



Fellowship for Indigenous Leadership

Project 1: Fellow

The Fellowship recognises that true catalysts for change are at their best when they are working in an environment which is free from financial restrictions and inflexible job descriptions, allowing them to focus their drive and energy on building and strengthening the bonds that connect their community.

The Fellowship strives to encourage special individuals to do more of what they are already doing, as well as challenge them to work on a broader canvas and forge new relationships as this will help them hone their leadership skills and enable them to get closer to achieving their vision.

A Fellow is already a recognised leader in their community and is ready to take the next step to further their vision for their community across a number of areas. Working with both the Indigenous community and the community as a whole in Victoria and across Australia, a Fellow will endeavour to broaden and strengthen links between sectors, and work on a range of initiatives that will benefit the community as a whole.

A Fellow will be exposed to government agencies, the private sector, NGOs and philanthropic networks, and be able to exchange and develop new ideas, as well as identify and work through challenges and introduce a range of initiatives addressing the social, economic and emotional needs of Indigenous communities in Victoria.

Work by Fellows has focused on, but is not limited to:

- Community governance and planning—working within community and with Federal, State and local Government to address social, economic, health and environment issues.
- Financial literacy – assisting individuals and community organisations in developing skills to manage their money and contribute to the economy.
- Achievement of better employment outcomes— education, training, working with employers to identify sustainable and worthwhile jobs.
- School retention – getting Koorie kids to school and keeping them there long enough to have some real choice about their futures.
- Improving health & wellbeing outcomes by addressing the social determinants of health, and by focusing on the strengths and abilities of Victoria's Indigenous community.
- Developing programs to boost the self-esteem of Indigenous children, young people and women, and provide them with the support needed to reclaim, embrace, understand and be proud of their cultural identity.

Past and Current Fellows

Paul Briggs OAM (2003—2007) has a wealth of experience across a vast range of sectors. He is the Chair of Rumbalara Football Netball Club (RFNC), Kaiela Institute, Yorta Yorta Nations Corporation and the inaugural Chair of the National Indigenous Advisory body to the AFL. He also participates on the boards of Murrup Barak, Short Black Opera, Melbourne University Aboriginal Affairs Advisory Committee, Onemda Health Research, Goulburn Murray Health Alliance and Murray Football League. He is an active proponent of social inclusion, education stimulus, approaches to employment, sustainability of the RFNC, contributing to the implementation of "Empowered Communities," governance and structural reform, and the development of a regional agreement for sustaining and prospering the future of Aboriginal people.

Daphne Yarram (2007—2011) is Manager of Yoowinna Wurnalung Healing Service in East Gippsland, and a Director of the National Congress of Australia's First Peoples. Daphne's focus is centred on women's leadership and wellbeing/support programs for Indigenous children, young people and women. As part of her work, she has established the Victorian Indigenous Leadership centre, a regional Indigenous Women's network in Gippsland and Creative Koorie Kids, Cultural connection "You-Me -Us," which is a right of passage project for Indigenous youth and young men. She is also responsible for a women's circle and an Indigenous professional women's "Yarning Circle."

Ian Anderson (2011—2014) has worked in Aboriginal health for approximately 30 years and was appointed as the Foundation Chair for Indigenous Health at the University of Melbourne. He has previously been and the Deputy Head of the University's School of Population Health, Director of its Centre for Health and Society and the Onemda VicHealth Koori Health Unit as well as the Research Director of the Co-operative Research Centre (CRC) for Aboriginal Health. In 2012 he joined the Senior Leadership team as the Assistant Vice-Chancellor (Indigenous Higher Education Policy) and was appointed as the Foundation Chair for Indigenous Higher Education. In 2014 he was appointed as the Pro Vice-Chancellor (Engagement).

Karen Milward (2014—Current) has developed extensive networks within the Victorian Indigenous community and Indigenous communities nationally as well as within State and Commonwealth Government Departments and agencies in Victoria. She is a strong advocate for developing culturally appropriate solutions to the issues confronting Indigenous people. These empower individuals and communities so they can confidently and effectively move forward.

Grant per Fellow per annum: \$70,000.00

Grant per Fellow for three years: \$210,000.00 or five years: \$350,000.00

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