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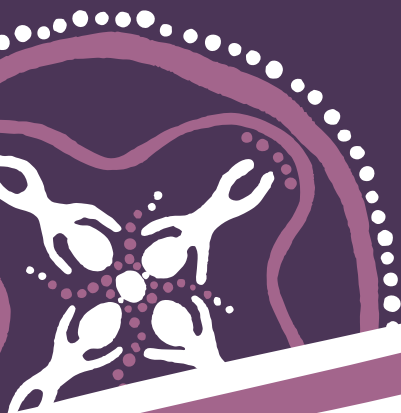
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VICTORIAN ABORIGINAL CHILD CARE AGENCY

Koorie Women's Diversion Program

Balit Baggarrook

(Woi Wurrung for Strong Woman)



**Balit Baggarrook is a voluntary service
aiming to prevent Koorie women
from having further contact
with the justice system.**

What is the Koorie Women's Diversion Program?

- A program to assist Koorie women from ongoing contact with the criminal justice system.
- To provide referral pathways into programs and services to reduce Koorie women offending or re-offending.
- To support Koorie women on Justice orders.
- To assist Koorie women to navigate the justice system and broader service systems.

Program Aim

Our aim is to support Koorie women currently involved with the criminal justice system in Northern Metro Melbourne area.

The program will assist women to successfully complete any justice order requirements and to develop skills to connect with other local services enabling them to successfully and lawfully meet their needs.

Who can access the program?

- Koorie women 18 years or older who reside in the Northern Metro areas who are in contact with the justice system or on Court orders, bail and /or Community Corrections Orders.

How to access program?

- Contact Balit Baggarrook at VACCA Preston (see contacts below).

What service and outcome will be provided?

- Intensive case management which includes a case planning and review
- Cultural and gender-appropriate support for women and their families for up to 12 months.
- To minimise the risk of entering or re-entering the criminal justice system
- To provide assistance on how to navigate the justice and broader service systems
- Assist to empower Koorie women towards greater strength and independence

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