

Expression of Interest

Your Community, Country and Council

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Steering Committee

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples are invited to complete this Expression of Interest application to establish a Steering Committee that will inform the *Your Community, Country and Council* (YCCC) Project.

The project is an initiative of the Victorian Local Governance Association (VLGA) supported by the Victorian government to increase participation by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples in local government decision making.

Drawing on your experience and knowledge, the committee will discuss a range of ideas and issues that will assist the VLGA to create inspiring and creative approaches to informing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community members considering candidacy in local government elections. The committee will also evaluate the previous YCCC project leading up to the 2020 local government elections.

Themes for discussion will be led by the steering committee and may include:

- Barriers to representation in local government.
- Opportunities and enabling factors.
- Information that candidates need to know.
- Communication methods.
- The cultural lens.

The YCCC Steering Committee will comprise of Aboriginal Councillors in Victoria (currently in office), and other members of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities residing in Victoria.

Your commitment will involve an induction meeting and a further six meetings scheduled monthly. The meetings will each be approximately 2 hours and sitting fees of \$300 per meeting will be paid. Further details and Terms of Reference may be obtained from the YCCC Project Lead, Donna Spiller via email donna@vlga.org.au.

If you think you can contribute to informing the YCCC project and improving the pathways to increased Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander decision making in local government, please complete the Expression of Interest and submit to the YCCC Project Lead by 5pm on 13 May 2022.

Further information and previous projects of the YCCC can be found [here](#).

CONTACT

Donna Spiller
YCCC Project Lead
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This Steering Committee is to be made up of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander-identified committee members to enable self-determination. Only expressions of interest from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander-identified candidates will be considered. This constitutes a 'special measure' under the Equal Opportunity Act 2010 (Vic.).

Applicant's Details:

First Name

Skin Name if used

Last Name

Are you able to share your heritage if known? Yes No

Details:

Do you identify as an Elder? Yes No

Would you like to be referred to as:

Aunty Uncle Neither Something else

Are you a member of the First Peoples' Assembly of Victoria? Yes No

Contact Details:

Email Address*

Phone Number *

The YCCC Project Lead will respond to your application via these contact details and may also contact you for further information related to your Expression of Interest.

Which Council area do you live in? (If Unknown please provide suburb/town)

Application Response:

Briefly tell us about your experience in relation to local government and/or supporting First Nations leadership. Do you have specific skills or expertise that will contribute to informing the YCCC project and improving successful outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander candidates?

Please indicate any preference you have for meeting schedules between Monday to Friday.

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| - During work hours (9-5pm) | Yes | No |
| - Lunch time (12pm-2pm) | Yes | No |
| - After hours (6-8pm) | Yes | No |

N.B. meetings may be online or face-to-face depending on members' availability

Thank you for taking the time to submit your expression of interest. We aim to respond to your submission by 20 May 2022. The first Induction meeting will be held 9 June (TBC).

The VLGA is committed to protecting personal information provided by you in accordance with the Information Privacy Principles (IPPs) which are set out in the *Privacy and Data Protection Act 2014*.

The VLGA and YCCC project will only use personal information for the purposes for which it was collected, for secondary purpose directly related to the primary purpose, with your consent, or where required or authorised by law.

Once you have finished filling out the fields in this form, please click 'Save as' and rename the file with your name (e.g. 'Donna Spiller - YCCC EOI'). Please email this file as an attachment to donna@vlga.org.au.

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