

The Victorian Responsible Gambling Foundation's Innovate Reconciliation Action Plan (Nov 2021 – Nov 2023)

Online launch, Thursday 9 December 2021.

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[On screen text: Innovate Reconciliation Action Plan (Nov 2021 – Nov 2023) online launch, Thursday 9 December 2021]

[Uncle Tony Garvey, Wurundjeri Elder, speaking to camera via Zoom from his home]

I'd just like to start off with saying 'womindjeka' to everyone.

So womindjeka in the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung language means welcome.

So welcome to all Indigenous and non-Indigenous people here today.

[Shane Lucas, CEO, Victorian Responsible Gambling Foundation speaking to camera via Zoom from the training room at the Foundation's headquarters in North Melbourne]

Today we celebrate the completion of the Foundation's first Innovate Reconciliation Action Plan, and the commencement of a new, two-year Innovate RAP, which will take us through to 2023.

[Front cover of the Foundations Innovate Reconciliation Action Plan booklet]

In our first RAP [Reconciliation Action Plan], the Foundation committed to ensuring there is First Nations leadership in all Foundation programs, policies and activities that have an impact on First Nations people and communities.

[Footage from the launch event of the Foundation's inaugural Innovate RAP, November 2019: former Foundation Deputy Chair Belinda Duarte, at the lectern.]

[Footage from the launch event of the Foundation's inaugural Innovate RAP, November 2019: three attendees talking]

The focus of our first plan was on practical actions to demonstrate our respect for First Nations people, strengthen relationships with communities, and give opportunities to First Nations people to work with the Foundation.

[Footage from the launch event of the Foundation's inaugural Innovate RAP, November 2019: two seated attendees talking]

[Rodney Jackson, First Nations Reconciliation Expert Adviser to the Foundation, speaking to camera via Zoom]

I think the Victorian Responsible Gambling Foundation RAP demonstrates respect for Aboriginal communities right across Victoria in all areas.

It focuses on building cultural safety within the organisation, working in a collaborative way with traditional owners and local Aboriginal communities through the efforts and organisation that the Victorian Responsible Gambling Foundation have a real and thorough expertise in improving the wellbeing of Aboriginal people within the whole of Victoria.

And particularly in the work that's been explored, with all our colleagues in Aboriginal organisations that you fund.

[Shane Lucas speaking to camera via Zoom]

So, the Foundation has embarked on our second Innovate RAP in the same spirit of collaboration that guided the first.

The framework supports self-determination through actions that place culture front and centre. That acknowledge and tackle trauma. That promote healing. That call out and combat racism and ensure that economic benefits rest in communities.

And above all, prioritise cultural safety.

[Aunty Geraldine Atkinson, Co-Chair, First Peoples' Assembly of Victoria speaking to camera via Zoom]

We really believe that, you know, Truth-telling is really an important part that's really going to provide that evidence for us in relation to the Treaty process and how we stand up Treaties.

And we know that it's high time that the whole of this country needs to be told the truth.

We just want to make sure people get involved and work with us. We need allies.

It's non-Aboriginal people we want - that, you know - have the majority voice to back what we're doing.

To share what we're doing. And to get the word out about the First People's Assembly of Victoria and the Treaty process.

Because it's really important - we need allies.

[Shane Lucas speaking to camera via Zoom]

We're thrilled to be progressing to a second Reconciliation Action Plan.

But we must also be mindful not to say, 'job done'.

So, this morning we celebrate, and this afternoon we go back to work.

[Titles on screen:

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