

Media Release

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SUPPORT FOR CRITICAL ABORIGINAL INFRASTRUCTURE

The Victorian Government is ensuring two vital Aboriginal organisations have the fit for purpose facilities they need to deliver the best services for Aboriginal Victorians.

Minister for Aboriginal Affairs Gabrielle Williams today announced almost \$9 million for Mullum Mullum Indigenous Gathering Place – the home of community in Melbourne’s east – as well as Melbourne’s only indigenous radio station 3KND Kool N Deadly.

Mullum Mullum Indigenous Gathering Place provides a culturally safe and inclusive space for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community to come together for a variety of cultural activities and programs that incorporate art, music, language and storytelling.

Almost \$4.5 million will allow the organisation to purchase the building it is housed in, and carry out critical repairs.

3KND has also been allocated \$4.4 million to establish a dedicated media centre in Preston. The new building will strengthen 3KND’s broadcasting capacity and create more opportunities for employment, training and mentoring.

3KND provides the Victorian Aboriginal community with around-the-clock broadcasting in a positive and culturally appropriate way, as well as specialist training in media and broadcasting.

Funding for Mullum Mullum Indigenous Gathering Place and 3KND has been made available through the *Priority Infrastructure and Cultural Heritage Protection for Aboriginal Victorians*.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Aboriginal Affairs Gabrielle Williams

“We are delivering critical infrastructure upgrades for two of Melbourne’s best-loved Aboriginal organisations – giving them the fit-for-purpose facilities they need to continue delivering their vital services for many years to come.”

“Mullum Mullum Indigenous Gathering Place will benefit immensely from permanently securing its home and upgrading it so it meets community need for generations to come.”

“3KND is a vital part of our media landscape. Better facilities will help it continue putting Aboriginal voices front and centre, delivering culturally appropriate news and training the Aboriginal media professionals of the future.”