

# 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 a permanent representative body**

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.

