

Presenter

Ngarra Murray

Co-Chair, First Peoples' Assembly of Victoria



Ngarra Murray is a proud Wamba Wamba, Yorta Yorta, Dhudhuroa and Dja Dja Wurrung woman who grew up in Shepparton, and is Co-Chair of the First Peoples' Assembly of Victoria (the Assembly).

She has significant cultural and familial connections to many parts of Victoria and NSW. Living and working on Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung Country, Ngarra represents the diverse Aboriginal Communities of the Metropolitan region.

As the elected Co-Chair, Ngarra is a spokesperson for the Assembly. Her role is to elevate the voices and priorities of Community members on the journey to Treaties in Victoria. She is committed to meeting with all Traditional Owner groups and spending time 'talking Treaty' with communities to foster nation-building and consensus-building throughout her term.

Ngarra is passionate about community mobilisation, the inalienable power of sovereignty and lore, and Treaties in our near future. Before commencing her full-time leadership role at the Assembly, Ngarra was the Executive Lead of the First Peoples' Program at Oxfam Australia. Oxfam Australia are a global movement of people fighting inequality to end poverty and injustice. In her role, Ngarra worked across local, national and global alliances and led a team working across multiple national priorities; including building constituency for change, policy and influencing activities and the Oxfam Straight Talk program. Ngarra played a critical role in the success of the Straight Talk program, supporting hundreds of First Nations women to engage with political systems and forge important connections globally. Ngarra has made immense contributions to Oxfam Australia and devoted more than ten years of service to the organisation.

Ngarra has held a range of positions at The University of Melbourne, City of Melbourne, Co-Health and Museum Victoria. Ngarra was previously a Member of the National NAIDOC Committee and Member of Creative Victoria's First Peoples Direction Circle. She is an Alumni of the Fellowship for Indigenous Leadership. Outside of her professional commitments, Ngarra is a mother of four children, and is the second oldest of 12 siblings. She prioritises family, Country, Culture, sport and art. She enjoys visiting Murray River country and her traditional lands around Cummeragunja, Shepparton, and Barmah.

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