

VIYAC Scoping Exercise
**Existing Indigenous Youth Programs in
 Victoria**

	About the Organisation	Program Name & Info	Target Group & Location	Contact Details
Aboriginal Affairs Victoria (AAV)	AAV is the Victorian Government's key agency for advice on Aboriginal affairs. It promotes knowledge and understanding about Victoria's Aboriginal people within the wider community.	Ricci Marks Award: The Minister for Aboriginal Affairs awards a \$5000 bursary every year to two young Indigenous people who are role models in their community and have demonstrated leadership and initiative.	Aboriginal young people (16-25) in Victoria	Phone 03 9208 3333 Website www.aboriginalaffairs.vic.gov.au
Australian Indigenous Mentoring Experience (AIME)	AIME Indigenous Corporation provides a six-year mentoring program for Indigenous students to access while undertaking their high school studies.	AIME: AIME partners up university student volunteers with high school Indigenous students. They meet once a week for a 17-week program. AIME's goals are to improve Year 10 completion rates, Year 12 completion rates and university admission rates for all participating students.	Aboriginal students completing high school or University studies within Australia.	Website www.aimementoring.com
Bert Williams Aboriginal Youth Service	Bert Williams is a service managed by the Victorian Aboriginal Community Services Association Ltd (VACSAL). It aims to provide proactive and preventative services to Koori youth with a focus of reducing the overrepresentation in the youth justice system.	Koori Night Patrol: Provides an afterhours volunteer transport service to transfer Koori youth at risk from public places to their homes or a safe place. The program operates on Friday and Saturday Nights (9pm – 3am).	Aboriginal young people within Northern Metropolitan Melbourne. In particularly those who are at risk of disengaging from education or those in risk of entering the criminal justice system	Phone 03 9484 5310 Website www.vacsal.org.au

Ballarat Aboriginal Cooperative

Delivers a range of services to the Aboriginal community in specific areas of health, welfare, art, culture, education and social well-being.

Youth Group:

This program is available to young Aboriginal high school students and provides a space for young Koori's to network with each other and participate in recreational activities.

Aboriginal high school students living in Ballart.

Operates every Monday at 5pm.

Phone:
03 5331 5344

The EastWeb Fund

The EastWeb Fund is run by a group of young people who recognise that Indigenous, Asylum Seeker and Refugee communities experience significant marginalisation and discrimination which hamper their ability to fully participate in community life.

The Fund:

Provides funding to community programs in Indigenous communities, which strengthen community capacity in areas of health, education, employment and cultural heritage.

The EastWeb Board:

EastWeb is always looking to recruit new Board members who are interested in making decisions about grant making, increasing their own and their community's understanding of the philanthropic sector, having a voice in the philanthropic sector.

Secondary Students, TAFE/Uni Students and unemployed young people in Metro Melbourne.

Email:
eastwebadmin@gmail.com

Fitzroy Stars Football Netball Club

The Fitzroy Stars Football/Netball Club remains an important social pastime for the Melbourne local Aboriginal community. The club offers access to a range of programs for Aboriginal young people.

The Fitzroy Stars Football/Netball Club:

The clubs main mission is to promote fitness, nutrition, diet and self esteem. The Club offers pathways to employment and education and fosters reconciliation by building strong bridges between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal communities.

Aboriginal people, particularly young people (16-25), living in Melbourne.

Phone:
0419 764 772

Email:
fitzroystarsfc@bigpond.com

The Long Walk

The Long Walk is a charity inspired by Michael Long's walk to Canberra to get the lives of Indigenous people back on the national

Indigenous Youth R On the Ball (IYROTb):

Indigenous youth in Year 8 are delivered harm preventions messages by Essendon Football players and elite netballers. The program aims

Secondary Students in Metro Melbourne

Phone:
9230 0362

	<p>agenda. The Long Walk aims for Indigenous wellbeing and believe this can be achieved by raising awareness and gathering support for Indigenous led projects.</p>	<p>to help young people to make decisions about staying in school and healthy lifestyle choices that will positively impact on their future.</p> <p>Get the Conversation Started (GTCS): Using the historical event of Michael Long’s walk to Canberra, this program aims to introduce Indigenous studies in schools to promote social inclusion of Indigenous people across Australian society. When Indigenous culture and history is shared in the classroom, it makes Indigenous students proud of who they are and fosters greater understanding among non-Indigenous students.</p>		<p>Email: admin@thelongwalk.com.au</p>
<p>Melbourne Aboriginal Youth Sports and Recreation (MAYSAR)</p>	<p>MAYSAR is a community centre for Aboriginal people living in Melbourne that promotes healthy lifestyle programs. It is equipped with free access to a modern gymnasium and boxing facility in Fitzroy.</p>	<p>Boxing Club: Provides free professional boxing training classes to young Indigenous people 16 years and over.</p>	<p>Aboriginal young people living in Melbourne.</p>	<p>Phone: 03 9486 9123</p>
<p>Narana Aboriginal Cultural Centre and Whitelion</p>	<p>Whitelion supports young people to build better lives for themselves and helps make our community a more inclusive and safer place. Whitelion works in partnership with Narana Aboriginal Cultural Centre to deliver the Bundji Bundji Program.</p>	<p>Bundji Bundji Program: Provides support to young people who have entered into the youth justice system or/are at risk of entering. It provides Indigenous youth with advocacy and representation in courts and provides linkages into programs within the community. These programs include mentoring, employment, education, cultural and spiritual awareness programs.</p>	<p>Young Aboriginal people ages 10 – 22 years of age living in Northern or Western Metro Melbourne.</p>	<p>Bundji Bundji Outreach Worker 0402 186 925</p>

Ramahyuck District Aboriginal Cooperation

Ramahyuck District Aboriginal Corporation delivers a range of health and community development services to the Indigenous and wider community population across east Gippsland.

Youth Participation & Support Group:
Provides a space for young Koori people to come together to offer peer support and seek support from the group facilitators. The program provides education about drugs and alcohol and gives youth the opportunity to have a say in the planning, development, implementation and evaluation of future services.

Unemployed and disengaged young Koori's in Gippsland.

Phone:
03 5136 5100

Rumbalara Aboriginal Cooperative

Provides education, information and support in areas of special need such as health, housing, welfare and culture. Rumbalara has become a place where the local Indigenous community can meet for cultural and social activities.

Night Patrol Program:
Provides an afterhours volunteer transport service to transfer Koori youth (in the Greater Shepparton Region) from public places to their homes or a safe place.
The program operates on Friday and Saturday Nights (9pm – 3am).

Aboriginal young people living in Shepparton

Phone:
03 5825 2111

Winda Mara Aboriginal Cooperative (Heywood)

Youth Suicide Prevention Program:
A peer support program available to young Koori men and women. It provides opportunities for young Koori people to further develop their self confidence, and self esteem and increases participant's access to appropriate information, services and support.

Unemployed and disengaged young Koori's in Gippsland

Phone:
03 5527 2051

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Victorian Aboriginal Health Service (VAHS)

VAHS provides a comprehensive range of medical, dental and social services for the Aboriginal community in Victoria.

VAHS Male's Program:

This program provides the space for young Koori men to gain support on health/social issues and further develop leadership and communication skills. The VAHS Male's Program promotes the importance of a healthy lifestyle and provides education on drugs, alcohol, family violence and spiritual wellbeing. Offers social activities such as camps and fishing trips to enable strong engagement of young men in a culturally appropriate space.

Young Aboriginal men living in Victoria.

Phone:
03 9419 3000

Koori Kids:

Provides free counselling services to young Indigenous people living in Victoria. The Koori Kids program also provides projects giving specific focus at keeping adolescent youth out of the criminal justice system.

Young Aboriginal people in need of spiritual/emotional support and those at risk of entering the criminal justice system.

Phone:
03 94033 3000

Victoria Police

Meerteeyt Marrang:

Healthy lifestyle and Indigenous cultural activities predominately for Koori youth in the Colac/Otway area

Secondary students in Barwon South West.

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