



Strategic Plan

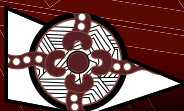
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Victorian Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation
is the peak body for the health and wellbeing of Aboriginal
people living in Victoria.

Who we are

VACCHO is the peak body for Aboriginal health and wellbeing in Victoria, with membership from 30 ACCOs.

VACCHO champions community control and health equality for Aboriginal communities. Our ACCHO Members have a proud history as sustainable, grassroots organisations that assist in building community capacity for self-determination, committed to assisting Aboriginal peoples to realise their full potential as individuals and as members of their Community. VACCHO believes that each Aboriginal community needs its own community based, locally owned, culturally appropriate, and adequately resourced holistic health and wellbeing service.



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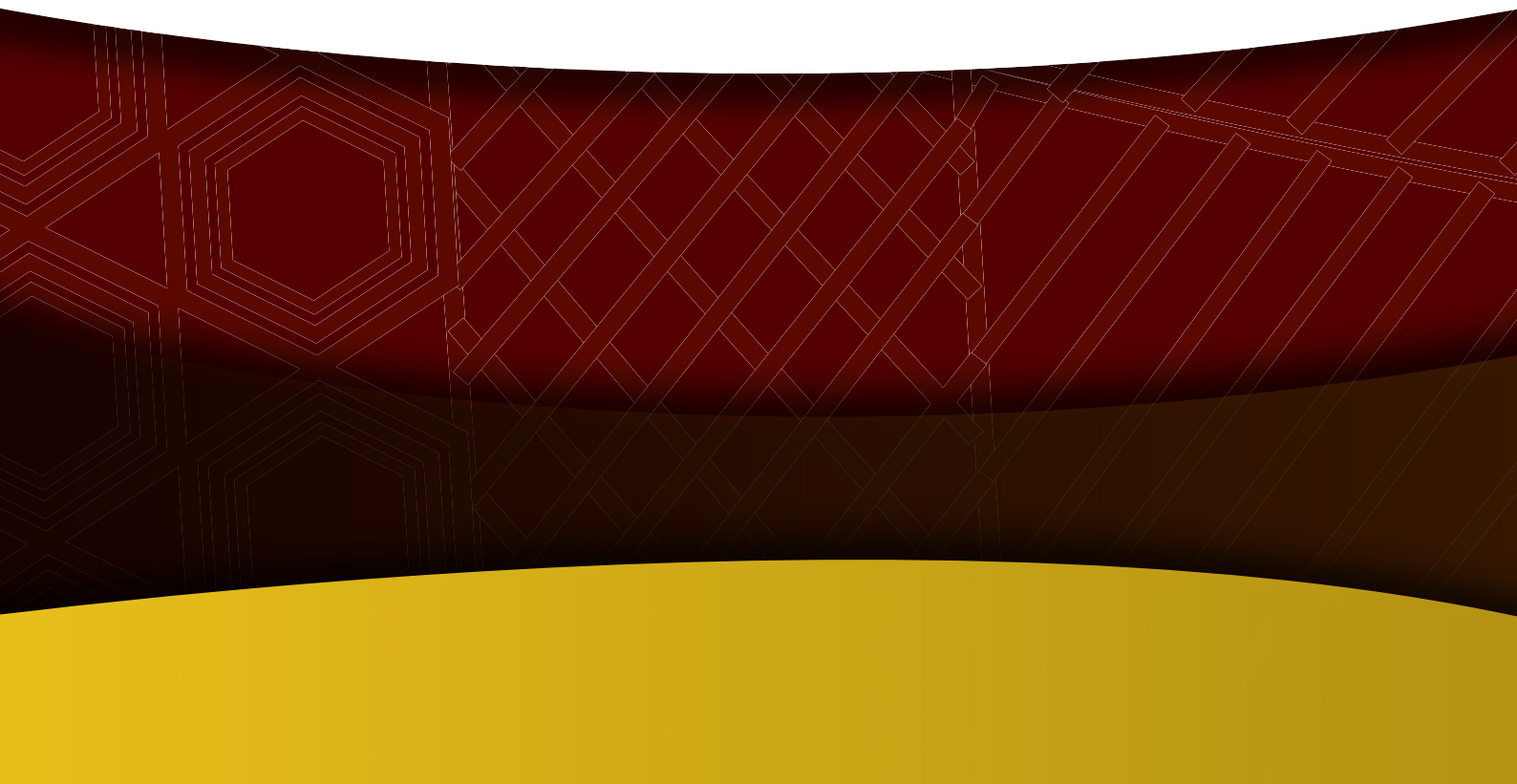
Our purpose

To courageously lead changes to create a representative and holistic understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health and wellbeing. By doing so we will improve the planning, advocacy, consultation, delivery and evaluation of health and wellbeing outcomes of Aboriginal peoples living in Victoria.

Our role

To lead and support the Victorian Aboriginal Community Controlled Sector by:

- fortifying the future growth and economic independence of ACCOs to enable the strengthening of local families and communities
- promoting a collaborative and holistic approach to achieving positive outcomes in Aboriginal health and wellbeing in Victoria
- engaging with a wide range of stakeholders to influence the development and implementation of policy and planning across the sector
- advocating for Aboriginal self-determination and a strong voice for Aboriginal peoples, enabling a resilient cultural identity and connection.



Our vision

Vibrant, healthy, self-determining Aboriginal Communities.

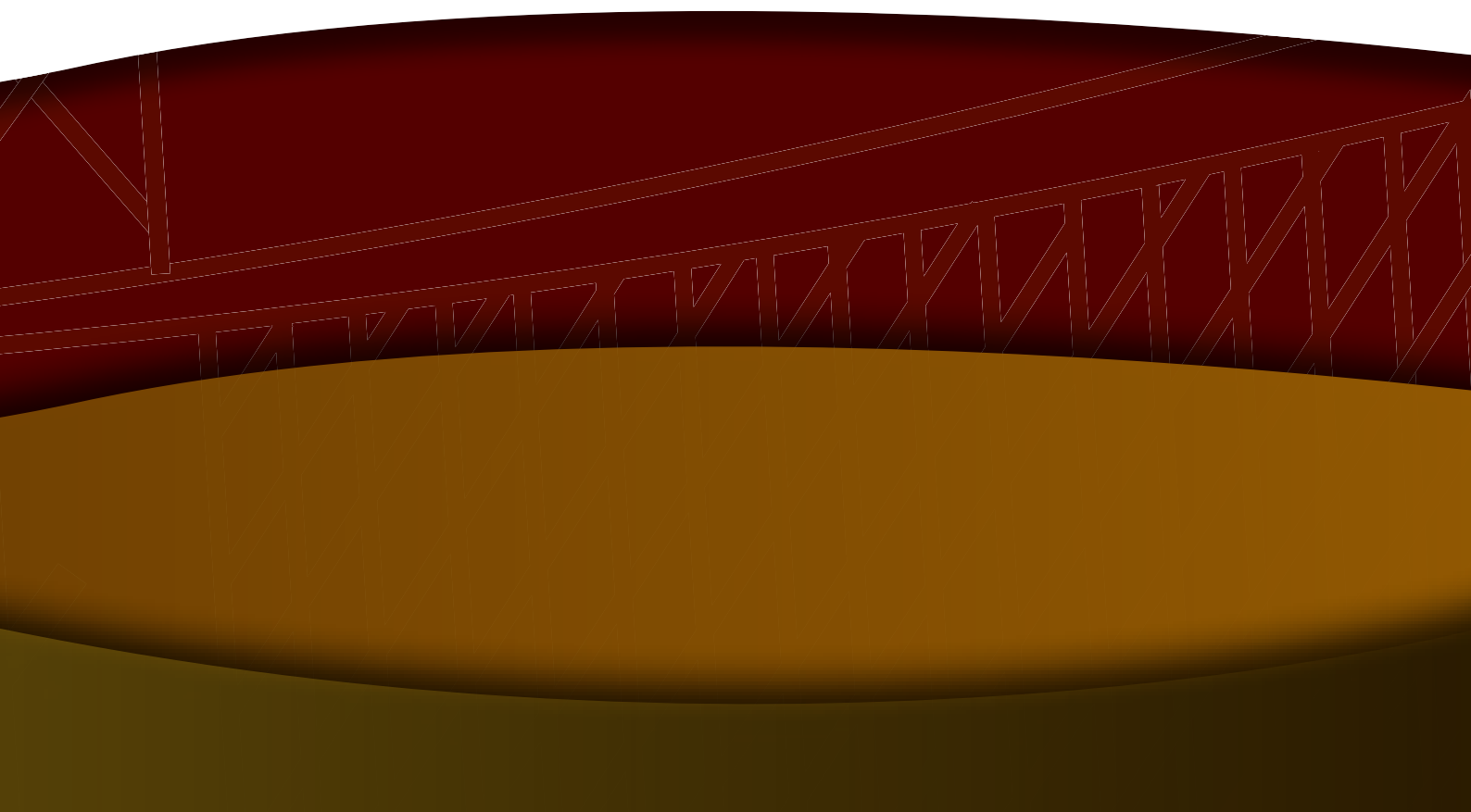
Our cultural values

VACCHO is at heart, and by constitution, an Aboriginal community organisation. Our Aboriginality is intrinsic to our identity, essential to our communities and our world view. Aboriginal culture is ancient and contemporary, dynamic, strong, vulnerable and valuable. Our Members' cultural identities are an important source of strength and this informs our ways of working and our integrity.

Underpinning all elements of this plan is VACCHO's absolute commitment to promoting the recognition and continuation of Aboriginal cultures.

As a Member-driven peak body representing and supporting Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations, VACCHO's fundamental priorities are to advocate for Aboriginal self-determination and be a voice for Aboriginal people in maintaining strong cultural identity and connection.

These basic principles and rights are essential to enable VACCHO to achieve the outcomes expressed throughout this strategic plan. These values are fundamental to our purpose and are woven into all aspects of our activities and professional practice.



Leadership

Through our steadfast commitment to Aboriginal cultures and self-determination we will lead the way in working with Members and other stakeholders to achieve gains in Aboriginal health and wellbeing.

VACCHO will:

- be a driving force in improving services for Aboriginal peoples in Victoria
- work with, and through all levels of Government and other bodies (Aboriginal and mainstream) to achieve better health and wellbeing outcomes for Aboriginal peoples in Victoria
- reinforce the mutual obligations of Governments and Aboriginal and mainstream organisations to improve Aboriginal health and wellbeing outcomes.

What will be achieved?

VACCHO will show leadership and be respected as a leader by those with obligations for Aboriginal health and wellbeing outcomes.

Evidence and community experience

We will ensure policy, planning and decision making are based on research, data, and Community experience and knowledge, which together form best practice and evidence.

VACCHO will:

- link to, and leverage from National and State repositories that hold sovereign data of Aboriginal people in Victoria
- capture the true holistic narrative of the lived experience of Aboriginal peoples in Victoria so that it informs and influences policy
- model a collaborative approach with Members and key stakeholders that result in the more strategic use, interpretation and analysis of meaningful data within the sector.

What will be achieved?

Best practice and evidence will drive decision making around Aboriginal health and wellbeing.

Strong Service System

VACCHO will consult and collaborate with Members and stakeholders to develop robust health systems infrastructure that is sustained through the development of culturally safe quality services.

VACCHO will:

- proactively lead in the design of robust systems to strengthen the Community controlled health sector in Victoria
- work with a wide range of service providers to embed Aboriginal cultures and values in the way services are delivered
- strenuously advocate to Government, mainstream and ACCOs to promote and enhance a broad-based approach to Aboriginal health and wellbeing.

What will be achieved?

Aboriginal culture and values are embedded into the way health services are delivered to Aboriginal people living in Victoria in all settings.

Sustainability

VACCHO and Aboriginal community controlled organisations will use effective quality business practices, seek opportunities to diversify business interests, and consolidate their engagement across the service system to enhance their self-determination.

VACCHO will:

- support Members to build their capacity to operate efficiently to deliver services that will improve health and wellbeing outcomes for Aboriginal people in Victoria
- work with members to develop and promote innovative business models to increase Members' economic independence
- work with Members and positively profile and promote the ACCO sector.
- continue to enhance our sustainability into the future

What will be achieved?

VACCHO and Member organisations are recognised and valued, both by Aboriginal communities and broader society as effective and economically strong organisations.