

# RAP Update

January to March 2025

## Governance



### First Nations Board Member

We have appointed a First Nations woman to our Board of Management. Vicky Peters, a Dja Dja Wurrung, Yorta Yorta woman, is an experienced leader in health, higher education, and Indigenous services, with a strong focus on achieving health and wellbeing outcomes for First Nations people in Victoria and Australia.

She is currently Director First Nations Health at Eastern Health. Prior to this, Vicky was the Director of Indigenous Engagement at Swinburne University, responsible for developing initiatives focused on Indigenous employment, philanthropy, and procurement.

She also built a reputation as a trusted mentor and strategic advisor, with a proven track record in Indigenous student recruitment, policy development, and service coordination across both the education and health sectors.



## Respect

### Increased clinics with RAP artwork and Acknowledgement plaques

Through clinic visits, we have increased the number of clinics that display our RAP artwork to 37/50 and 31/50 are displaying Acknowledgement of Country plaques.

### Website update

Our website has undergone a full content refresh and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community pages were guided by the Demonstrating Inclusive and Respectful Language Guide. The new Acknowledgement of Country is now live.



## Opportunities

### Vanessa's story

As part of our efforts to raise awareness about breast cancer in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women, we have interviewed Vanessa Scales, member of our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Group. She shared her breast cancer journey, her experience with our program and her hopes and dreams for the future. Vanessa's story can be seen on our website.