginal young people will be targeted to attend sessions where they will be taught Cultural songs and stories as well as learning about injustices of the past and how to overcome these. Messaging to be focussed on respect for family values as well as respect for themselves as valuable members of the community they live in.</p>

# Preventing the Cycle of Violence Aboriginal Fund

<b>Dandenong and District Aborigines Cooperative</b>	Strong culture, stronger families.	<p><b>Location:</b> Casey Shire and surrounds</p> <p><b>Target group:</b> Whole of family.</p> <p><b>Project Summary:</b> The program aims to prevent violence against women through the provision of strategies to promote respectful relationships, including strategies that are educative, empowering and reduce social isolation. It also aims to engage the local Aboriginal community in a dialogue about family violence that is grounded in traditional values of respect, reciprocity and belonging.</p>
<b>Hume IFVRAG</b>	Cultural sporting prevention project	<p><b>Location:</b> Hume.</p> <p><b>Target group:</b> Aboriginal children and their families in sporting clubs.</p> <p><b>Project Summary:</b> This project offers the opportunity for Aboriginal members to build capacity to effectively lead their own self determination by driving and informing acceptable ways to address unacceptable behaviour.</p>
<b>Murray Valley</b>	Murray Valley Preventing the Cycle of Violence	<p><b>Location:</b> Robinvale.</p> <p><b>Target group:</b> Early years, youth and young families.</p> <p><b>Project Summary:</b> Community forums to establish community direction and partnerships in early intervention and prevention.</p>

# Community Initiatives Fund (CIF)

- Projects funded through CIF support and address priorities that are identified by the eleven Dhelk Dja Action Groups (Action Groups) to address family violence at a local level.
- It supports projects that:
  - Are Aboriginal led, including Aboriginal led partnerships
  - Are consistent with the goals and objectives of Action Groups and strengthen the capacity of Aboriginal communities and Aboriginal organisations to address family violence at a local level
  - Will provide an ongoing or long-term benefit to the community
  - Complement existing local community projects or initiatives and demonstrate partnerships with other government or non-government initiatives
  - Align with the *Dhelk Dja: Safe Our Way – Strong Culture, Strong Peoples, Strong Families 10 Year Agreement (2018-2028)*

# Community Initiatives Fund (CIF)

Successful projects include:

- culturally appropriate healing activities with Aboriginal women who have experienced family violence
- sporting and cultural camps for children and young people
- therapeutic group support targeted to men who are parents and have experienced past trauma
- development of family violence awareness promotional materials targeted to local Aboriginal communities.

**Since November 2014, the CIF has supported more than 237 projects that prevent and respond to family violence in Aboriginal communities across Victoria.**

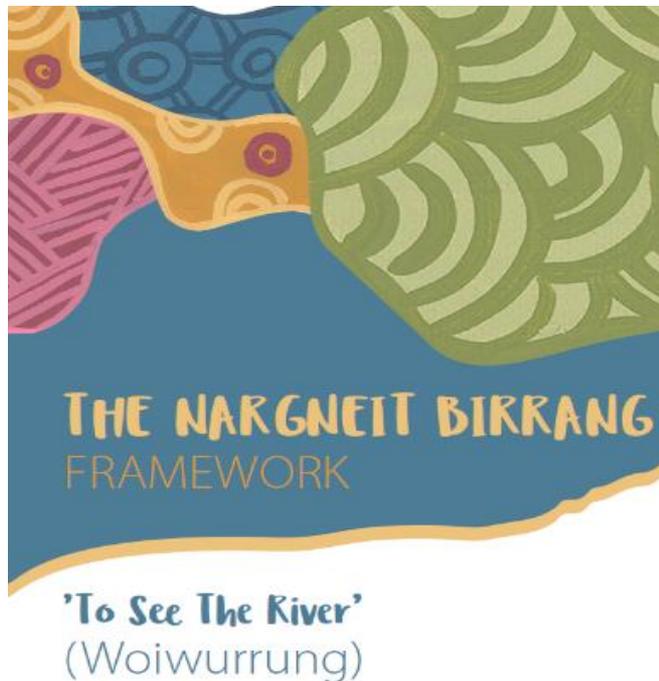
# Evaluation and build the capacity of PCV and CIF

FSV has engaged Urbis, in partnership with Karen Milward Consulting and Cox Inall Ridgeway, to evaluate and build the evaluation capacity of projects funded through the 2018-20 PCV Aboriginal Fund and the 2018-19 Community Initiatives Fund (CIF).

The project demonstrates a significant investment in evaluation capacity building for Aboriginal organisations and community groups.

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1. Create your program logic ✓
  2. Prioritise between 3-4 key outcomes for your project
  3. Identify indicators for each outcomes
  4. Create a data collection plan – who, how and when
  5. Collect your data and information
  6. Analyse your results
  7. Share your project's story using the report template

# Nargneit Birrang: Aboriginal Holistic Healing Framework for Family Violence.



The framework outlines a clear framework to addresses family violence impacting Aboriginal people and communities based on **six integrated principles for Aboriginal holistic healing**:

1. Self-determination is fundamental
2. Safety is a priority
3. Culture, Country and Community are embedded in healing
4. The past impacts on the present
5. Healing is trauma-informed
6. Resilience and hope make a difference



***Dhelk Dja Action Group  
Southern Metropolitan Region***

# Dhelk Dja Action Groups

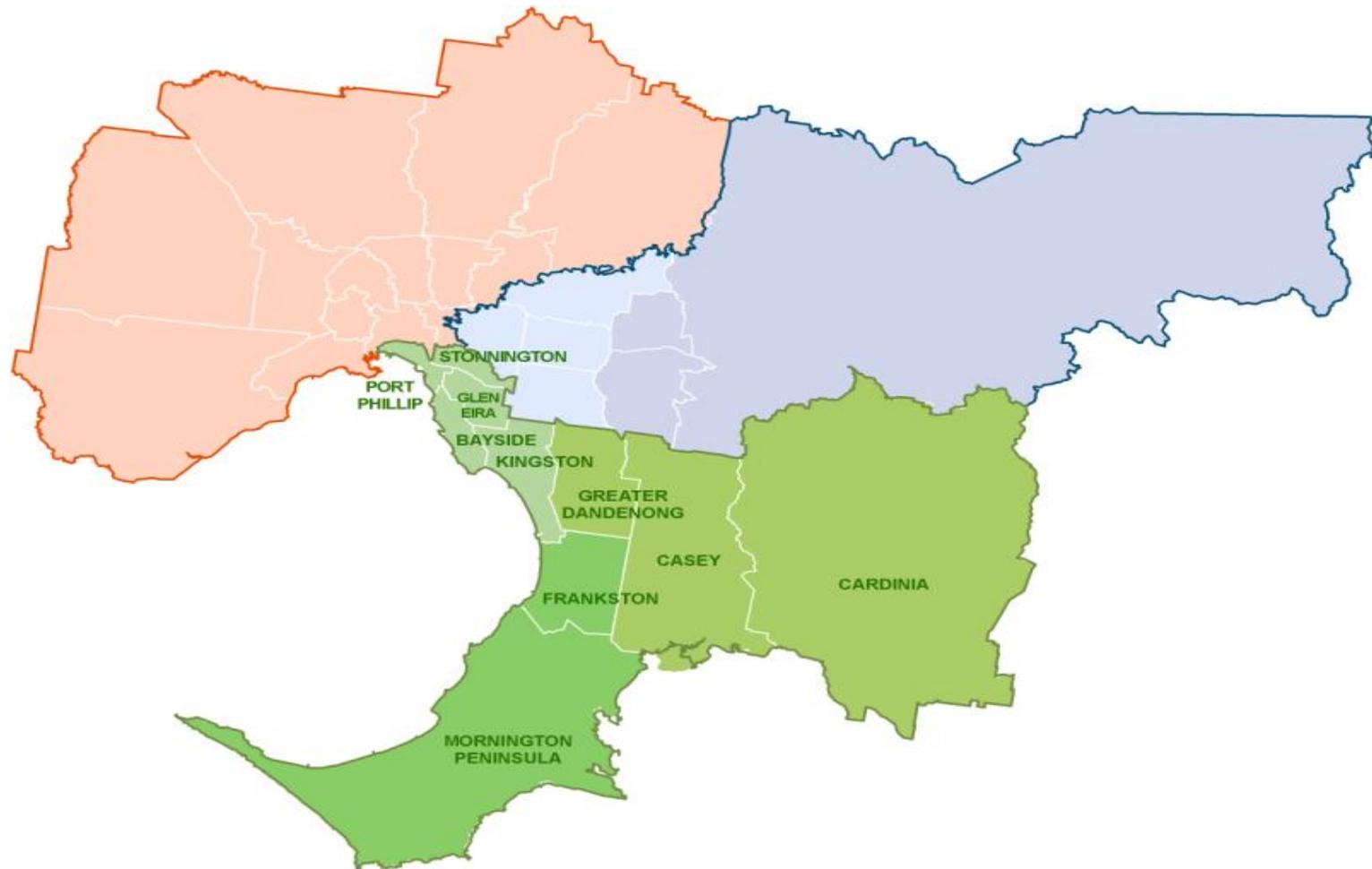


# Who attends our Dhelk Dja Meetings locally

- Aboriginal community members
- Dandenong & District Aborigines Cooperative Limited (DDACL)
- Ngwala Willumbong Limited
- Southern VACCA
- Casey Aboriginal Gathering Place
- Derrimut Weelam Gathering Place
- Nairm Marr Djambana Gathering Place
- Willum Warrain Gathering Place
- Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer (ACLO)
- Regional Aboriginal Justice Advisory Committee (RAJAC)
- Aboriginal Housing Victoria (AHV)
- Local Aboriginal Network (LAN) Broker
- Victoria Legal Aid (VLA)
- Salvation Army Crisis Services (FV)
- Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS)
- Courts Services Victoria
- StarHealth
- Alfred Health
- Uniting Care
- Bunjilwarra Koori Youth Alcohol & Drug Healing Service
- The Orange Door (BPA)
- WAYSS Limited
- Victoria Police

# Southern Metropolitan Region

(Bayside Peninsula Area & Southern Melbourne Area)



# Aboriginal Population

*\*\*The following statistics are obtained from the Australian Bureau of Statistics\*\**

<b>10 Municipalities (Local Government Areas)</b>	<b>Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Population in 2006</b>	<b>Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Population in 2011</b>	<b>Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Population in 2016</b>
<b>Port Phillip</b>	236	282	398
<b>Stonnington</b>	170	176	306
<b>Glen Eira</b>	169	233	256
<b>Bayside</b>	140	155	188
<b>Kingston</b>	287	378	577
<b>Greater Dandenong</b>	488	492	511
<b>Casey</b>	1164	1403	1617
<b>Cardinia</b>	236	429	782
<b>Frankston</b>	749	1011	1346
<b>Mornington Peninsula</b>	637	974	1303
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4276</b>	<b>5533</b>	<b>7284</b>

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Local Government Areas (10)	Non-Indigenous	Aboriginal	Torres Strait Islander	Both ATSI	Total ATSI	% of total population	Not stated	Total
Frankston	124,600	1,243	63	40	1,346	1.0%	8,209	134,144
Mornington Peninsula	144,998	1,204	73	26	1,303	0.8%	8,694	154,996
Port Phillip	90,401	361	18	19	398	0.4%	10,069	100,863
Kingston	143,445	524	39	14	577	0.4%	7,364	151,389
Stonnington	96,054	287	11	8	306	0.3%	7,471	103,831
Bayside	91,916	178	10	-	188	0.2%	4,989	97,092
Glen Eira	134,194	229	17	10	256	0.2%	6,430	140,875
Cardinia	88,105	732	30	20	782	0.8%	5,247	94,130
Casey	283,314	1,488	84	45	1,617	0.5%	14,365	299,296
Greater Dandenong	143,381	442	47	22	511	0.3%	8,151	152,052
<b>TOTAL South Metro</b>	<b>1,340,408</b>	<b>6,688</b>	<b>392</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>7,284</b>	<b>0.5%</b>	<b>80,989</b>	<b>1,428,668</b>
<b>TOTAL Victoria</b>					<b>47,788</b>	<b>0.8%</b>		<b>5,926,624</b>

# Aboriginal Population

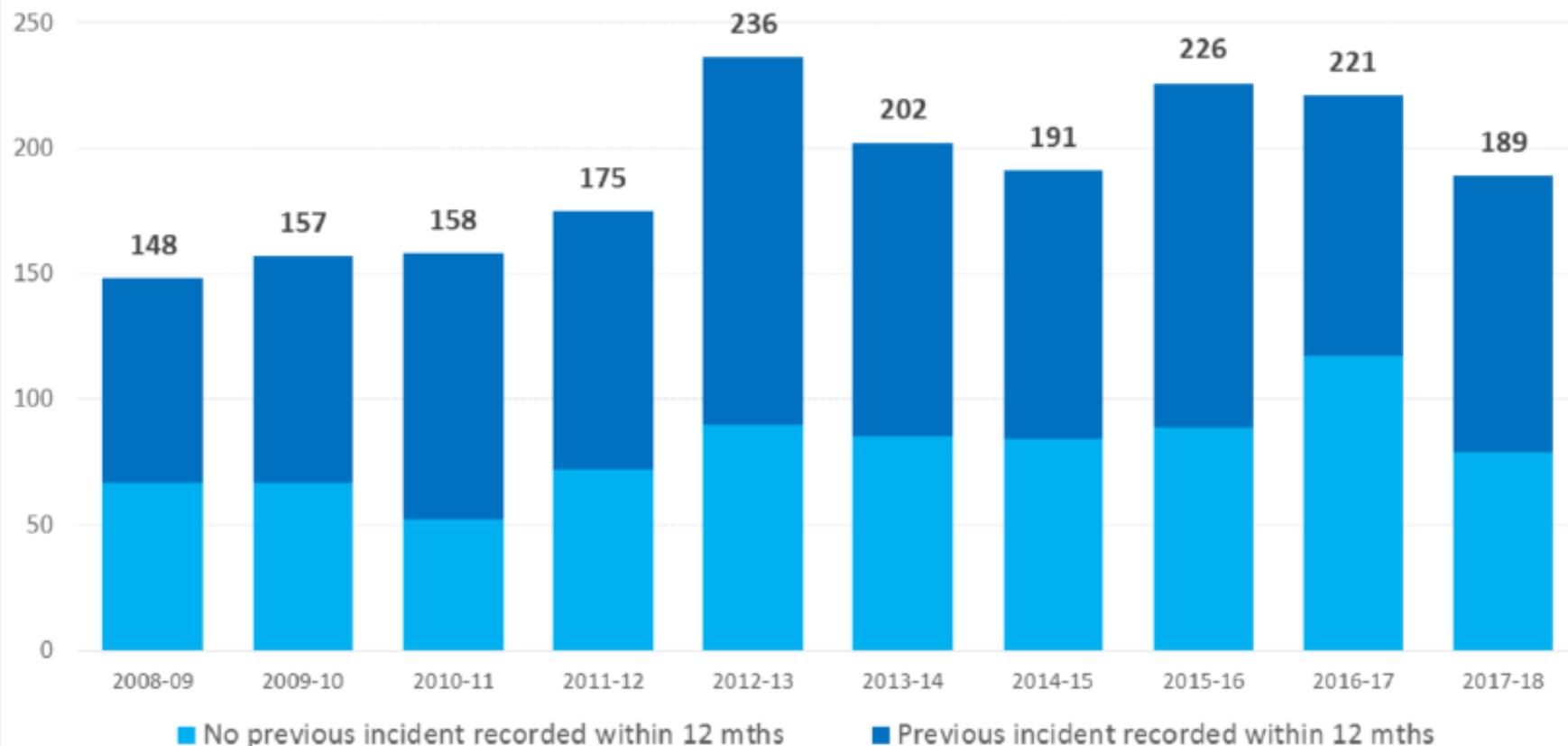
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Data in relation to population & family incidents	South Metro	Victoria
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Population	7,284	5,926,624
Percentage of Total Population	0.5%	0.8%
Aboriginal Affected Family Members (AFM) in family incident reports*^	189	2,896
Percentage of all AFMs	1.1%	3.9%
Aboriginal Other Parties (alleged perpetrators) in family incident reports*^	274	3,554
Percentage of all Other Parties	1.6%	4.70%

\*Breakdown is during April 2017 - March 2018

*^There has been a decline in the quality of reporting for Indigenous status, the number of persons with an Unknown Indigenous status has increased in the last five years. Recorded Indigenous status for AFM is not considered to be of sufficient quality for public release. CSA recommends caution when using this data and does not recommend external release.*

## Aboriginal Affected Family Members in Family Incidents South Metropolitan Region, April 2008- March 2018

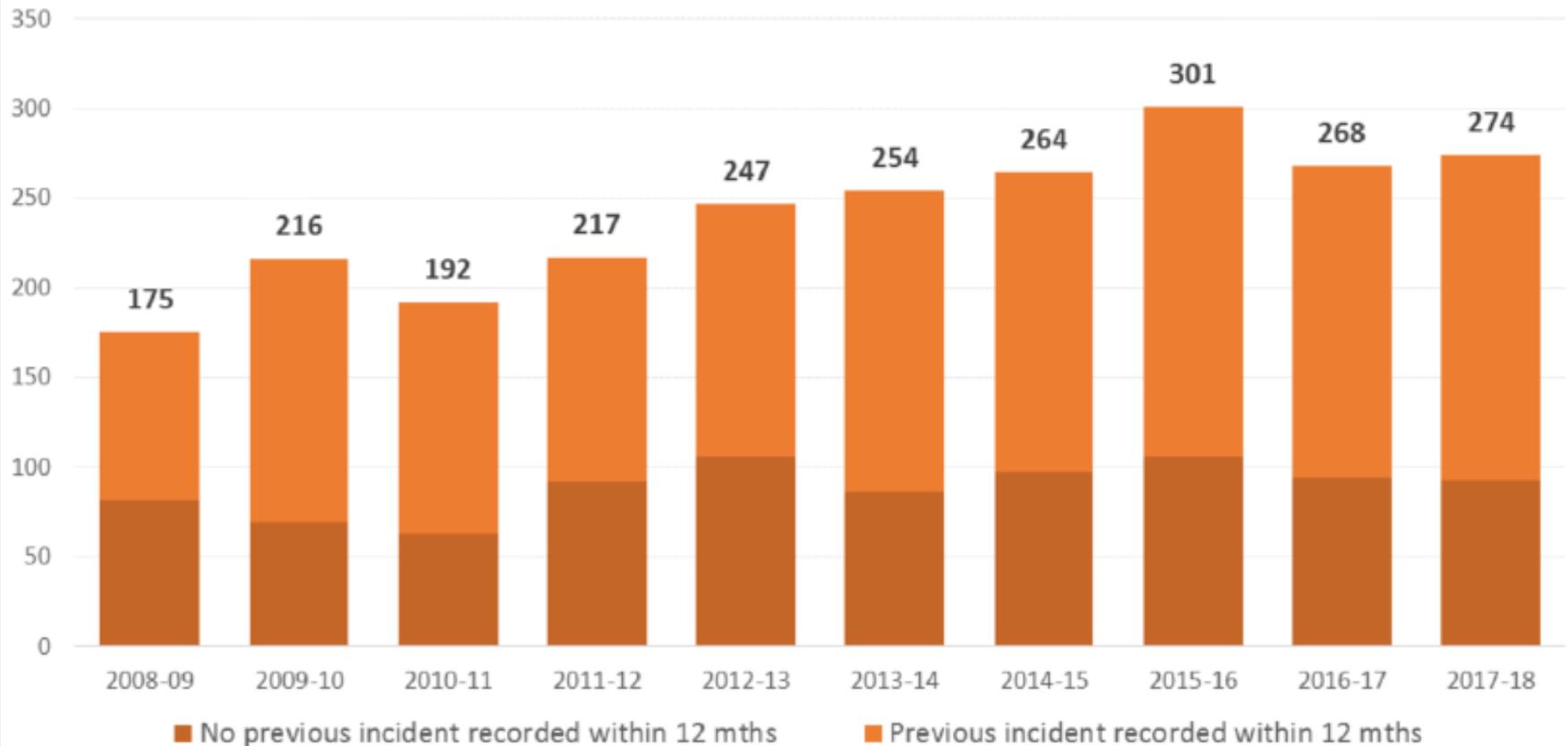


There were at least 189 Aboriginal Affected Family Members in family incidents recorded by Police in the South Metropolitan Region between April 2017 and March 2018.

More than half (58.2%) of these Affected Family Members had another family incident recorded in the previous 12 months.

*Source: CSA 2018, data caveats apply – see data quality information.*

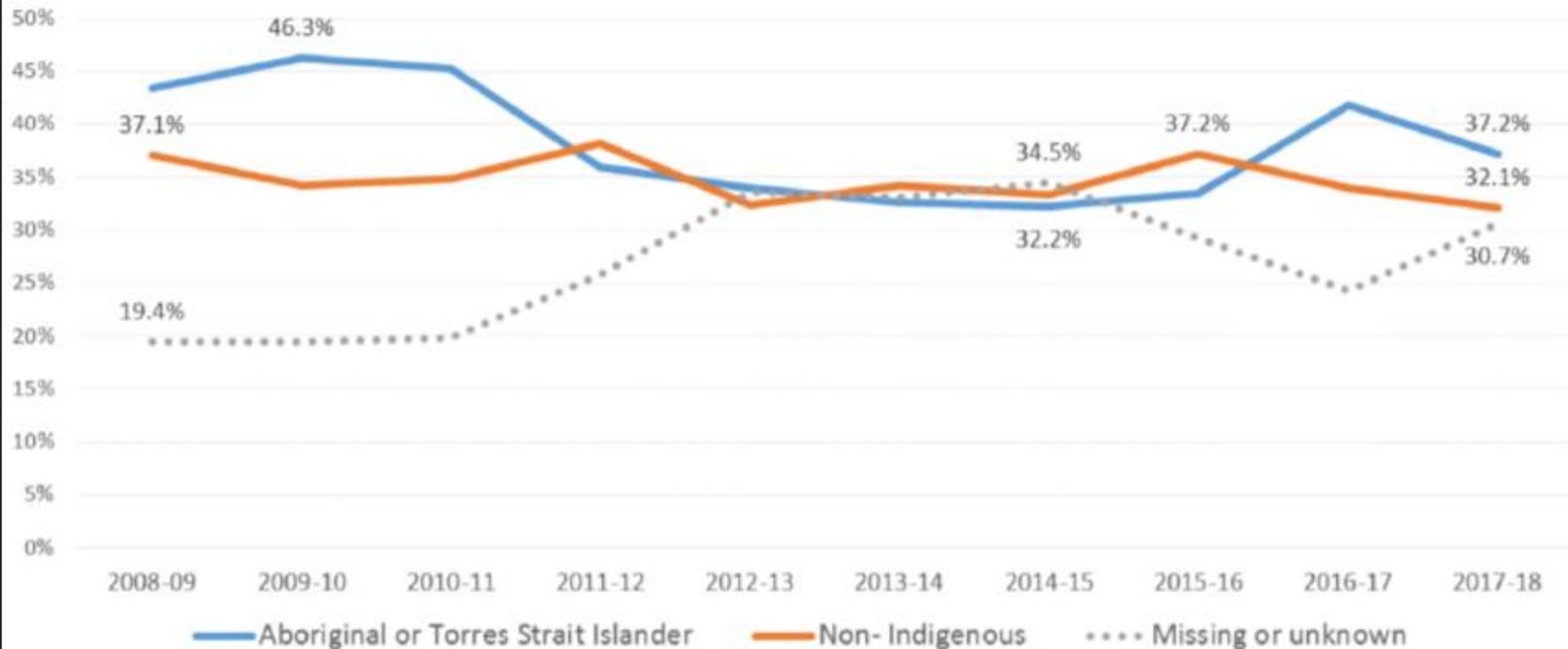
## Aboriginal Other Parties in Family Incidents South Metropolitan Region, April 2008- March 2018



Between April 2017 and March 2018, there were 274 Aboriginal Other Parties (alleged perpetrators) in family incidents recorded by Police in the South Metropolitan Region.

The majority of these people (181, 66.1%) had previously been recorded in a family incident.

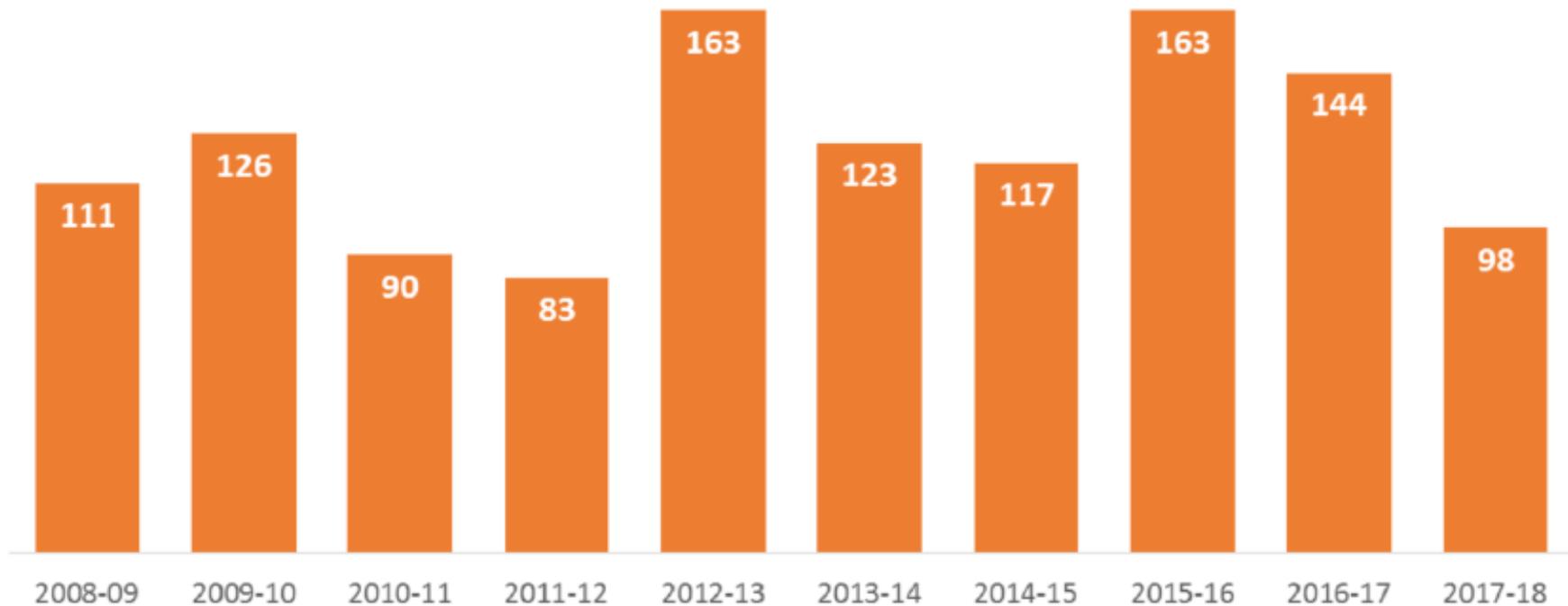
Where the Other Party was Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander, what was the Indigenous status of the Affected Family Member?  
 South Metropolitan Region April 2008 – March 2018



For the 274 Aboriginal Other Parties (alleged perpetrators) in family incidents recorded by Police in the South Metropolitan Region between April 2017 and March 2018, in 102 (37.2%) incidents the Affected Family Member was also Aboriginal.

In 88 (32.1%) incidents where the Other Party was Aboriginal the AFM was non-Indigenous, and in 84 incidents (30.7%) the Indigenous status of the AFM was missing or unknown.

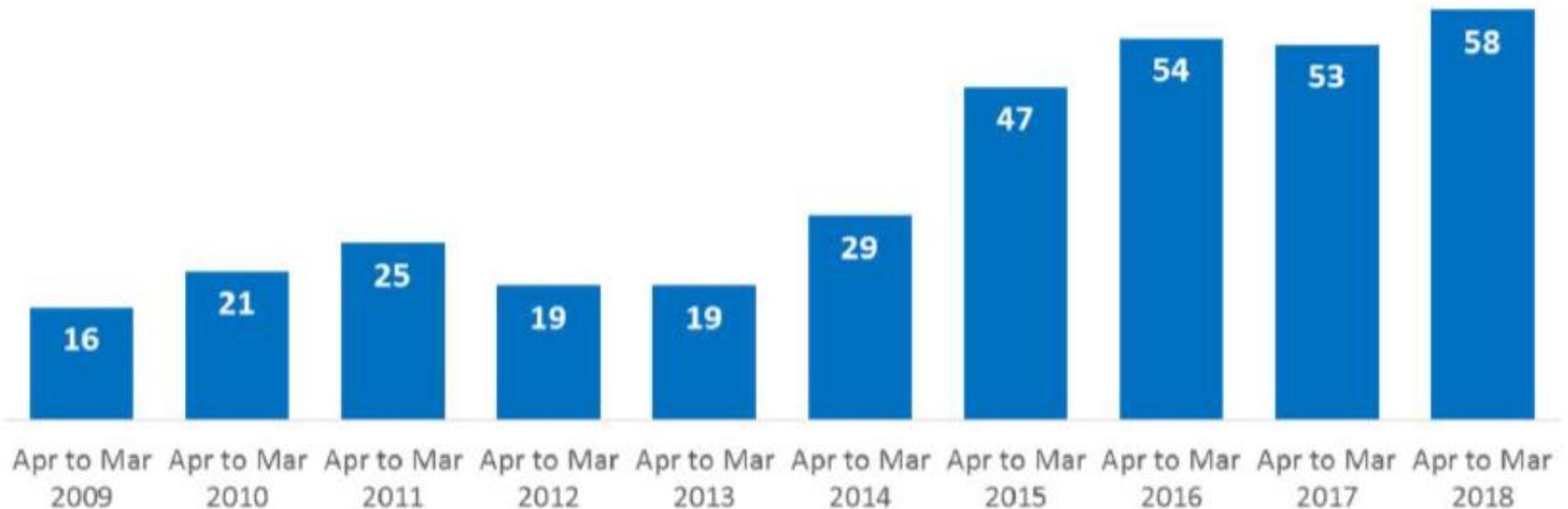
Number of children present at the time of a family incident where the AFM was Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander, South Metropolitan Region, April 2008 - March 2018



Between April 2017 and March 2018 in the South Metropolitan Region, 98 children were present at the time of a family incident where the Affected Family Member was Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander.

The South Metropolitan Region accounted for approximately 6% (98) of the state total (1,617) children present in 2017-18.

Alleged offender incident with 'breaches of family violence intervention order' principal offence, Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander in the South Metropolitan Region, April 2008 - March 2018



The number of Aboriginal alleged offender incidents with 'breaches of family violence intervention order' as a principal offence has been increasing over time in the South Metropolitan Region.

The South Metropolitan Region accounted for approximately 11% (58) of the state total (537) of Aboriginal alleged offender incidents with 'breaches of FVIO' as the principal offence between April 2017 and March 2018.

# Preventing the Cycle of Violence (PCV) Aboriginal Fund (2018-2020)

Outcome summary of the two successful projects that will be delivered within the Southern Metropolitan Region;

ORGANISATION	PROJECT TITLE	DESCRIPTION
Southern VACCA	Young Koorie Women's Dance Workshops and Yarning Circles	<p><b>Target group: Young women aged 10-24 years</b></p> <p>Project Summary: The project will consist of 4 x 15 week terms of weekly dance classes and yarning circles for up to 20 Koori girls/young women aged from 10 to 17 from the Southern metropolitan region of Melbourne who are currently in or have been in out of home care, disengaged or at risk of disengagement from education or employment, in contact with the justice system and are victims or are at risk of family violence</p>
Dandenong and District Aborigines Cooperative (DDACL)	Strong Culture, Stronger Families	<p><b>Target group: Whole of family (focus of Aboriginal men and women)</b></p> <p>Project Summary: The program aims to prevent violence against women through the provision of strategies to promote respectful relationships, including strategies that are educative, empowering and reduce social isolation. It also aims to engage the local Aboriginal community in a dialogue about family violence that is grounded in traditional values of respect, reciprocity and belonging.</p> <p>This includes a partnership with Dardi Munwurro to engage men to deliver their Aboriginal Men's Healing and Behaviour Change Program in Dandenong and Frankston with a total of 35 men across the 2020 Calendar year.</p>

# Bunjilwarra – Stronger Youth, Safer Communities Initiatives (2018-2020)

The Stronger Youth Safer Community project aims to reduce the incidence of family violence perpetrated by Victorian Aboriginal youth. This will be achieved by providing an early intervention program for young people residing in the Bunjilwarra program, many of whom have been exposed to family violence and/or present with early signs of family violence. An eight-week course will be repeated four times throughout 2019, co-delivered by a recognised cultural leader and a suitably qualified family violence practitioner; with content addressing respectful relationships, cultural strengthening, grief and trauma.

The Stronger Youth Safer Community project will be further augmented by capacity building of Bunjilwarra through specialist family violence training and supervision of all staff. Strengthened partnerships with local Aboriginal and mainstream agencies will also be achieved in this project. Significantly, the Stronger Youth Safer Community project will take an innovative family inclusive approach to strengthen Aboriginal family and community values of non-violence through a cultural graduation ceremony. This program will be delivered to an estimated 50 Victorian Aboriginal youth and their families supported by an experienced project officer.

# Community Initiatives Fund (CIF)

## 2019-2020 Projects

ORGANISATION	PROJECT TITLE	DESCRIPTION
Star Health	Human Libraries and Cultural Practice Program	This project is aimed to support Aboriginal women, Elders and young women who have experienced or who have been impacted by family violence in a series of activities. The program will run a range of activities to support a healing approach for participates in; Yarning circle with guest speakers, cultural activities and creating digital stories with youth women interviewing Elders on their own experiences and journeys
Parkdale Secondary College	Kingston Koorie Mob	This project is for young people engaged in secondary school and aims to; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create an environment that respects, recognise and celebrates cultural identity though practice and curriculum</li> <li>• To enhance self-esteem and self-confidence of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students</li> <li>• To provide a team that will support and assist young people and their families with goal setting, personal development, and career counselling, as well mentioning young people with support and guidance</li> <li>• Improve student engagement within their school</li> <li>• Provide young mentors for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students</li> <li>• Continue to develop links within Aboriginal communities</li> </ul>
Nairn Marr Djambana Inc.	Safe Koori Kids and Strong Families	This project focuses on the First 1000 days and aims to strengthen the parenting skills of the caregivers of Aboriginal children in the following ways: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Facilitated family strengthening program that links in with specialist services</li> <li>•Focus on the quality of their relationships with themselves, each other and members of their families</li> <li>•Discuss the important roles and responsibilities that both men and women have during the early formation of their families</li> <li>•Understand what it takes to provide a loving, safe and enriching environment for themselves and the children they care for</li> </ul>

# Community Initiatives Fund (CIF) 2019-2020 Projects

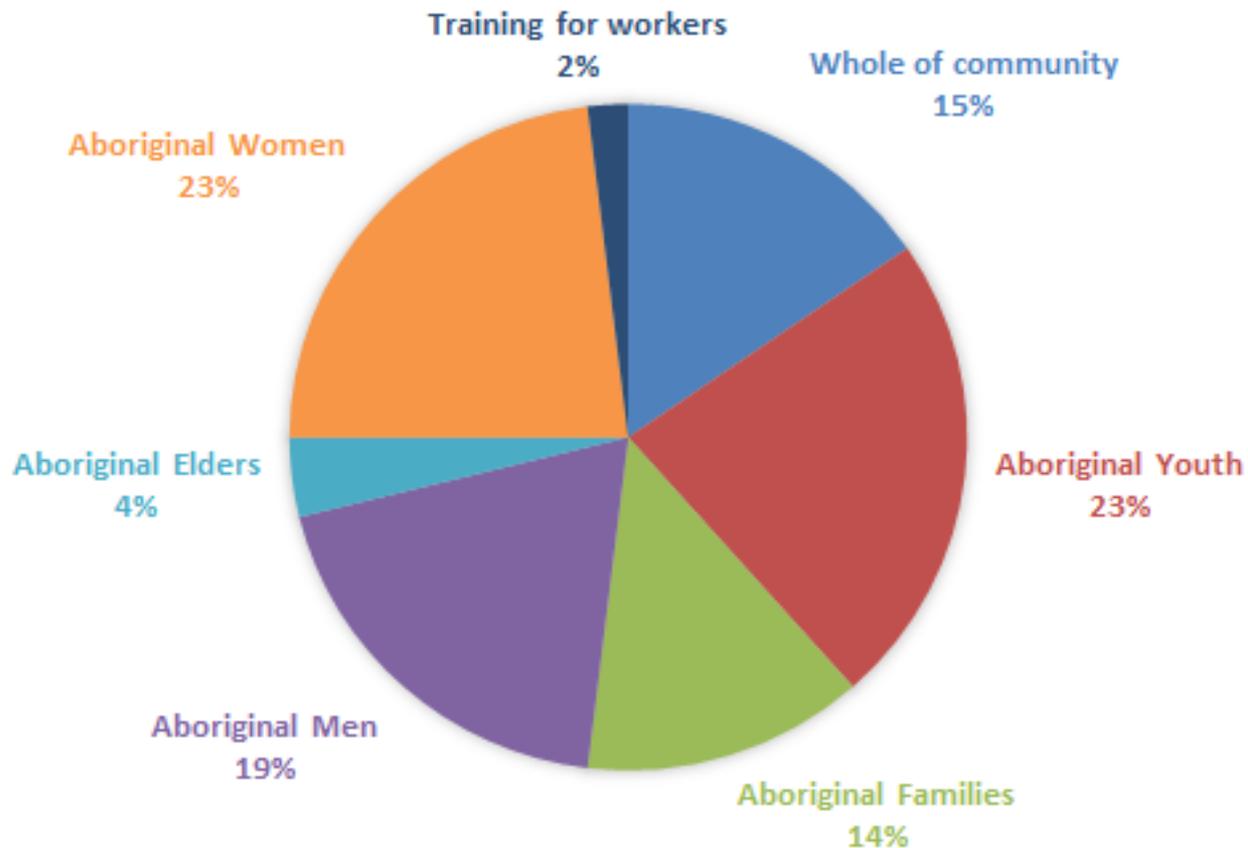
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Willum Warrain Aboriginal Association	Deadly Fellas Yarning and Parenting Program	This project is to complement and expand the scope of weekly Men's group sessions with a targeted focus on a variety of issues that impact men's lives such as health, family violence and positive parenting. This will include various events throughout the year to celebrate fatherhood, visiting other men's groups, two outings for fathers and their children and a family movie night
Willum Warrain Aboriginal Association	Honouring Our Elders	This project will run two events for Elders to participate in which include an Elder Abuse workshop to raise awareness of what Elder Abuse is and where to go for support and an Elders' Memorial Tree Ceremony to be held on 'National Sorry Day'
Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency (VACCA)	Southern Koorie Boys' Camp	This project is for Aboriginal boys aged 8-14 living in foster care or kinships care to attend camps that will foster cultural connections and build resilience for this vulnerable group of boys who have experienced family violence. The boys will participate in cultural activities and yarning sessions with Elders and other Community member to; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Learn about culture, build pride in their Aboriginal identity and connect with community</li> <li>• Learn that family violence is inconsistent with Aboriginal culture</li> <li>• Learn to value gender equality and diversity and about 'respectful relationships'</li> <li>• Explore ways to regulate their emotions</li> </ul>

# Community Initiatives Fund (CIF)

## 2018-2019 Projects

ORGANISATION	PROJECT TITLE	DESCRIPTION
Dandenong & District Aborigines Co-operative Limited (DDACL)	Our Place, Our Culture	This project complements and leverages off the strong cultures, strong families project and reinforces the cultural strength and resilience of local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community through a range of activities.
Dandenong & District Aborigines Co-operative Limited (DDACL)	Strong & Deadly Trailblazers	This project aims to provide Aboriginal young people between 16-25 with comprehensive education package around Road Safety & Safe Driving This initiative ultimately aims to increase young people's confidence, self-esteem and empower them to contribute them towards breaking the cycle of family violence and challenges accepting cultural norms.
Nairn Marr Djambana Inc.	Kirrup Playtime	This project provides a culturally safe space for Aboriginal children and families to engage in weekly playgroup sessions designed to empower through cultural strengthening sessions and connections. Participants will learn cultural stories and songs while also being engaged with a range of local family and support services for healthy outcomes for their families.
Nairn Marr Djambana Inc.	Sacred Families	This project aims to empower Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and families by promoting self-determination, strengthening culture and community through raising awareness and promoting healing in a series of community-led workshops.
Willum Warrain Aboriginal Association	Strong, Our Way	This project focuses on empowerment through cultural expression, building resilience and helping Aboriginal women and their families lead safe and secure lives through a series of programs and events.

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## Next Steps.....

- Continue to strengthen our Dhelk Dja Action Group membership/partnership
- Implementing the First State-wide *Dhelk Dja* 3 Year Action Plan locally
- Developing our Southern Metropolitan Dhelk Dja Action Group Regional Strategic Action Plan
- Supporting the design and establishment of an Aboriginal Access Point within Bayside Peninsula Area (*this will work along the Orange Door*)
- Establishing working groups to lead priorities within Action Plan at a local level
- Promoting and raising awareness of family violence services locally to Aboriginal communities
- Working closing with the Regional Aboriginal Justice Advisory Committee (RAJAC) on joint initiatives with family violence and sexual assault key priorities and align acion plans

# Questions?

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# Online Resources

Everybody Matters: Inclusion and Equity Statement: <https://www.vic.gov.au/everybody-matters-inclusion-and-equity-statement>

Dhelk Dja: Safe Our Way – Strong Culture, Strong Peoples, Strong Families:  
<https://www.vic.gov.au/dhelk-dja-partnership-aboriginal-communities-address-family-violence>

Nargneit Birrang Aboriginal Holistic Healing Framework for Family Violence  
<https://www.vic.gov.au/nargneit-birrang-aboriginal-holistic-healing-framework-family-violence>