

Contact the VOCAT Koori List registrars

Phone: 9628 7859

Email: koori@vocat.vic.gov.au

Website: www.vocat.vic.gov.au

Other legal assistance and support

► Victims of Crime Helpline

Open: 8am–11pm, 7 days a week

Call: 1800 819 817 (free call)

Text: 0427 767 891

Email: vsa@justice.vic.gov.au

► Umalek Balit

Culturally safe service for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families who experience family violence.

Call: (03) 7004 9779

Email: csv.kfv@courts.vic.gov.au

► Victorian Aboriginal Legal Service

Call: 1800 064 865 (free call)

Email: vals@vals.org.au

► Law and Advocacy Centre for Women

Call: (03) 9448 8930

Email: info@lacw.org.au

► Djirra - Family Violence Prevention and Legal Service

Call: 1800 105 303 (free call)

Email: info.afvls@djirra.org.au

► Legal Referral Service

Call: (03) 9607 9550

Web: www.liv.asn.au/Referral



VICTIMS OF
CRIME ASSISTANCE
TRIBUNAL

Dhumbumana Healing

Assistance for Aboriginal and
Torres Strait Islander victims of crime



The Victims of Crime Assistance Tribunal acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the land we work on and pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

Feedback from you

Compliments and complaints:

Call: 1800 882 752

Email: koori@vocat.vic.gov.au



- ▶ **Are you a victim of crime in Victoria?**
- ▶ **Do you identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander?**

VOCAT may be able to help you and your family

What is VOCAT?

- VOCAT is the Victims of Crime Assistance Tribunal
- VOCAT assists Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who have been the victim of a violent crime
- VOCAT provides assistance in a culturally sensitive way
- There is more information about VOCAT on our website www.vocat.vic.gov.au

How can VOCAT help you?

If you are eligible for financial assistance VOCAT may be able to pay your reasonable expenses related to the incident, including:

- cultural support to help you with your healing
- urgent financial assistance
- medical and dental services
- counselling
- safety and security
- loss of earnings
- funeral costs
- other expenses to assist in your recovery, in certain circumstances.

Urgent financial assistance

You can seek urgent financial assistance for expenses such as funeral costs, counselling, medical, or safety related expenses. If you require urgent assistance please contact the Koori List registrars for further information.

Help with the VOCAT process

VOCAT staff are culturally sensitive to your needs and will help you and your family on your journey to heal.

VOCAT has Koori registrars who will provide guidance throughout the application process and can refer you to other culturally appropriate support agencies if you need extra support.

Do you need a lawyer?

The Tribunal can pay for legal costs to assist you with your VOCAT application.

Contact details for services that can provide legal assistance are at the rear of this brochure.

How to apply?

An application for assistance can be lodged online via our website www.vocat.vic.gov.au, or you can contact the Koori List registrars to obtain a hard copy form or emailed version.

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