

Yoorrook's Methodology

As an Aboriginal-led Commission, Yoorrook's unique methodology guides all aspects of its work. This includes how it gathers information and from what sources, how it supports First Peoples' choices to participate and treats their knowledge, how it interprets its mandate and uses its powers and how it recommends changes.

CENTRE CIRCLE

Letters Patent

Historic and ongoing systemic injustices

Causes and consequences

Who/what is responsible

Redress and reform

SECOND CIRCLE

Priority themes based on the **United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP)** and other human rights standards, focus on:

Political organization, resistance and self determination

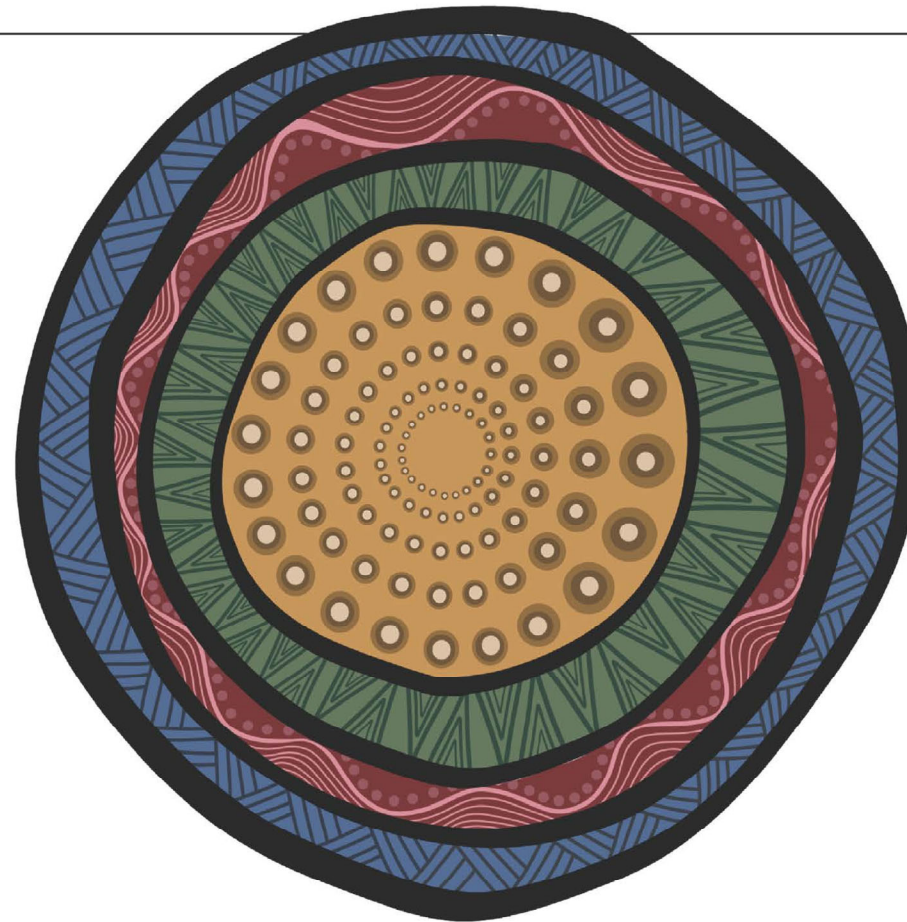
Lore and Law

Culture, language and heritage

People, society and wellbeing

Country, sky and waters

Dislocation and economics



THIRD CIRCLE

Truth: create a record of truth and who or what is responsible

Understanding: create broader Victorian community understanding of First Peoples and the links between past, present and future

Transformation: support change to remedy injustice against first Peoples in Victoria

OUTSIDE CIRCLE

Aboriginal ways of knowing, being and doing – understand cultural practice, respect lore and protocols, care and custodianship, safety and support, minimise harm and allow healing to occur

Self-determination – follow lead of communities, ensure Aboriginal participation and free prior and informed consents are included in all processes

Indigenous data sovereignty – ensure First Peoples' continued ownership, control and determination of how First Peoples' knowledge is treated/protected

First People's Nation Rebuilding – restore dignity of participants, use Language, uphold accountability of the state and those responsible, profile strength and survival, contribute to treaty

This development of this methodology was led by Commissioner Sue-Anne Hunter.