



Victorian Aboriginal  
Children & Young  
People's Alliance

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## **A tribute from Chairperson Karen Heap and CEO Jason Kanoa of the Victorian Aboriginal Children and Young People's Alliance**

The Victorian Aboriginal Children and Young People's Alliance on behalf of our 15 Members organisations across regional Victoria pay homage to the highly valued and esteemed Elder of the Victorian Aboriginal Community, Aunty Fay Carter.

Aunty Fay, a respected elder of the Yorta-Yorta and Dja Dja Wurrung countries, has now left for the dreaming. Aunty Fay was a quiet achiever but left a significant impact and contribution for not only her own local community but the states Aboriginal communities. Decades long advocacy for our communities to have adequate access to programs and services that supported Aboriginal people in all their life stages is a legacy we all benefit from and can be proud of.

Aunty Fay's dedication to Aboriginal Affairs through her work for government and for the community-controlled organisations she has served, is reflected in the best outcomes for Aboriginal communities we see today.

We want to thank Aunty Fay for her tireless leadership and contribution in the children's and families sector, particularly through her involvement with VACCA for 11 years, ten of which she was Chair. Aunty Fay's role in drafting and implementing the Aboriginal Child Placement Principles, which governs the practice of child protection services here in Victoria ensures Aboriginal children are connected to family, culture and community.

We send our condolences to Aunty Fay's family during this sad time.

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