

Women's Health East's Friends of Treaty Pledge

Women's Health East are proud to acknowledge the Wurundjeri Woi-Wurrung people, Traditional Owners of the lands where we do our work improving the health and wellbeing of all women in Melbourne's Eastern Region. We pay our respects to their Elders past and present and remember that sovereignty was never ceded.

As an organisation firmly committed to advancing social justice and equality, we want to play our part in righting the wrongs of the past and be part of creating a better future together.

With profound respect for the sovereignty, culture, and rights of First Peoples, we're pleased to announce that we will walk with the First Peoples' Assembly of Victoria on the journey to Treaty. The past can't be changed, but we can choose to take steps today that will help heal the ongoing pain caused by the injustices of yesterday.

We believe a better tomorrow is possible and Women's Health East pledges our unwavering support to the First Peoples' Treaty process in Victoria.

To help build support for the shared journey to Treaty, we will:

Collaborate

- Continue to listen and learn from Aboriginal communities on the importance of Treaty.

Educate

- Provide opportunities to educate our staff and partners about First Peoples' histories, cultures, and rights, as well as the Treaty process and implementation.

Advocate

- Publicly support Treaty and the work of the First Peoples' Assembly of Victoria through our communications and social media channels.
- Advocate for the full implementation of Treaty in Victoria and back the leadership of the First Peoples' Assembly.

Activate

- Implement all recommendations from the Yoorrook Truth-telling Report that are relevant to Women's Health East's work.
- Offer in-kind support to our First Nations partners

By making this pledge, we affirm our commitment to the self-determination of First Peoples in Victoria as they assert their rights, tell their truths, and chart a path towards, and healing through, Treaty-making.

Together, we will create a future where First Peoples' voices are heard, rights are respected, and justice is realised for generations to come.