

Submission to Yoorrook Justice Commission**From: Anonymous 1394****Dated: 22 November 2024****Submission:**

My family has undergone a challenging past. My Nan grew up on the Framingham Mission. Her father, my great grandfather was non-indigenous and so my Nan experienced intersectional racism for being light skinned. At 14, she ran away from the mission and hitchhiked to Naarm, where she has continued to live in the city. My Nan does not share her stories and in her old age has only started to open up about her experience. She married my Pop, who was an abusive alcoholic and raised my Dad who turned out to be a mentally ill abusive alcoholic to his three daughters. Mental illness is now prevalent in me and my sisters. There is a long line of intergenerational and trans generational trauma in my lineage as a result. Disconnection from the Fram mission by Nan was for her survival, but now understanding where I fit in is increasingly difficult. I often feel like an imposter in my own skin and guilty for not being introduced younger. Connecting to my culture has been difficult as I have had to sacrifice my mental health to engage with my father, so I am able to engage with my community. The disconnection is intense and isolating. I have so much passion that I am lost in what to do next for my people.

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