

Media Release

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BOOSTING ABORIGINAL INFRASTRUCTURE ACROSS VICTORIA

The Allan Labor Government is backing Aboriginal communities across Victoria with new funding to build and upgrade local infrastructure.

Minister for Treaty and First Peoples Natalie Hutchins today opened the eighth round of the Aboriginal Community Infrastructure Program with grants of up to \$1.6 million available for Aboriginal organisations to deliver new facilities or upgrade existing ones.

The program supports Aboriginal-led decision making with projects identified and prioritised by Aboriginal organisations to strengthen services and deliver better outcomes for the community.

Since 2018 nearly \$50 million has been delivered for 115 projects across Victoria – from the Budja Budja Aboriginal Co-operative in Ararat which expanded its medical clinic, to the Koorie Heritage Trust at Federation Square which opened a new arts and cultural space in 2023.

As well as repairs and capital works the program funds planning for future projects, with grants of up to \$200,000 available.

Applications close on Monday, 27 October 2025. More information is available at firstpeoplestaterelations.vic.gov.au/aboriginal-community-infrastructure-program.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Treaty and First Peoples Natalie Hutchins

"We're backing Aboriginal organisations to design and deliver the facilities they need because the best outcomes happen when communities are in the driver's seat."

"From health clinics to cultural spaces, this program is about making sure Aboriginal communities have fit-for-purpose spaces to gather, access services and celebrate culture."