

Submission to Yoorrook Justice Commission**From: Leon Lyell****Dated: 28 October 2024****Submission:****What do you know about the colonisation of Victoria and its impacts on First Peoples?**

Not enough. I have a very general impressions of dispossession, 'protection' and poisoning by some early settlers.

What has been your experience learning about First Nations history and culture in Victoria's education system? Do you feel it was comprehensive?

I am 68 and learned nothing about First Nations history or culture at school. Q4. What changes would you like to see in Victoria to promote better understanding and respect for First Continuing role for cultural displays at public events. A school-based familiarity program (if this is not already operating).

In what ways do you think non-First Nations Victorians can contribute to the process of truth-telling and treaty?

Listen to the issues/concerns raised and discuss in general conversations. I think a better understanding of history will help in making a better future for all.

In what ways could First Peoples history and culture be promoted in Victoria?

In addition to items above, I think there is a need for an informative book for general readership including secondary students, outlining the history and culture. That might be the latest edition of 'Aboriginal Victorians: A history since 1800' by Richard Broome, but I would be interested to know if the Commission agrees or sees this as a good start, please. If so, it would be worth promoting as this is a helpful way to inform people who are interested to know.

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