

# Resources & services available for Traditional Owners of regions without formal recognition

## About the Package

The Package provides \$13.6 million over two years to enable a wide range of nation-building activities and expand services and supports for Traditional Owner groups across Victoria.

The Package will be delivered and overseen by the Nation-building Support Services Partnership made up of the Federation of Victorian Traditional Owner Corporations (Federation), First Nations Legal & Research Services (First Nations) and Aboriginal Victoria, Department of Premier and Cabinet (Aboriginal Victoria).

The Package builds on formal recognition work currently undertaken by First Nations and Aboriginal Victoria's Strong Roots for Our Futures program, acknowledging there has long been a need to increase resources available to Traditional Owner groups of regions without formal recognition.

## Traditional Owners of regions without formal recognition

The Package provides resources and services for Traditional Owner groups without formal recognition whose core Country is located in the four regions:

- Mid North West
- Central North
- North East
- Far East Gippsland



## What resources and services are available?

### Resources

- Resources for activities focussed on Healing, Culture & Country, Governance, Young People and Relationships. This includes training and workshops; family and group meetings; and small and large projects (**Strong Roots for Our Futures Program**)
- Flexible funding for nation-building and treaty readiness activities. Funded projects will strengthen group capacity to work together towards an agreed future (**Nation-building Resource Pool**)

### Services

- Research engagement with families and Traditional Owner groups (**Traditional Owner mapping**)
- Legal advice and support to progress formal recognition by one or more of a native title claim under the Native Title Act, settlement under the Traditional Owner Settlement Act or an application to become a Registered Aboriginal Party under the Aboriginal Heritage Act (**Formal recognition support**)
- Treaty readiness and nation-building services in response to priorities identified by Traditional Owner groups (**Nation-building and treaty readiness services**)

# Who can access what resources and services?

		Individuals	Family groups	Traditional Owner groups or regions	Multiple nations or groups
<b>Nation-building Package</b>					
<b>Traditional Owner mapping</b> First Nations	Research with families and mapping of group governance structures		✓	✓	
<b>Formal recognition support</b> First Nations	Legal advice and services in relation to formal recognition processes: Registered Aboriginal Party, Native Title, Traditional Owner Settlement			✓	
<b>Nation-building resource pool</b> Federation	Large projects to support nation-building and treaty readiness activities up to \$280,000 for each region. Funded projects will strengthen group capacity to work together towards shared goals.			✓	✓
<b>Treaty readiness &amp; nation-building services</b> Federation	Enabling access to treaty readiness and nation-building activities and resources in response to priorities identified by Traditional Owner groups.		✓	✓	✓
<b>Strong Roots for Our Futures program</b>					
<b>Training &amp; workshops</b> Aboriginal Victoria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Facilitation skills</li> <li>Indigenous governance</li> <li>Other training as requested</li> </ul>	✓			
<b>Meetings &amp; gatherings</b> Aboriginal Victoria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Family /group meetings and gatherings up to \$20,000 per meeting</li> </ul>		✓	✓	
<b>Small projects</b> Aboriginal Victoria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Small projects up to \$25,000 per project</li> </ul>		✓	✓	✓
<b>Large projects</b> Aboriginal Victoria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Large projects up to \$100,000 per year</li> </ul>			✓	✓

## How can I access support?

Regional Engagement Officers in each region can provide more information about the Package, help identify nation-building priorities and access support.

### Central North:

Corey Kelly, Traditional Owner Regional Engagement Officer  
corey.kelly@dpc.vic.gov.au, 0429 360 665  
Based in Swan Hill

### Mid North West:

Kathleen Terrick, Traditional Owner Regional Engagement Officer  
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Based in Robinvale

### North East:

Curtis Reid, Traditional Owner Regional Engagement Officer  
curtis.reid@dpc.vic.gov.au, 0429 468 672  
Based in Wodonga

### Far East Gippsland

*Currently recruiting*  
In the interim, contact Greg Kennedy, Manager, Traditional Owner Nation-building (details below)

## How will services be coordinated?

First Nations, Federation and Aboriginal Victoria will convene Regional Project Teams including the Regional Engagement Officers and staff from each partner organisation to coordinate services and resources within the Package.

The Regional Project Teams will also seek to coordinate with other resources and support available for Traditional Owners of the regions.

## Find out more

Contact Greg Kennedy, Manager, Traditional Owner Nation-building  
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### Access more information our websites:

- **Traditional Owner Nation-building Support Package** [www.aboriginalvictoria.vic.gov.au/nation-building](http://www.aboriginalvictoria.vic.gov.au/nation-building)
- **Strong Roots for Our Futures Program** [www.aboriginalvictoria.vic.gov.au/strong-roots-our-futures-program-guidelines](http://www.aboriginalvictoria.vic.gov.au/strong-roots-our-futures-program-guidelines)
- **First Nations Legal & Research Services** [www.fnlr.com.au/nation-building](http://www.fnlr.com.au/nation-building)
- **Federation, including Nation-building Resource Pool** [www.fvtoc.com.au/nation-building](http://www.fvtoc.com.au/nation-building)