

# Acknowledgement of Country

We would like to acknowledge that we live, work and play on the unceded lands of the Wadawurrung, the Dja Dja Wurrung, the Djab Wurrung, the Eastern Marr, the Wotjabaluk and the Wurundjeri peoples. We acknowledge and express our gratitude for their sovereignty over and care for the lands, waterways and skies of this region that has extended over many thousands of years. We pay respect to Elders past and present.

We acknowledge the continued impact of and resistance to colonisation and dispossession of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. We welcome the knowledge and expertise of First Nations members of our service system, and commit to continuing to decolonise our practice in solidarity with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, both workers and clients.

We also acknowledge that family violence disproportionately impacts Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, especially women and children, and that this experience is an extension of the genocide and violence of colonisation.