

Wunman-Njinde Everyone!



Co-design



Process



Taksforce 1000 reviewed Aboriginal children in out-of-home care

Aboriginal children in Victoria are

**12.9 times
more likely**

to be in out-of-home care than
Non-Aboriginal children

88%

of children had
experienced family
violence

87%

of children were
exposed to parental
alcohol/substance use



Uncle Lloyd

Uncle Lloyd Hood



Tools used in the Co-Design process



- Non negotiable and negotiable
- Diversity of views - Inclusive of fathers
- Being mindful of diversity
- Empathy map
- Defining the problem
- What is an idea and what isn't an idea



Local Area Solutions – First 1000 Days

| Local Area | Problem | Opportunity | Solution |
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| Latrobe | <p>There are two key issues affecting the first 1000 days Aboriginal children in our community.</p> <p>The two issues are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Domestic violence▪ Disconnection from culture | <p>How might we provide families with the support they need to overcome trauma and connect them to culture so that they can care for their children, so together they can thrive?</p> | <p>The Journey is made up of four components;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Support through pregnancy▪ Family Tree / The Boorai Book▪ Welcome Boorai to Country▪ Connecting Elders to Boorai |



Future

Culture

Successful

Leaders

Future

Confident

Elders

Strength

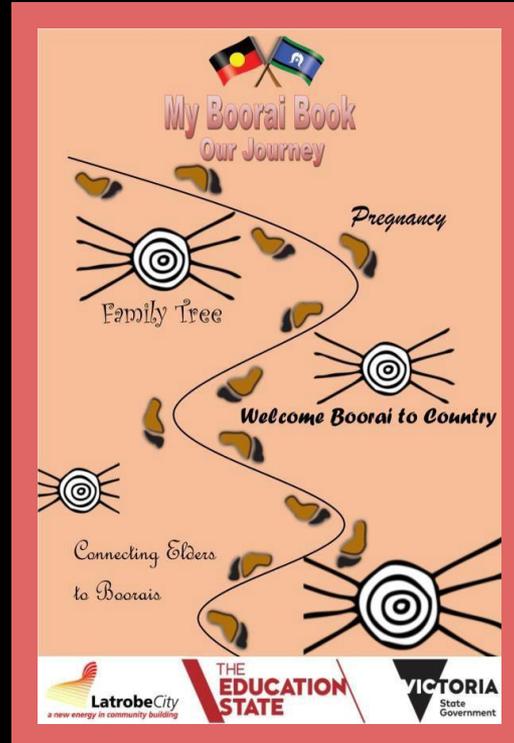
Proud

Loved

Koorie Kids

Respectful

Ambitious



The Journey

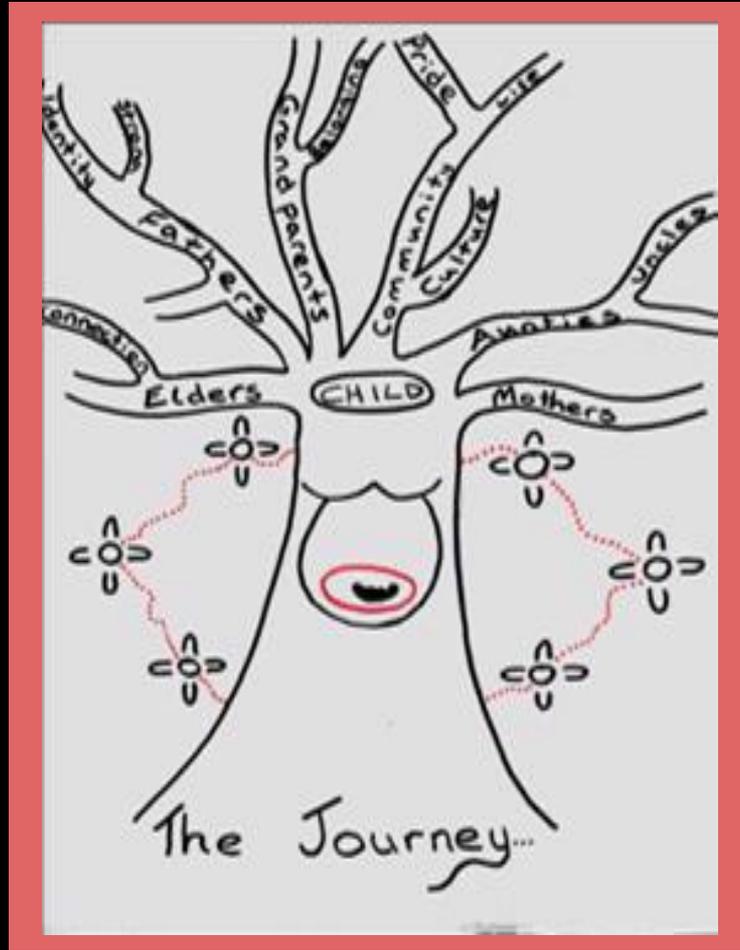
The Boorai Book which includes photos of parents, short stories from parents, tribes, totems, grandparents names.

All of these things intertwine together to make up "The Journey".



Giving fathers an opportunity to also be involved in The Journey

Family Tree



This will include assisting them with connecting back to their roots-

A couple examples are helping them

- Find out their totems
- Finding out what clan group they are from.

When a person has an understanding of their cultural roots, they feel a real sense of belonging and that alone is one of the best feeling.



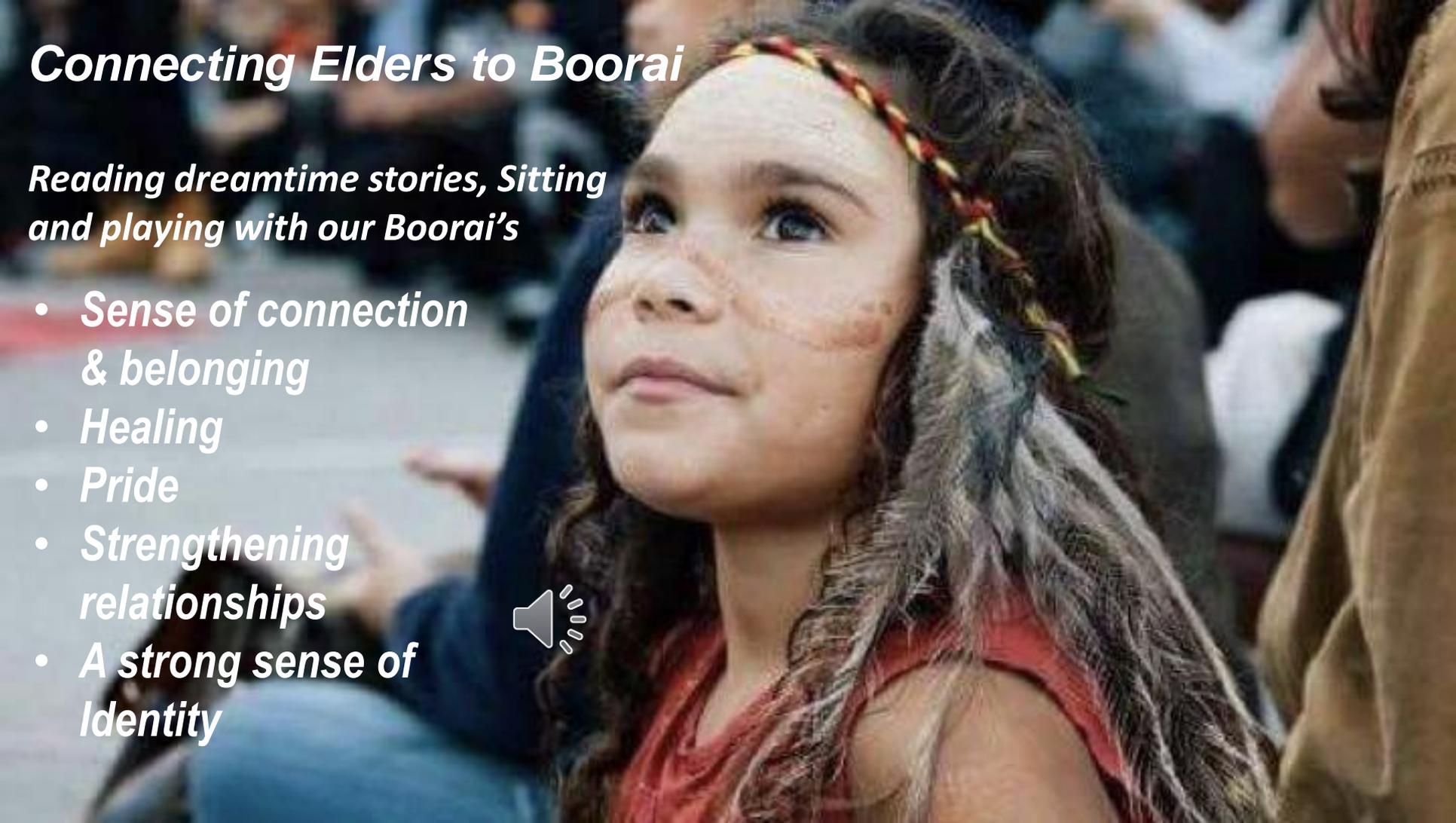
Welcome Boorai to Country

Participating in cultural activities such as making possum skin cloaks and burning their journeys in to them & coolamons

Connecting Elders to Boorai

Reading dreamtime stories, Sitting and playing with our Boorai's

- *Sense of connection & belonging*
- *Healing*
- *Pride*
- *Strengthening relationships*
- *A strong sense of Identity*



**Learn from
existing
programs**



**Design
pilots**

**Project
planning and
Implementation**

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**Work with
elders & our
community**

**Seek funding,
resources &
support**



Update on The First 1000 Days Project

- New Project Officer has started
- Waiting on Community Engagement Officer
- Project Plan
- Investigation of baby boxes



Aim: Increase Latrobe Valley Aboriginal family's knowledge of culture and heritage by connecting them to their elders and community so that they can raise happy and healthy children that thrive

Objective 1 Supporting pregnant mums to prepare for the birth of their Boorai

Strategy

1. To provide all pregnant mums with a Baby Box and resources

Objective 2 Increase parents knowledge of their kinship, clan and culture so that they can share it with their Boorai

Strategy

1. Develop a family tree for each Boorai
2. Assist parents to complete the Our Boorai Book-Our Journey with support from local elders
3. Organise a Welcome Boorai to Country for all new babies
4. Organise regular gatherings between elders, community and families