# **Strong Roots for our Futures Program**

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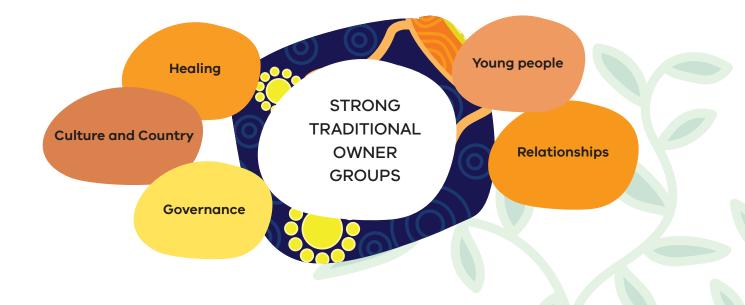
### What is the Strong Roots for our Futures program?

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</b> <b>Workshops</b> To develop the skills and knowledge of Traditional Owners	<ul> <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> <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> <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> <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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