

Past and Present – Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management Introductory Workshops 2026

Information and Nomination Form

First People-State Relations group (FPSR) has developed an innovative and exciting training program for all Aboriginal Victorians with an interest or role in the State's unique and irreplaceable Aboriginal cultural heritage. There are more than 41,000 registrations of Aboriginal cultural heritage places in Victoria. Under the Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006 Registered Aboriginal Parties and other Aboriginal community organisations have a significant role in the protection and management of these important places. The workshops provide an overview of essential practical skills and knowledge for people wanting to become involved in Aboriginal cultural heritage management and build on the Aboriginal community's existing knowledge and skill base.

Participation in a three-day introductory workshop is a prerequisite for an FPSR funded place in the accredited component, the Certificate IV in Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management.

HEALTH PROTOCOLS

This year's workshops will not be modified to accommodate COVID-19 considerations. However, all participants need to agree to not come to the venue if they are experiencing cold or flu like symptoms. The health and safety of the Aboriginal Community are extremely important to all of us. All participants will complete a COVID-19 self-assessment, pre-Workshop induction and agree to the principals of good hand and coughing hygiene etiquette. Voluntary temperature checks and masks for those who are vulnerable will be made available.



What does the ACHM Workshop cover?

The workshop introduces the main themes of Aboriginal cultural heritage management, highlighting industry requirements and how the current cultural heritage legislation works.

Topics covered in the workshop include:

- What is Aboriginal cultural heritage management?
- Working with the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006* (the Act)
- Heritage words and meanings
- Working with cultural materials – introduction to stone artefact technology
- Understanding and managing Aboriginal scarred trees
- Job Safety Analysis
- Simulated field work
 - recording artefact scatters
 - working with isolated artefacts
 - recording scarred trees
- Cultural heritage significance according to the Act
- Working with Cultural Heritage Management Plans (CHMPs)
- A world view of heritage
- Preview of the Certificate IV course: what to expect and where to from here?

Who can nominate?

Nominations are open to all **Aboriginal people** interested in cultural heritage management particularly **field-based officers and staff from Registered Aboriginal Parties (RAPs)** and staff from other land management agencies. People involved with other Victorian Aboriginal community organisations and Traditional Owner groups dealing with Aboriginal cultural heritage management should also attend.

A nomination form is attached.



ACHM Three-Day Introductory Workshop

Designed for all **Aboriginal people** with an interest in the management and protection of Victoria's vast Aboriginal cultural heritage, the introductory workshops act as a springboard into the main themes of the larger Certificate IV course in Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management.

Where and when will the workshop take place?

Conducted over three days, the workshop will be run twice in **2026** in the following locations:

IAS, La Trobe University, Bundoora, Tuesday July 14 – 16 (closing date for application July 7)

Trawool Estate, Trawool, Tuesday August 18 – 20 (closing date for application August 11)

Sponsorship

FPSR covers all workshop costs including accommodation, meals and training for participants.

Travel is reimbursed for public transport or petrol costs upon presentation of receipts.

What if you want to continue training in Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management?

People who complete a three-day workshop are eligible to apply for entry into the nationally accredited **Certificate IV in Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management**. Funded by FPSR, this accredited training course may contribute to further university studies in the Bachelor of Archaeology, the Bachelor of Arts (majoring in Archaeology) and other related fields.

Certificate IV in Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management

Building on the knowledge and skills gained in the three-day workshop, the Certificate IV is unique in that it meets and supports the training and practical requirements of Aboriginal people and RAPs, and others with statutory roles under the Act whilst providing a potential pathway into higher education for interested Aboriginal people.

The training is delivered in nine one week blocks spread over a calendar year. During the training course participants remain in residence with the training team in various locations around the state depending on the units of competency being covered at the time. Time is also spent in the field developing critical skills, conducting heritage surveys and undertaking place inspections.

The next Certificate IV course is planned to commence in February 2027.



More information

For nomination forms or further information about individual workshops or the Certificate IV contact:

Christina Pavlides - Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management Training Program
Phone: 0419 353 804

Nomination forms are available to download online at:

www.aboriginalvictoria.vic.gov.au/aboriginal-cultural-heritage-management-training

And may be submitted via:

Email: [**aboriginal.heritage@dpc.vic.gov.au**](mailto:aboriginal.heritage@dpc.vic.gov.au) or [**christina.pavlides@dpc.vic.gov.au**](mailto:christina.pavlides@dpc.vic.gov.au)

Successful nominees will be notified by telephone or email one week prior to the workshop.



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Past & Present: Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management 3-Day Workshop Nomination Form 2026

Nominee Details: (Please complete a Nomination Form for EACH person nominated from your organisation.)

Name:		Date of Birth: / /	
Postal Address:			
Phone:	Email:		

Workshop Preference:

IAS, La Trobe University 14-16 July

Trawool Estate 18-20 August

(circle one)

(closing date for applications 7 July 2026)

(closing date for applications 11 August 2026)

Nominee Background:

Are you Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander?	Yes		No	
If Yes list which Traditional Owner Group/s you belong to?				

Organisation Details:

Are you employed by a RAP Organisation?	Yes		No	
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RAP or RAP Applicant Name:

Postal Address:				
Phones:	Email:			

Are you employed by a non-RAP Organisation?	Yes		No	
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Community/ Government Organisation Name:

Postal Address:				
Phone:	Email:			

What is the primary function of your organisation?
(eg. Education, Health, Land Management, Art)

Your Position in the Organisation: (circle one)

Cultural Officer	Ranger	Site Monitor	Manager	Director
Chairperson	Public Officer	Secretary	Board Member	Other Staff
Are you: (circle one)	Full time	Part time	Casual	Volunteer



Educational Experience:

What level of schooling have you completed? (circle all that apply)

Less than Year 10 Year 10 Year 11 Year 12

Post secondary qualifications: (circle one or more and provide the course name)

Certificate II

Certificate III

Certificate IV

Diploma

Degree

Personal Experience:

Please provide a written paragraph discussing in your own words your experience and/or goals in Cultural Heritage Management, for example:

* What skills/knowledge do you bring to this workshop and what do you hope to gain by participating?

Multiple horizontal lines for writing a paragraph.

Do you require accomadation? (circle one)

Yes

No

If yes, will you be arriving the night before? (circle one)

Yes

No

Do you have any special dietary, health or access requirements?

Yes

No

If **Yes** please specify:





Joint Learning Agreement:

The *Past & Present: Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management* 3-day workshops are funded by FPSR to include accommodation, meals and training for Aboriginal People. Travel is reimbursed for public transport and petrol costs upon presentation of receipts.

First Peoples- State Relations agrees to provide:

- High quality training in a positive learning environment, relevant course materials, readings and resources, participant support for accommodation, meals and travel.

I (print your name) _____ agree to:

- Attend all sessions of the ACHM workshop, from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm each day for three days.
- Fully participate in the workshop in a professional, positive and respectful manner.
- Notify my workplace and seek their endorsement for attendance support.
- Notify FPSR immediately if I am unable to attend the workshop.
- Follow all **COVID-19 protocols** including, completing a COVID-19 self-assessment, completing the Workshop induction, agreeing to the principals of good hand hygiene, and correct cough etiquette.

Declaration

I have read the agreement and will fulfil the obligations to the best of my ability.

I understand that full attendance and participation in the Introductory ACHM workshop is required to gain entry in the Certificate IV in Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management course.

Failing to observe this agreement or any inappropriate behaviour during the course may result in a withdrawal of FPSR sponsorship support under the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management Training Program.

Signature : _____

Date: ____/____/____



Send this nomination form to:

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