

**Submission to Yoorrook Justice Commission****From: Anonymous 1081****Dated: 4 November 2024****Submission:**

I am a non-Indigenous woman in my 60's who grew up in Victoria. Throughout my education as a Victorian school girl, there was no mention of Australia's First Nations history. Earlier this year I undertook a course with Melbourne University, called Sharing Indigenous Knowledge. The course introduced me to elements of Victoria's Indigenous history that I had no prior knowledge of. For example, I had never before heard of Coranderrk, or anything about the people who lived there. Having my eyes opened to this history made me really angry that I had been denied that knowledge in school. I sincerely hope that my grandchildren are being introduced to greater awareness of Australia's colonial history so that they can better understand and appreciate the devastating and ongoing impacts for Indigenous peoples. The more we understand, the better we are able to move forward together towards reconciliation.

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