

DJIRRA'S ABORIGINAL WOMEN'S CENTRE

OUR 20+ YEAR VISION

Keeping Aboriginal women safe, strong and connected, visible and heard

A place where culture is celebrated and affirmed

Investing in our women in every way

Women celebrating women

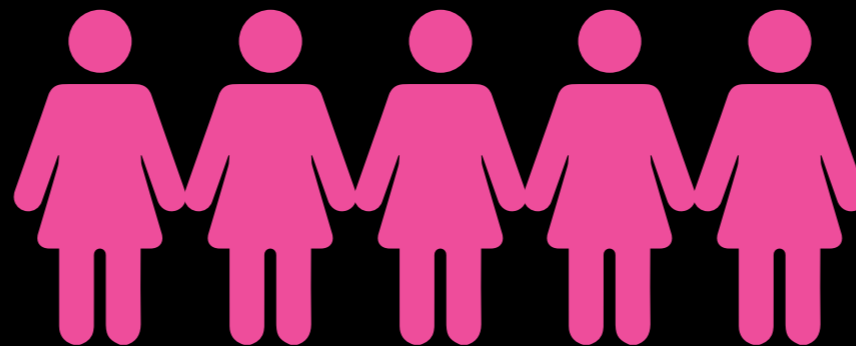
Aboriginal women's self-determination

KOORI WOMEN'S PLACE

Aboriginal women's business
Cultural + wellbeing activities
Connect with other Djirra services
Emergency relief + practical support

EARLY INTERVENTION AND PREVENTION

Sisters Day Out®
Dilly Bag
Young Luv®



Culturally safe frontline services:
Specialist family violence support, legal, case management and wellbeing services

Partnerships:
Space for other services to build on the trust and confidence our women have in Djirra

Showcasing women's talents:
Arts + Crafts
Weaving
Empowerment programs

Accessible:
Reaching women across the state

OUR CHOICE, OUR VOICE



Sharing stories, finding solutions

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The key to Djirra's growth

About Djirra

Djirra is an Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisation with over 20 years' experience finding solutions through Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women sharing their stories, journeys, and experiences. Djirra celebrates women's strength and resilience and is committed to a future without family violence. Self-determination is the foundation of everything we do. Djirra delivers holistic, culturally safe, specialist family violence support, legal, case management, and wellbeing services and programs across Victoria. We advocate for system-wide change to improve access to justice, eliminate systemic violence, and strengthen women's resilience.

About our CEO Antoinette Braybrook AM

Antoinette Braybrook AM is an Aboriginal woman who was born on Wurundjeri country. Her grandfather and mother's line is through the Kuku Yalanji. Antoinette is the CEO of Djirra, a position she has held since the service was established in 2002. Antoinette is also Co-Chair of Change the Record, Australia's only national First Nations led justice coalition of legal, health and family violence prevention experts. Antoinette's leadership and contribution is widely recognised. Antoinette was inducted into the Victorian Honour Roll of Women in 2020 and is the 2022 Victorian recipient of the Australian Awards of Excellence in Women's Leadership. Antoinette was named Melburnian of the Year in 2022 and is the first Aboriginal person to receive this Award in its 20 years of existence. Antoinette was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia in 2023 in recognition of her service to the law and family violence prevention.



Aboriginal Women's Centre

Djirra is advocating for an Aboriginal Women's Centre in Melbourne. The Centre will be a special place where Aboriginal women can feel welcome and safe, access services, and be supported in every way to live empowered lives. It will support our vision of keeping our women safe, strong, connected, visible and heard.

The Aboriginal Women's Centre will be

- tailor-made to meet the needs of our women
- the first of its kind in Victoria
- a place of holistic and empowering support
- key to ensuring our women are invested in
- the strong foundation needed for Djirra's expansion

We envision a space that is welcoming and beautiful, with healing imbued in every element of its design. Women will come to the Centre to strengthen community connection, celebrate culture and access a broad range of support. Djirra plans to further expand our service provision in regional Victoria, with our dream that no woman should need to drive further than 1 hour to access our services. We cannot fulfil this vision without strengthening our foundation in Melbourne. As our existing space is no longer equipped to meet high demand for programs and services, our trajectory of growth relies on the establishment of this exciting space.