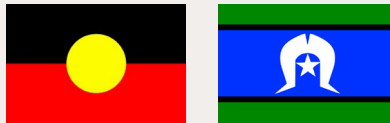


ABOUT VACRO

VACRO works across the criminal justice system to create a safe and fair community, to respect and support individual and family dignity, and to make a positive contribution to reducing the harm done by crime.

OTHER VACRO SERVICES

- Information and resources to assist understanding of the criminal justice system
- Pre and Post – release support
- ReLink: A voluntary program in all release prisons except the Judy Lazarus Transition Centre. ReLink prepares male and female prisoners to successfully reintegrate into the community through intensive group and individual workshops. Provides practical strategies to assist with reintegration and development of a Transition Case Plan.
- ReConnect: A voluntary support program providing pre and post release case management for adult males and females being released from prison. A post release worker assists participants to identify, develop and achieve their goals.



At VACRO we acknowledge the traditional custodians throughout Victoria and pay our respects to Aboriginal Elders past and present. We also acknowledge the unique spiritual connections that Aboriginal people have to the land and respect their history traditions and protocols.

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LIFE CHANGING

ABORIGINAL FAMILY VISITS PROGRAM



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WHAT IS OUR ROLE?

The Aboriginal Family Visits program (AFVP) aims to help family members remain in contact with their loved ones in prison.

VACRO recognises the financial difficulties for families in regularly travelling long distances to visit family members in prison.

The AFVP is available for family members of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in prison within Victoria. It offers the opportunity for prisoners to:

- Stay connected with family
- Rebuild family ties and;
- Access family support.

This program is funded by Corrections Victoria, Department of Justice and offers:

- Travel assistance
- Accommodation assistance
- Preparation and information for families about visiting prison

WHO CAN WE ASSIST?

To access this service:

- The prisoner must identify as being indigenous
- Family members must be listed on the prisoners visit list
- A maximum of five (5) family members can access assistance once (1) every six (6) weeks
- Family members must be travelling a long distance (not just within Melbourne).

VACRO will check eligibility with the prison before organising assistance.

Note: If the prisoner does not identify as Indigenous, Aboriginal families are not eligible.

How to Apply

- Families contact VACRO to organise assistance
- Prisoners speak with your Aboriginal Welfare/Liaison Officer or Case Manager

WHAT CAN WE ASSIST WITH?

Travel

- V/Line train tickets
- V/Line bus tickets
- Reimbursement of petrol expenses
- Taxi reimbursement

*Petrol reimbursement only where V/Line is not available or appropriate.

*Reimbursement of petrol and taxi expenses must be approved by VACRO before travelling.

Accommodation

A distance of at least three (3) hours travel from your home to the prison is required to be considered for overnight assistance.

- Assistance is provided for one (1) night only.
- Assistance can also be provided for families travelling from interstate.

