



BY-ELECTION: NORTH EAST VICTORIA

VOTING OPEN 26 FEBRUARY – 27 MARCH

Treaty is about having the freedom and power to make the decisions that affect our communities, our culture and our Country – and that starts now.

The First Peoples' Assembly of Victoria is the elected voice for Traditional Owners and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in Victoria. With your guidance and help, we will establish the framework and ground-rules to enable Treaty negotiations between Traditional Owners of Country and the Victorian Government.

A by-election is being held in the North-East region, so Community can choose who will help represent them on the journey.

MEET THE CANDIDATES >>

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VICTORIA**



CANDIDATE

Travis Morgan

A descendant of the Yorta Yorta and Wemba Wemba people, I grew up within the strong Aboriginal community of Echuca on the banks of the Dhungala where my ancestors have lived and thrived for thousands of years.

Elders taught me of the inherent rights that Indigenous people have which underpin our sovereignty and self-determination as Traditional Owners.

As significant challenges remain on complex and intergenerational issues, such as educational attainment, employment and economic parity, and social inclusion I believe these challenges

can only be truly overcome with a holistic, coordinated, and longterm effort involving an agreed approach.

As a member of the First People of Victoria, I'll work hard to ensure that North-East Aboriginal people's voices, aspirations, and vision are supported, and their contributions are valued and celebrated as part of the Treaty Framework agreed approach.



CANDIDATE

Madison Connors

Madison Connors nee Saunders, I am a proud Yorta Yorta (Wolithica clan), Dja Dja Wurrung (Moomnom Gunditj Bee clan) and Gamilaroi woman.

I was born and grew on Kannygoopna (Shepparton) meaning the place in the river where big fish are caught. My first engagement with the Victorian Treaty process was when I was selected as 1 of the 31 working group members for the Aboriginal Community Assembly in 2017. It was such important work that we were to work through. I then worked with the Treaty Advancement Commission in the Engagement Team, finishing up in 2019. So, I've been involved in the process in one way or another for a few years now. I would like to be a member of the

First Peoples' Assembly as I believe I can provide important insight through dialogue, support, and assistance with resolving disputes, and commitment to the Treaty goals and visions set out by the communities. Personally, I believe that Treaties can be a tool to empower communities, to acknowledge our sovereignty was never ceded and to provide a guaranteed voice for our people. My vision for Treaties is to acknowledge the significant role of Elders as knowledge keepers and respect for and adherence to ceremonial and oral traditions throughout our diverse communities, including language. To secure economic future and self-determination and to provide a mechanism for land back to practice our cultural ways and healing.



CANDIDATE

Nicole Atkinson

My name is Nicole Atkinson and I am standing to be your Member for the North East Region on the First Peoples' Assembly.

I am a Traditional Owner of North East Victoria, and I also have strong ties to the South West of Victoria. I was born and raised in Shepparton, and have lived and worked in the North East Community my whole life. I work locally in Aboriginal Community Services where I run programs across the Goulburn Valley for our youth and their families.

I currently represent the Community on a number of boards and committees. I have a strong passion for Education and Social Justice.

I am standing to be your Member on the First Peoples' Assembly because I believe in the power of Treaty and the transformative changes it can bring for our Community. Through Treaty the possibilities for our Community are endless, from self-determination over our affairs, to the long overdue recognition and reparations that we deserve after more than 200 years of colonisation.

For these opportunities to come to fruition, we need strong representation that understands the North East Community, and that is why I want to be your Member for the North East Region.