



Magistrates' Court  
of Victoria

# Koori Community Engagement Officer

*Geelong Magistrates' Court*

*Koori Community Engagement Officer*

*VPS Grade 3, Fixed Term 12 months*

*The position of Koori Community Engagement Officer is an initiative of the Victorian Aboriginal Justice Agreement*

## **About us**

The Magistrates' Court of Victoria (MCV) is a jurisdiction within the Court Services Victoria statutory authority and has a long history of providing justice for the people of Victoria in metropolitan and regional courts across the state.

The Court determines in excess of 300,000 cases per annum at 51 venues, equating to approximately 90 per cent of all cases that come before Victorian courts each year. The Court aims to be an innovative, accessible and responsive court that provides quality services to the Victorian community.

## **About the Role**

The Koori Community Engagement Officer will be responsible for providing cultural advice to the Court and assistance to Koori/Aboriginal persons and their families coming before the Magistrates Court/Koori Court regarding court obligations and outcomes.

The role will assist the Court in providing a more culturally appropriate response through:

- Supporting the Koori/Aboriginal community in understanding and gaining knowledge of the operations and procedures of the Magistrates Court and Koori Court.
- Maintaining a register of service and support programs
- Supporting referral processes to foster and maintain links between the Magistrates' Court and the Aboriginal community to assist clients to meet rehabilitation and court outcomes.

## **About you**

The aim of the Koori Community Engagement Officer is to assist in reducing the over-representation of Aboriginal people in the Victorian justice system by working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander clients when they enter the court system, assisting them to maximise their chances of rehabilitation through culturally appropriate and sensitive intervention.

The Koori Community Engagement Officer must have client support/relationship management skills which are of a high standard to work and build on when collaborating with diverse groups of key stakeholders such as; Koori/Aboriginal clients, Koori/Aboriginal families, Elders and Respected Persons (ERPs), Magistrates, Youth Justice Workers, Department of Justice and Regulation Corrections, Victoria Police Prosecution team, Community Organisations, and Legal Representatives, such as Victorian Aboriginal Legal Service (VALS), Victorian Legal Aide (VLA) and other.

This is a designated position under section 12 of the *Equal Opportunity Act 2010*. Only Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are eligible to apply for this position.

If you have the necessary skills and looking to work autonomously, well organised, work with diverse groups of key stakeholders, and make a difference for the Koori/Aboriginal community within the justice space, please follow the below application process.

**For further information on this position and to submit your application, please visit [careers.vic.gov.au](https://careers.vic.gov.au) by 24/01/2021.**