

Project 3: Senior Fellow

The Fellowship for Indigenous Leadership has provided support to recognised leaders within Victoria's Indigenous communities. Building Indigenous leadership is an integral part of improving the social and emotional wellbeing of communities as it helps Indigenous communities develop innovative responses to current issues and future challenges.

Over the last 10 years, we have seen incredible results generated by the Fellows thanks to funding from the awards, which has enabled established leaders to get on with leading organisations and accelerating the progress of their communities. The innovative and successful work of the Fellows spans across a number of areas, including policy, research, education, community strengthening and leadership, reconciliation, health, sports, youth leadership, gender focus, environment, and partnerships with the government.

The Fellowship for Indigenous Leadership now has an additional element – the Senior Fellow – to support the ongoing work of Victoria's prominent leaders.

The Senior Fellow has been a Fellow for the Fellowship for Indigenous Leadership for a period of three to five years and has continued to lead and build relationships not only in their own community but state-wide and nationally. They also continue their role in the Fellowship's Alumni as a mentor to the Emerging Leaders.

The Fellowship recognises that true catalysts for change work at their best in an unfettered environment, free from the restrictions of project funding and inflexible job descriptions. The impetus for their work comes from a strong community connection - the ultimate accountability.

The Fellowship for Indigenous Leadership would like to help relieve some of the day-to-day pressures placed on our Fellows by providing them with some breathing space to allow for thought.

There is a real opportunity for a shared or collaborative approach to support this work. The Fellowship has already experienced the benefits of a joint approach. You will be able to get to know and work with exceptional Indigenous leaders who have a track record of achievement and a vision for the future.

We also look after your interests by fulfilling report and accountability requirements. Documentation and information can easily be provided when needed.

All funds granted to the Fellows are managed and distributed through the Brotherhood of St Laurence.

The Fellow's profiles can be found on our website but should you require further information regarding the support of any of the Fellows, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Senior Fellow 2014—2016

Paul Briggs OAM (Fellow 2003—2007)

Paul Briggs 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 the Murray Football League.

Paul is also 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.

Grant per Fellow per annum: \$5,000.00 — \$100,000.00
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