

# PROGRAM

## BUILDING BRIDGES FORUM

Thursday 24 July 2025 | 10:00AM - 2:45PM

Aboriginal Advancement League



**9:30AM - 10:00 AM**

Registration open

**10:05AM - 10:30 AM**

Acknowledgments & Opening Address

**10:30AM - 10:45AM**

NIFVS Overview and icebreaker activity

**10:45AM - 12:10PM**

Panel 1: Accountability at the Outset

**12:10PM - 12:55PM**

LUNCH and Service Stalls

**12:55PM - 2:00PM**

Panel 2: A reflection on care teams, collaboration, and collective efforts to address family violence

**2:00PM - 2:35PM**

Reflection activity and AFTERNOON TEA

**2:35PM - 2:45PM**

Closing remarks





# OTHER INFORMATION

**Venue:**

Aborigines Advancement League  
2 Watt Street, Thornbury VIC 3071

**Time:**

The event will commence at 10:00am.  
You are welcome to arrive from 9:30am for registration.

**Getting There:**

- Parking: All-day parking is available at the venue.
- Public Transport:  
Train: Thornbury Station (Mernda line) is nearby  
Tram: Routes 11 and 96 stop within walking distance
- Accessibility: The venue has a wheelchair-accessible entrance and lift. Staff will be available to assist if needed.

**Photography and Social Media**

Staff will be taking photographs throughout the event.  
If you prefer not to be photographed, opt-out stickers will be available at the registration table.

**Health and Wellbeing**

To help keep our community safe, we kindly ask:

- Please stay home if you are unwell
- Face masks and hand sanitiser will be available on-site.

**Catering**

Lunch and afternoon tea will be provided. Tea and coffee will be available throughout the day.

**Questions or Access Needs?**

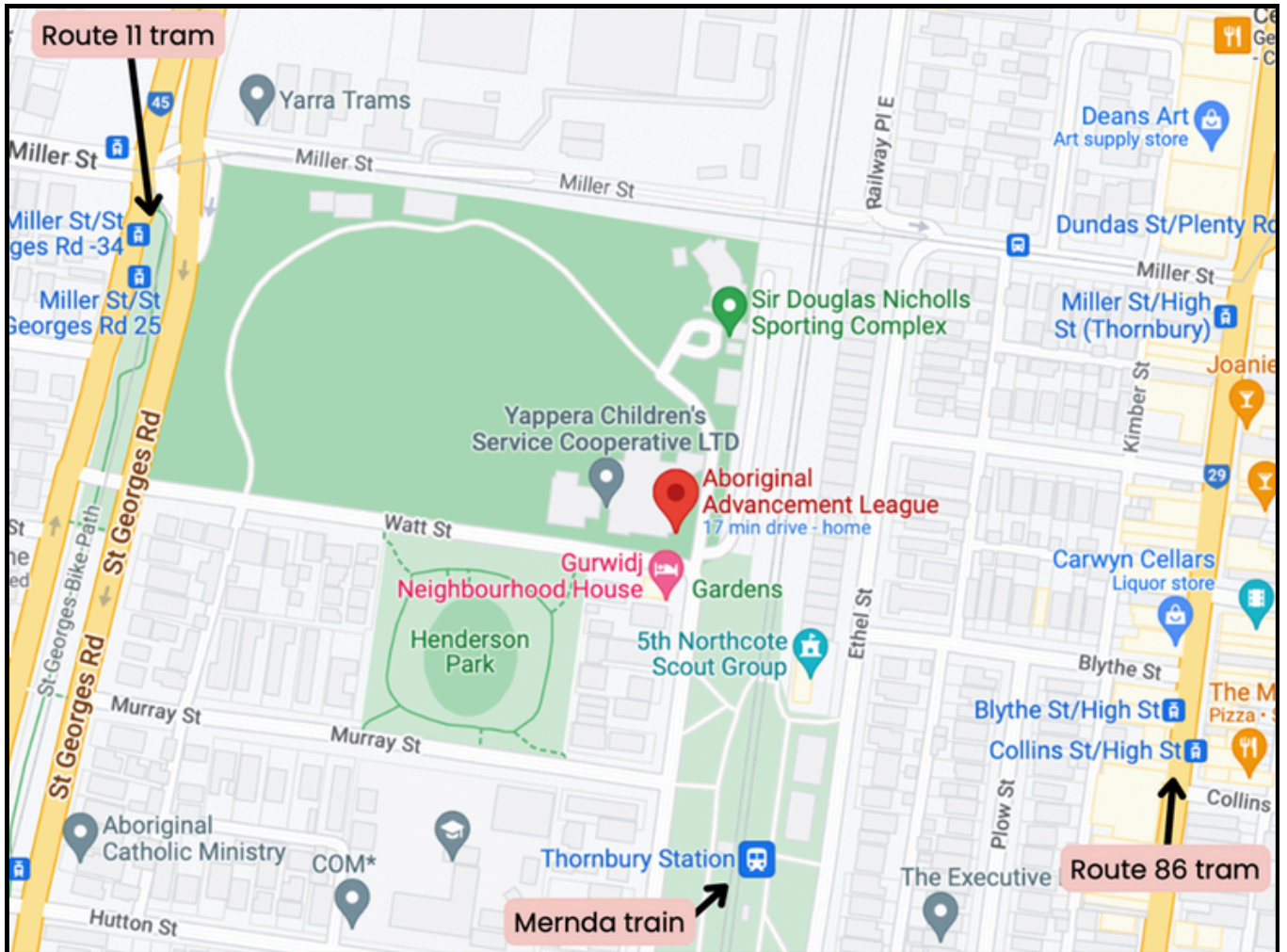
If you have any questions prior to the event or require further information, please contact:

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# MAP



## **Acknowledgement of Country**

The Northern Integrated Family Violence Services partnership acknowledges Victorian Aboriginal people as the Traditional Owners of the land on which we provide our services – the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung People of the Kulin nation – and pay our respect to their Elders past and present. We acknowledge that Aboriginal sovereignty was never given up and that we stand on stolen land. We are committed to Aboriginal self-determination and to supporting Treaty and truth-telling processes.

We recognise the ongoing leadership role of the Aboriginal community on gender equality and the health, safety and wellbeing of women and gender-diverse people. As First Peoples, Aboriginal Victorians are best placed to determine a culturally appropriate path to these in their communities.

## **Recognition of Victim Survivors of Family Violence**

NIFVS recognises all victim survivors of family violence, sexual assault, and all forms of gender-based violence.

NIFVS recognises the lived experience, advocacy and courage of victim survivors that shapes the family violence service sector and provides us with the evidence-base for our work. We express thanks and commitment to uphold their stories to inform our work. NIFVS pays respect to those who have lost their lives due to family violence and the families, friends and communities who have been impacted.

## **Recognition of Workforces**

The Northern Integrated Family Violence Services partnership would like to acknowledge our practitioners both current and those who have pioneered the sector who have worked with both victim/survivors of family violence and with people who use violence in the home. These practitioners have supported people in difficult periods of their lives, and we wish to acknowledge that vicarious trauma has an impact not only on the work force but on their family members. Without practitioners we wouldn't have a service system and we thank these workers every day.

