

THE JOURNEY TO TREATY

Yarning with community

Elected Members of the First Peoples' Assembly of Victoria and engagement team run multi-year program of events and forums with Community all over the state



Truth-telling

Yoorook Justice Commission established to examine the ongoing impacts of colonisation and help find solutions



Child protection and criminal justice

Assembly's evidence and written submissions - informed by expertise of Aboriginal organisations and from individuals sharing their truths, adopted in Yoorook's Critical Issues report on reform of the child protection and criminal justice systems



Growing our electoral roll

Managed and grown a First Peoples electoral roll that is completely independent from Government - over 7,000 people now enrolled to have their say in Assembly elections!



Mob supporting mob

Create a pathway for Traditional Owner groups to get recognition and a seat on the Assembly



Create the Framework

Negotiated with Government the framework and standards for how Traditional Owners across Victoria can enter Treaty negotiations



Democracy in action

Historic Treaty Elections held so mob can choose the people who will negotiate Treaty



Treaty Authority

Grounded in our culture and the trusted 'umpires' who will help resolve disputes and bring us closer to treaties



Bringing more people on the journey

Treaty Day Out concerts to showcase and celebrate First Peoples excellence and attract more people and allies into the tent.



Sharing the resources

Get the Self-Determination Fund up and running to create prosperity for First Peoples communities and get Traditional Owners Treaty-ready



THE NEXT STEPS



Gather more Community ideas about how the Assembly can empower community

Continue yarning with Community about what powers and scope Treaty should provide the Assembly with so we can begin transferring decision-making power from Government to Community

Harnessing the wisdom of Elders

Appoint a group of Elders to help guide the journey and keep us culturally strong

Agreeing on the priorities for the first round of Treaty negotiations

Explain the reforms for child protection and justice system and get behind the Yoorrook recommendations

Show of strength and culture

Statewide Gathering to provide everyone a chance to get informed and have their say ahead of negotiations

Putting young mob in the frame

Bring young people together to form a youth voice to make sure young mob have a say about the Treaty outcomes they'll be living with

Let the world know we are ready

Show the Treaty Authority that the Assembly meets the standards set by the Framework and we are ready to start negotiating

Sit down with Government

Commence formal Treaty negotiations between the Assembly and Government about a statewide Treaty

Empowering our communities

Provide practical assistance to Traditional Owner groups getting organised or preparing their Treaty claims



MEETING THE STANDARDS SET BY THE TREATY NEGOTIATION FRAMEWORK

- ✔ Statement of Intention
- ✔ Assembly elections
- ✔ Additional Pathway established
- ✔ Elders' Voice established
- ✔ Youth Voice established
- Strategic engagement plan
- Statewide Gathering
- Processes to include ACCOs in the Treaty process

IN PROGRESS



TREATY COMMITTEE

The Treaty Committee will continue discussions about the form, powers and scope a permanent version of the First Peoples' Assembly might have. Topics include:

- Design principles
- Decision-making powers
- Accountability and oversight responsibilities
- Advisory functions
- Composition and representation
- Cultural governance and authority
- Status as a sovereign body
- Economic independence
- Enshrining UNDRIP in order to secure better outcomes for mob
- Preparing for Treaty negotiations

YURPA COMMITTEE

Continuing discussions on strengthening the cultural governance of the Assembly and its ways of working, including processes to ensure opportunities for the inclusion and representation of all First Peoples in Victoria.

