

Appointment of inaugural CEO



Victorian Aboriginal
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The Victorian Aboriginal Children and Young People's Alliance (VACYPA) is proud to announce the appointment of Jason Kanoa, a proud Gunditjmara and Bunitj man, as its inaugural Chief Executive Officer (CEO VACYPA).

The appointment marks a significant milestone for VACYPA and its mission to advocate for and support Aboriginal families, children, and young people across Victoria.

With over 20 years of experience working across Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations (ACCOs) and Government, Jason Kanoa brings a wealth of knowledge and a deep understanding of the opportunities and challenges facing Aboriginal families, children, and young people. His dedication to social justice and Aboriginal self-determination has been evident throughout his career.

"We are thrilled to have Jason Kanoa join us as our new CEO," writes Karen Heap, Chairperson of VACYPA Board. "His passion for improving the wellbeing of Aboriginal families, children, and young people aligns perfectly with our organisation's mission. We believe that under his leadership, VACYPA will continue to be a strong voice for Aboriginal communities across Victoria."

Jason Kanoa's appointment comes at a crucial time for VACYPA. His leadership will be instrumental in driving the VACYPA towards creating the necessary systems of empowerment for Aboriginal families, children, and young people to thrive. As articulated in the VACYPA's commitment to being the strong voice of its Members, Jason will spearhead advocacy efforts aimed at effecting systemic change.

Under Jason's guidance, VACYPA will amplify the voices of its members, ensuring that their perspectives shape policies and programs that directly impact their communities. In addition, Jason will drive Member support initiatives to ensure each local community, family and child is getting the best out of their local ACCO.

"We had a high calibre of applicants for the CEO position, which speaks volumes about the importance of our work and advocacy," Karen added. "We are confident that Jason's leadership will guide VACYPA towards achieving its goals and making a meaningful difference in the lives of Aboriginal children and young people."

Jason Kanoa will officially assume his role as CEO of VACYPA on March 18th, 2024. The appointment has been met with enthusiasm and optimism from Members of VACYPA and the broader community, who eagerly anticipate the positive impact that Jason will bring to the organisation.

As VACYPA prepares to embark on this new chapter under Jason Kanoa's leadership, we remain steadfast in our commitment to supporting Aboriginal children and young people to thrive in strong families and communities.

