



2025-26 Public Accounts and Estimates

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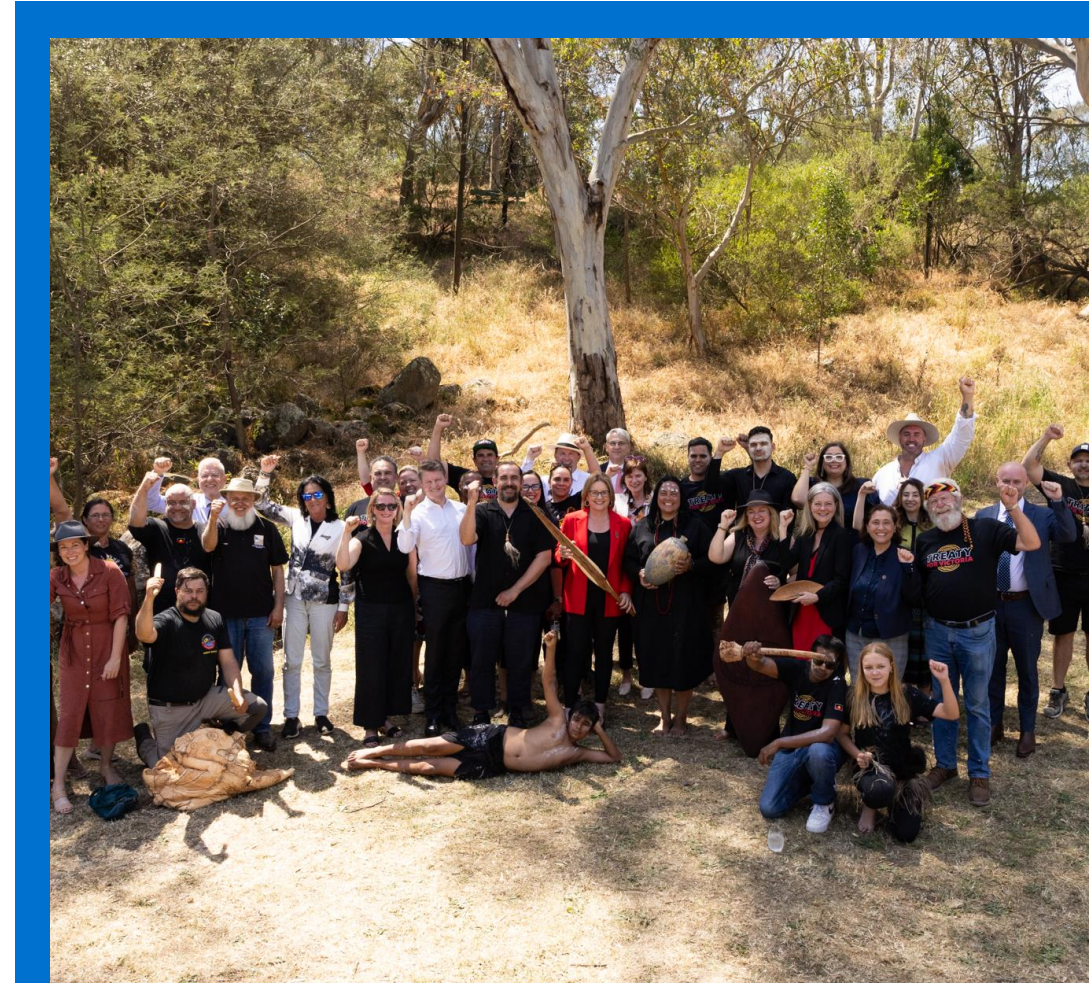


Supporting Aboriginal organisations in self-determination

The 2025-26 State Budget continues to invest in First Peoples' self-determination and support.

Treaty and First Peoples Portfolio outcomes:

- \$13.4 million to deliver on Victoria's commitment to Closing the Gap.
- \$3.8 million to provide funding for the Koorie Heritage Trust, Koorie Youth Council and to support First Nations cultural events and awards.
- \$5.400 million to continue the Aboriginal Community Infrastructure Program and removal of First Mortgages.
- \$1.012 million to enable Traditional Owners to participate in recognition and Settlement Agreements with the State.
- \$2.691 million for Aboriginal Trusts to meet legislative requirements.
- \$1.516 million to support Wamba Wemba Aboriginal Corporation as a new RAP.



Celebrating First Peoples cultures and Closing the Gap

- Support the Victorian Government's Closing the Gap implementation partner Ngaweeyan Maar-oo to engage in delivering policies and initiatives.
- Funding for the Koorie Heritage Trust to deliver services for Stolen Generations and Koorie Youth Council to support First Nations young people.
- Continue the program of First Nations cultural events and awards, including the Victorian Aboriginal Honour Roll, Victorian Aboriginal Remembrance Service and NAIDOC week activities.



Supporting Traditional Owner Corporations

- Continue funding for Traditional Owner Corporations to engage on a more equal basis with the State in negotiations under the Traditional Owner Settlement Act 2010 (Vic).
- Funding to support Wamba Wemba Aboriginal Corporation (WWAC), which was appointed as a Registered Aboriginal Party by the Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council in August 2024, to undertake its statutory functions as Registered Aboriginal Party under the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006*.



Enhancing service delivery and organisational sustainability through First Nations community infrastructure

Koorie Heritage Trust



Gunaikurnai Land and Waters
Aboriginal Corporation



Aboriginal Community Elders
Services (ACES)



Winda-Mara Aboriginal
Corporation



Wathaurong Aboriginal Co-
operative



Understanding our Truth and working towards Treaty

Achievements in 2024-25

- Statewide Treaty negotiations with the First Peoples' Assembly of Victoria (Assembly) commenced in November 2024.
- Regional negotiations in Portland.
- Delivered Treaty Information Sessions for more than 600 local council and community leaders across the state.
- The first joint update was issued in January 2025, and the second statement in March 2025, to outline the subject matter for Statewide Treaty negotiations.
- Yoorrook Justice Commission to deliver its final reports by 30 June 2025.

