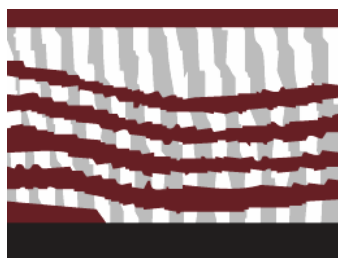


# *Victorian Toolkit of Assistance Available for Registered Native Title Bodies Corporate*

July 2010



---

## Contents

<b>INTRODUCTION</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>1. FUNDING</b>	<b>3</b>
1.1 SEARCHING FOR VICTORIAN FUNDING	3
1.2 RELEVANT FUNDING AND GRANTS FOR RNTBCs	4
<b>2. TRAINING INFORMATION</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>3. GRANT WRITING ASSISTANCE:</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>4. OTHER ASSISTANCE</b>	<b>9</b>

### INTRODUCTION

This document provides information pertaining to financial and human resource assistance available for prescribed bodies corporate (PBCs) and registered native title bodies corporate (RNTBCs) in the state of Victoria.<sup>1</sup> It is designed to be used primarily as an on-line resource.

It contains the following information sourced at a state level that may be of interest for PBCs and RNTBCs:

1. Grants Government and Non-Governmental Organisation grants
2. Training information
3. Grant Writing Assistance
4. Other Assistance

Further information on RNTBCs can be found at:

AIATSIS Native Title Resource Unit: [Prescribed Bodies Corporate Page](#)

AIATSIS Native Title Resource Unit: [Native Title Resource Guide](#)

This document does not include Federal Australian Government or other nationally available sources of funding. For national funding refer to the [Registered Native Title Bodies Corporate National Toolkit](#). The two documents are intended to be read together.

---

<sup>1</sup> The term prescribed body corporate (PBC) derives from Part 2 Division 6 of the *Native Title Act 1993*, which provides that a prescribed body corporate must be determined to manage native title rights and interests. The Native Title (Prescribed Bodies Corporate) Regulations 1999 prescribe the form or types of bodies that may be nominated when a determination recognising native title has been made. The term Registered Native Title Body Corporate (RNTBC) derives from the *Native Title Act 1993* (NTA) and describes the organisation that is determined by the Court and entered on the National Native Title Register. Under the *Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006* an RNTBC will be required to have the words 'registered native title body corporate' or the abbreviation 'RNTBC' as part of its name. For the purpose of this document from this point forward the abbreviation RNTBCs will be used to refer to Prescribed Bodies Corporate and Registered Native Title Bodies Corporate.

## Registered Native Title Bodies Corporate Victorian Toolkit (July 2010)

### 1. FUNDING

This section provides an overview of funding assistance available for PBCs. It details:

- 1.1 Searching for Victorian State Government and Local Council Funding
- 1.2 Relevant funding and grants for PBCs

#### 1.1 Searching for Victorian Funding

Table 1 provides a list of useful search engines for RNTBCs to use when searching for funding in the state of Victoria.

*Table 1: Searching for Victorian State Government and Local Council Funding*

	Name
Victorian Government Search Engines	<a href="#">Department of Planning and Community Development Grants Finder</a>
	<a href="#">Business Victoria – Find a Grant</a>
Victorian Government Departments	<a href="#">Department of Sustainability and Environment</a>
	<a href="#">Sport and Recreation</a>
	<a href="#">Department of Planning and Community Development</a>
	<a href="#">Victorian Multicultural Commission</a>
Victorian Councils	<a href="#">Northern Grampians Shire Council grants</a>
	<a href="#">Moonee Valley Community grants</a>
	<a href="#">Bendigo Community Grants</a>
Federal Government Search Engines with state-specific search capabilities	<a href="#">Parliamentary Library: A Guide to Community Grants</a>
	<a href="#">FahCSIA list of funding for community projects</a>

## 1.2 Relevant funding and grants for RNTBCs

Table 2 provides a list of Victorian Government and Non-Government funding sources for activities related to the exercise of native title rights and interests. In instances where the closing date for current funding applications has already passed, users of this toolkit are advised to contact the relevant organisations.

The funding opportunities of greatest relevance to RNTBCs are listed first in Table 2 below. Funding opportunities have also been ordered according to the following themes:

- Indigenous
- Multicultural
- Cultural Heritage
- History
- Volunteers
- Women
- Business Support
- Community Support
- Legal

*Table 2: Funding assistance for RNTBCs*

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Program</b>	<b>Project Details</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Closing Date</b>	<b>Contact</b>
<b>Indigenous</b>	<a href="#">Indigenous Business Development Program</a>	Combined loans and grants program administered by Indigenous Business Australia, for business support and business finance. For Indigenous individuals and corporations.	Victorian Department of Employment and Workplace Relations	Contact for details	1800 079 098
	<a href="#">Indigenous Community Infrastructure Program</a>	Assists Victorian Aboriginal organisations to acquire, upgrade and develop facilities for community use. The facilities will need to improve quality of life for Indigenous Victorians.	Victorian Department of Planning and Community Development	31 August 2010	(03) 9208 3242 OR <a href="mailto:ICIP@dpcd.vic.gov.au">ICIP@dpcd.vic.gov.au</a>
<b>Multicultural</b>	<a href="#">Multicultural Festivals and Events Grants</a>	Supports major festivals, conferences and special ethnic community events that encourage participation of the broader community in celebrating and valuing cultural diversity.	Victorian Multicultural Commission	August 2010	(03) 9651 0651 OR <a href="mailto:info@vmc.vic.gov.au">info@vmc.vic.gov.au</a>
	<a href="#">Strengthening Multicultural Communities Grants</a>	Supports community organisations that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop capacity of multicultural networks to fully engage in</li> </ul>	Victorian Multicultural Commission	December 2010	(03) 9651 0651 OR <a href="mailto:info@vmc.vic.gov.au">info@vmc.vic.gov.au</a>

## Registered Native Title Bodies Corporate Victorian Toolkit (July 2010)

Subject	Program	Project Details	Department	Closing Date	Contact
		community life; • Support local heritage; • Enable community partnerships.			
	<a href="#">Promoting Harmony: Multifaith and Interfaith</a>	Funding for projects that bring groups together to promote community harmony, celebrate our shared values and increase our understanding and appreciation of differences.	Victorian Multicultural Commission	December 2010	(03) 9651 0651 OR <a href="mailto:info@vmc.vic.gov.au">info@vmc.vic.gov.au</a>
<b>Cultural Heritage</b>	<a href="#">Heritage assistance funds</a> <a href="#">General Heritage Funding Information</a>	Provides financial assistance for the repair and conservation of heritage places or objects.	Heritage Victoria – under the Department of Planning and Community Development	Check website for next round of funding	(03) 8644 8800 OR <a href="mailto:heritage.grants@dpcd.vic.gov.au">heritage.grants@dpcd.vic.gov.au</a>
	<a href="#">Interpretation of Heritage Places and Objects</a>	Interpretation grants provide funding to undertake projects that will improve the understanding of, and public access to, Victoria's important heritage places, objects and collections.	Victorian Department of Planning and Community Development	Check website for next round of funding	(03) 8644 8800 OR <a href="mailto:heritage.grants@dpcd.vic.gov.au">heritage.grants@dpcd.vic.gov.au</a>
	<a href="#">Small grants Program</a>	This organisation provides grants to support the community in particular areas including Arts, Culture and Heritage.	Helen Macpherson Smith Trust	30 September 2010	(03) 9631 2551
<b>History</b>	<a href="#">Victoria 175 History Grants</a>	Provides small grants of up to \$12,000 to community organisations to preserve, record, publish and commemorate the origins and founding stories of Victoria's diverse communities, including Indigenous communities.	Public Records Office of Australia	16 July 2010	(03) 9348 5600 OR <a href="mailto:ask.prov@pov.vic.gov.au">ask.prov@pov.vic.gov.au</a>

## Registered Native Title Bodies Corporate Victorian Toolkit (July 2010)

Subject	Program	Project Details	Department	Closing Date	Contact
<b>Volunteers</b>	<a href="#">Victorian Volunteer Small Grants</a>	Available for not for profit organisations for them to attract new volunteers from diverse backgrounds and strengthen existing volunteer programs.	Victorian Department of Planning and Community Development	Ongoing	1300 366 356 <a href="mailto:information@dpcd.vic.gov.au">information@dpcd.vic.gov.au</a>
<b>Women</b>	<a href="#">Women's leadership grants</a>	Grants up to \$20,000 for non-profit community and women's groups that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase women's participation in decision making;</li> <li>• Increase opportunities for women's leadership;</li> <li>• Increase diversity among women leaders, particularly Indigenous communities.</li> </ul>	Victorian Department of Planning and Community Development	3 August 2010	1300 366 356
<b>Business Support</b>	- <a href="#">Community Enterprise Grants</a>	Supports the development of community enterprises and not-for-profit business ventures that meet local community needs.	Victorian Department of Planning and Community Development	Currently closed – contact for next round of funding	1300 366 356
	<a href="#">Bergan Business Support Program</a>	Grants of up to \$7,500 to be spent within one year are available to assist Indigenous individuals and their business.	Business Victoria	Ongoing	(03) 9651 9158 OR <a href="mailto:kbn@iird.vic.gov.au">kbn@iird.vic.gov.au</a>
<b>Community Support</b>	<a href="#">Building Community Infrastructure</a>	To build/upgrade community centres or general infrastructure that supports and contributes to strengthening the community.	Victorian Department of Planning and Community Development	Ongoing	1300 366 356
	<a href="#">Planning</a>	Contribute to planning projects proposed by local governments and community partnerships that	Victorian Department of Planning and Community Development	Ongoing	1300 366 356 OR <a href="mailto:information@dpcd.vic.gov.au">information@dpcd.vic.gov.au</a>

## Registered Native Title Bodies Corporate Victorian Toolkit (July 2010)

Subject	Program	Project Details	Department	Closing Date	Contact
		respond to emerging community need.			
	<a href="#">Organisational Support Grants</a>	Provides financial assistance for the general costs associated with running community organisations.	Victorian Multicultural Commission	December 2010	<a href="mailto:info@vmc.vic.gov.au">info@vmc.vic.gov.au</a>
	<a href="#">Building and Facilities Improvement Grants</a>	Assists ethnic community organisations to undertake minor upgrades to buildings that they own (maximum grant \$15,000).	Victorian Multicultural Commission	December 2010	<a href="mailto:info@vmc.vic.gov.au">info@vmc.vic.gov.au</a>
<b>Legal</b>	<a href="#">Legal Services Board Grants Program</a>	Funds projects that aim to improve the administration of laws, increase access to justice, improve legal services and inform and educate the wider community about legal services.	Legal Services Board Victoria	30 July 2010	(03) 9679 8000

## 2. TRAINING INFORMATION

RNTBCs may require information about training initiatives to ensure that native title holders are able to deal with issues of decision-making, dispute management, communication, governance, business management, as well as land and resource management. This section discusses training opportunities and training resources.

Table 3: Training Courses/Information

Courses	Information	Locations	How to apply
<a href="#">Governance Training Program for Indigenous organisations</a>	Designed to strengthen Indigenous community organisations through development of management and governance skills of board members and key staff.	Melbourne	<a href="#">Nomination Form</a> (03) 9208 3333
<a href="#">Koori Business Network</a>	Victorian Government's lead agency in the growth and promotion of Indigenous economic development. Provides practical advice and supported access to a comprehensive range of business development and support services. Encourages and facilitates the development of networks among Koori businesses, Koori business operators and mainstream business groups.	Melbourne	(03) 9651 9158 OR <a href="mailto:kbn@iird.vic.gov.au">kbn@iird.vic.gov.au</a>
<a href="#">Skills Victoria</a>	The Skills Victoria Website provides information on education and training opportunities for the community.	Victoria	1300 842 754 OR <a href="mailto:skills@diird.vic.gov.au">skills@diird.vic.gov.au</a>
<a href="#">Managing Cultural Diversity Training Program</a>	Aims to enable small and medium enterprises to better understand cultural diversity and how to manage it effectively to improve workplace relationships, teamwork, productivity, market knowledge, community relationships, customer service and competitiveness.	Victoria	(03) 9347 6622 OR <a href="mailto:lynn.cain@amf.net.au">lynn.cain@amf.net.au</a>

## 3. GRANT WRITING ASSISTANCE:

Table 4 provides details of guides to grant writing, workshops and grant writers.

Table 4: Grant Writing Assistance.

Guides to Grant Writing	Grant Writing Workshops	Grant Writers
Youth Central: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Tips for writing grant applications</a></li> </ul> VIC government: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Grants Information Line</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Application Advice</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Hints for grant writing</a></li> </ul>	Australia Business Funding Centre: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Government grant writing workshop in your area</a></li> <li>• Local government: <a href="#">Grant writing workshops</a> (City of Casey)</li> </ul>	OurCommunity: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">List of grant writers</a></li> </ul>

## Registered Native Title Bodies Corporate Victorian Toolkit (July 2010)

### 4. OTHER ASSISTANCE

Native title holders, through RNTBCs, may seek to establish relationships with a range of organisations that may be able to assistance, advice, information or resources. Some organisations of interest are listed in Table 5.

Table 5: Other Assistance available for RNTBCs

Organisation	Organisation Details	Program Details	Contact
<a href="#">Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council</a>	Created to ensure that Aboriginal people throughout Australia play a central role in the protection and management of their heritage. The council works with key partners to influence policy and educate people about Victoria's rich Aboriginal Heritage.	Provides advice to the Secretary of the Department of Planning and Community Development; Evaluates Cultural Heritage Management Plans prepared by the Secretary; Promotes public awareness about Aboriginal cultural heritage and; Manages dispute Resolution.	(03) 9208 3243 OR <a href="mailto:vahc@dpcd.vic.gov.au">vahc@dpcd.vic.gov.au</a>
<a href="#">Koorie Heritage Trust</a>	Community Organisation that aims to protect, preserve and promote the living culture of Aboriginal people living in South East Australia.	Cares for a wide range of artefacts, artworks, crafts, oral histories, books, manuscripts, photographs. The trust also provides workshops, educational programs, accredited training, cross cultural tours and they also trace family history and provide youth programs.	(03) 8622 2600 OR <a href="mailto:info@korieheritagetrust.com">info@korieheritagetrust.com</a>
<a href="#">Murray Lower Darling Rivers Indigenous Nations (MLDRIN)</a>	There are some 75,000 Indigenous peoples in the Murray Darling Basin and most of these people are traditional owners that belong to some 40 autonomous Indigenous Nations.  MLDRIN is a confederation of Indigenous Nations or traditional owners in the lower southern part of the Murray Darling Basin.	MLDRIN performs a number of functions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Facilitate and advocates the participation of 10 Indigenous nations within the different levels of government decisions on Natural Resource Management;</li> <li>• Develops response on the cultural, social and economic impacts of development on Indigenous traditional country;</li> <li>• Be a collective united voice for the rights and interests of their traditional country and its people.</li> </ul>	MLDRIN Co-ordinator: (02) 6051 9948 OR Mobile: 0428 292 506 OR <a href="mailto:steven.ross@mldrin.org.au">steven.ross@mldrin.org.au</a>
<a href="#">Caring for our Country Facilitators network</a>	Caring for our Country facilitators are fully funded and directly employed by the Australian Government. They are located in each state and territory. The primary purpose of the Caring for our Country facilitators is to help a wide range of stakeholders to gain a good understanding of how to engage with and participate in Caring for our Country initiatives.	Six national priority areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The National Reserve System;</li> <li>• Biodiversity and natural icons;</li> <li>• Coastal environments and critical aquatic habitats;</li> <li>• Sustainable farm practices;</li> <li>• Natural resource management in northern and remote Australia and;</li> <li>• Community skills, knowledge and engagement.</li> </ul>	Toll free: 1800 552 008

## **Registered Native Title Bodies Corporate Victorian Toolkit (July 2010)**

### THE NATIVE TITLE RESEARCH UNIT

AIATSIS acknowledges the funding support of the Indigenous Programs Branch of the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA).

Native Title Research Unit  
Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies  
GPO Box 553  
Canberra ACT 2601  
Telephone 02 6246 1161  
Facsimile 02 6249 7714  
Email: ntru@aiatsis.gov.au

© Commonwealth of Australia 2010

This work is copyright. Apart from any use as permitted under the Copyright Act 1968, no part may be reproduced by any process without prior written permission from the Commonwealth. Requests and inquiries concerning reproduction and rights should be addressed to the Commonwealth Copyright Administration, Attorney General's Department, Robert Garran Offices, National Circuit, Barton ACT 2600 or posted at <http://www.ag.gov.au/cca>

Views expressed in this toolkit are not necessarily those of the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies.