

# Strong Roots for our Futures Program

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## What is the Strong Roots for our Futures program?

The *Strong Roots for our Futures Program* (Program) resources foundational activities to support Traditional Owners to build strong groups who are ready to engage in formal recognition processes, if they choose.

The Program has a focus on resourcing Traditional Owners of the regions without formal recognition, located in Far East Gippsland, North East, Mid North West and Central North Victoria.

## Supporting Strong Traditional Owner Groups

The Program will resource activities that support the following outcomes identified by Traditional Owners as underpinning strong Traditional Owner groups:



## Who can access the Program?

The Program has a focus on supporting Traditional Owner groups that are not recognised under the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006*, *Native Title Act 1993* or *Traditional Owner Settlement Act 2010*, Whose core Country is located in four key regions of Victoria: Far East Gippsland, North East, Mid North West and Central North.



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## Branches of support

Branch	Examples of activities	Access	Support available
<b>Branch 1: Training and Workshops</b> To develop the skills and knowledge of Traditional Owners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Facilitation skills workshops</li><li>• Indigenous governance workshops</li><li>• Youth focused workshops</li></ul>	All Traditional Owners, with priority given to Traditional Owners of the regions	Training delivered regionally by the Program  All training costs, accommodation and travel will be covered
<b>Branch 2: Gatherings</b> Support to come together, build and heal relationships and discuss priorities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Family meetings and reunions</li><li>• Gatherings between families</li><li>• Youth spaces</li><li>• Gatherings between groups</li><li>• Youth focused workshops on Country</li><li>• Planning workshops</li></ul>	Families and groups of the regions	Meeting costs up to \$30,000 per gathering
<b>Branch 3: Small Projects</b> Support and grants for small projects to support strong Traditional Owner groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Healing circles</li><li>• Cultural activities</li><li>• Trips on Country</li><li>• Knowledge sharing</li><li>• Mentoring</li><li>• Cultural protocols and governance</li><li>• Youth projects</li><li>• Truth telling</li><li>• Engagement protocols</li></ul>	Families and groups of the regions	Up to \$50,000 per project  Project planning workshop  Project management support
<b>Branch 4: Large Projects</b> Support or grants for Traditional Owners across a region to carry out large projects to support strong Traditional Owner groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Governance and planning projects</li><li>• Regional cultural events</li><li>• Knowledge sharing projects</li><li>• Regional healing and truth telling projects</li></ul>	Traditional Owners across a whole region	Up to \$150,000 per project  Project planning workshop  Project management support

## How to apply

If you are interested in accessing support, give us a call to talk or arrange a time to meet. We can:

- answer questions about the Program and accessing support
- talk through your meeting or project ideas
- facilitate a planning workshop to develop projects and pathways for accessing support
- provide assistance with applications
- provide information about other resources and services available outside the Program.

## Newsletter and updates

Sign up for newsletters and updates to stay informed about training and other activities.

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