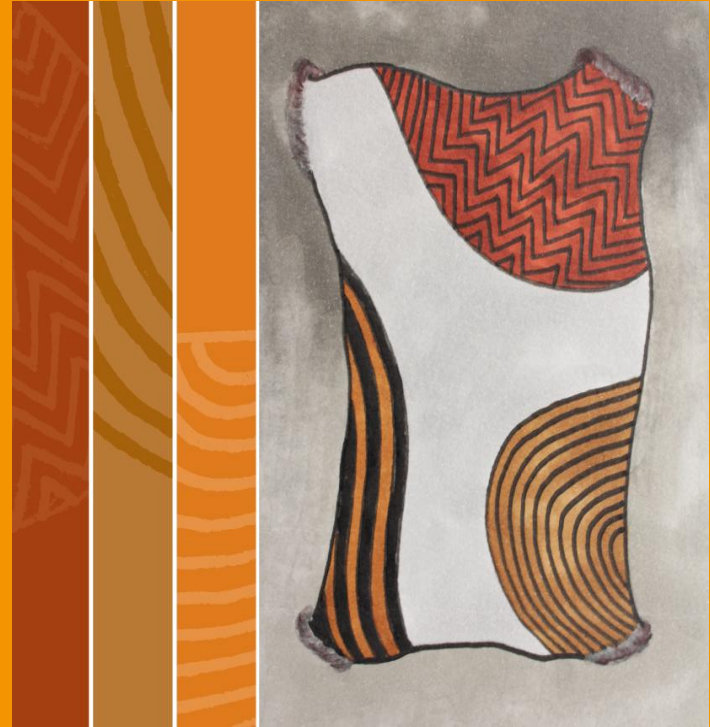




# VICTORIAN ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS FRAMEWORK 2013-2018

Building for the future:  
a plan for 'Closing the  
Gap' in Victoria by  
2031





## The Victorian Aboriginal Affairs Framework 2013-2018

- The VAAF is the Government's overarching framework for Aboriginal affairs.
- Important commitment by Government for improving outcomes for Aboriginal people by setting
  - Six strategic areas for priority action
  - achievable targets and measures of progress
- The VAAF 2013-2018 builds upon the previous framework but, in direct response to the Premier, strengthens it by:
  - focusing Government effort in critical areas where Government needs to manage services better
  - being more responsive to Aboriginal community priorities

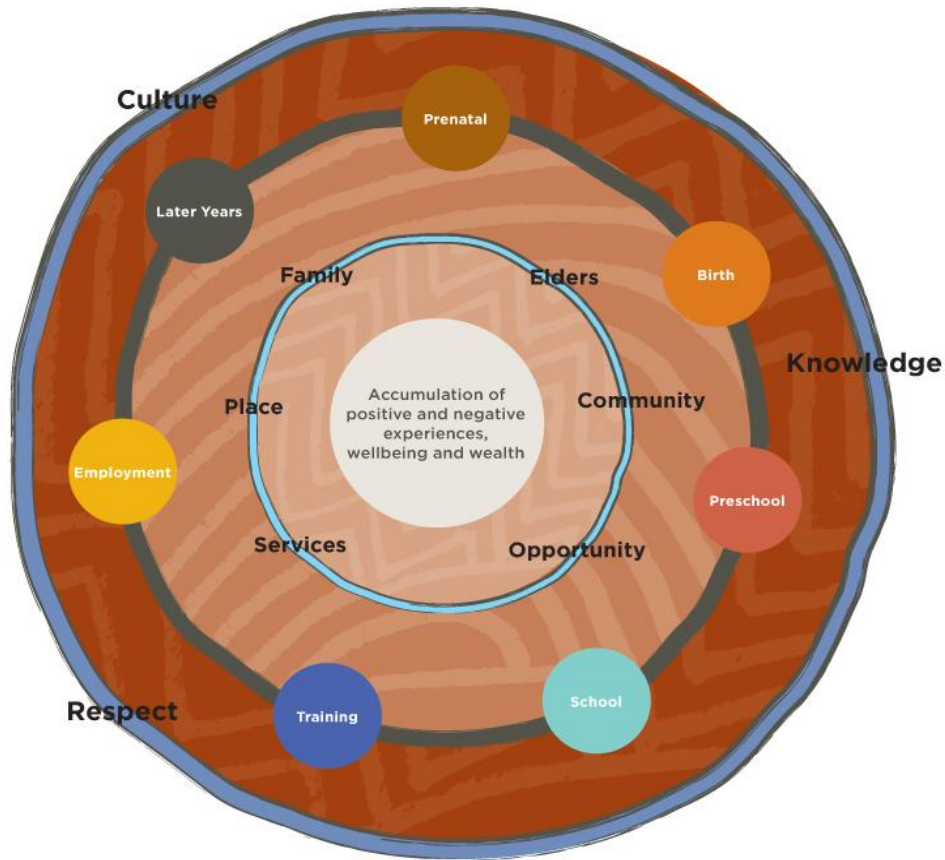


## Key changes between the consultation and final draft

- Holistic life course approach that now brings a Victorian Aboriginal perspective
- Acknowledgement of shared history and journey ahead
- Role for Government in strengthening Aboriginal culture
- Preference for the term “Aboriginal” rather than “Indigenous”
- Recognition of Aboriginal controlled organisations
- Accountability of all service providers
- Contractual arrangements applying to Aboriginal organisations
- Regional/place based solutions
- Cultural strengthening – role of Government
- Headline indicators, targets and measures



# Holistic life course approach



- New life course approach that represents the broad range of factors influencing an Aboriginal person's life outcomes – merging Aboriginal community perspective and service points

- New approach balances the respective roles of governments and communities



## Supporting the strengthening of Aboriginal culture

1. An agenda of respect and recognition
2. Promoting an awareness and understanding of Aboriginal culture to the broader community
3. Supporting the community to hold cultural gatherings



## Building Prosperity through Economic Participation

- Economic prosperity is central to improving the quality of life of all Aboriginal people
- Direction informed by the 2010 *Moonda Wurrin Gree* report and the July 2012 Victorian Aboriginal Economic Summit
- Victorian Aboriginal Economic Strategy is to be developed
- Will be consulting in early 2013
- Key focus is to:
  1. Build stronger foundations and aspirations through education
  2. Supporting more diverse career paths
  3. More viable sustainable Aboriginal businesses and enterprises
  4. Encourage partnerships with private and philanthropic sectors to leverage existing funding sources



## Further priorities

- Protecting and Supporting Vulnerable Children and Families
- Better Services, Better Outcomes
  - Whole of System Approach
  - Accessible Services
  - Accountable Services
  - Place Based Approach
  - Partnerships with Local Government
- Improved National Action



# Stronger Accountability

- Engagement structures:
  - Existing forums to continue
  - At least 3 Ministerial Roundtables a year
  - Principles to guide Government engagement
- Secretaries Leadership Group
- Refreshed Aboriginal Affairs Report to Parliament
- Performance Management and Reporting Framework





## Headline Indicators and Targets

### Maternal and early childhood health and development

H1. Improve Aboriginal infant survival and health

By 2023, close the gap in the perinatal mortality rate.

By 2023, close the gap between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal babies with a birth weight below 2500 grams

H2. Increase Aboriginal kindergarten participation

By 2014, the gap between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal 4 year old children having access to a high quality kindergarten program will be closed

H3. Reduce the rate of Aboriginal child protection substantiations

By 2023, the gap in the rate of Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal child protection substantiations will be reduced by 75%

### Education and training

H4. Improve literacy and numeracy in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 for Aboriginal students

By 2018, halve the gap for Aboriginal students in reading, writing and numeracy

H5. Increase the proportion of Aboriginal young people aged 20-24 who have completed at least Year 12 or equivalent

By 2020, halve the gap between the Year 12 or equivalent attainment rates of Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal 20-24 year olds



## Headline Indicators and Targets

### Economic Participation Targets

<p>H6. Increase Aboriginal labour force participation</p>	<p>By 2018, halve the gap in employment outcomes between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal Victorians . As measured by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Employment to population ratio, for 15 to 64 years old</li> <li>•Unemployment rate</li> <li>•Labour force participation</li> </ul>
<p>H7. Increase workforce participation by Aboriginal people in the public sector</p>	<p>By 2018, employment of Aboriginal people in the Victorian public service will increase to 15 of total employees</p>

### Health, housing and wellbeing

<p>H8. Improve the health status of Aboriginal Victorians</p>	<p>By 2031, close the gap in the proportion of Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal Victorians that report their health status as 'excellent or very good'</p>
	<p>By 2031, close the gap in the proportion of Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal adults reporting 'high or very high' levels of psychological distress</p>
	<p>By 2023, the proportion of Aboriginal adults who are current smokers will reduce to 21%</p>



## Headline Indicators and Targets

Safe families and communities and equitable justice outcomes	
H9. Reduce the incidence of Aboriginal family violence	Further work is required to develop an appropriate target
H10. Reduce the over-representation of Aboriginal people under justice supervision	By 2031 close the gap in the rate of Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people under youth justice supervision
	By 2031, close the gap in the rate of Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people under adult justice supervision
H11. Reduce the proportion of Aboriginal people who return to prison within two years of release	By 2031, close the gap in the proportion of Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people who are convicted within two years of their previous conviction
Strong culture, engaged people and confident communities	
H12. Strengthen Aboriginal culture and support Aboriginal people's engagement with community and society	



## Next steps

- Aboriginal Affairs Report to Parliament
- Aboriginal Justice Agreement 3
- Draft Victorian Aboriginal Economic Strategy consultation
- Ministerial Roundtables



## More information

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