

# **Seminar 8:**

# **Frequently Asked Questions**

## **with AJ Williams-Tchen**



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- **Winner of Mental health awards**
  - 2012 NSW Mental Health Matters Award
  - 2015-2016 Emerging Victorian Indigenous Leader
  - 2021 AASW Aboriginal Social Worker of the Year



**What is the difference between a  
'Welcome to Country' and an  
'Acknowledgement of Country'?**

# PRESTON: WELCOME

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**What do I say if I am doing an  
'Acknowledgment to Country?'**



**How many Aboriginal nations are there?**

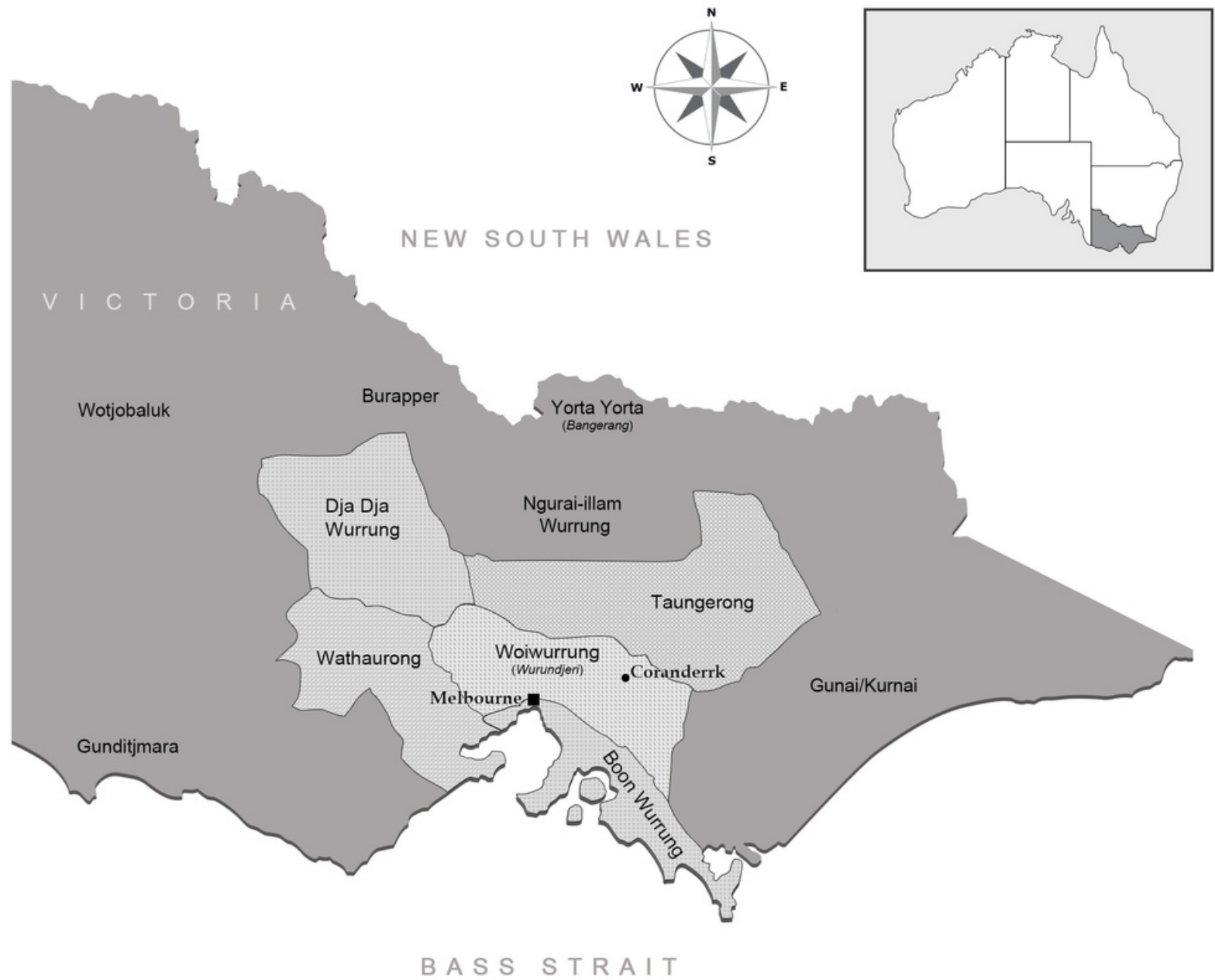


## Around 260 distinct language groups with over 500 dialects





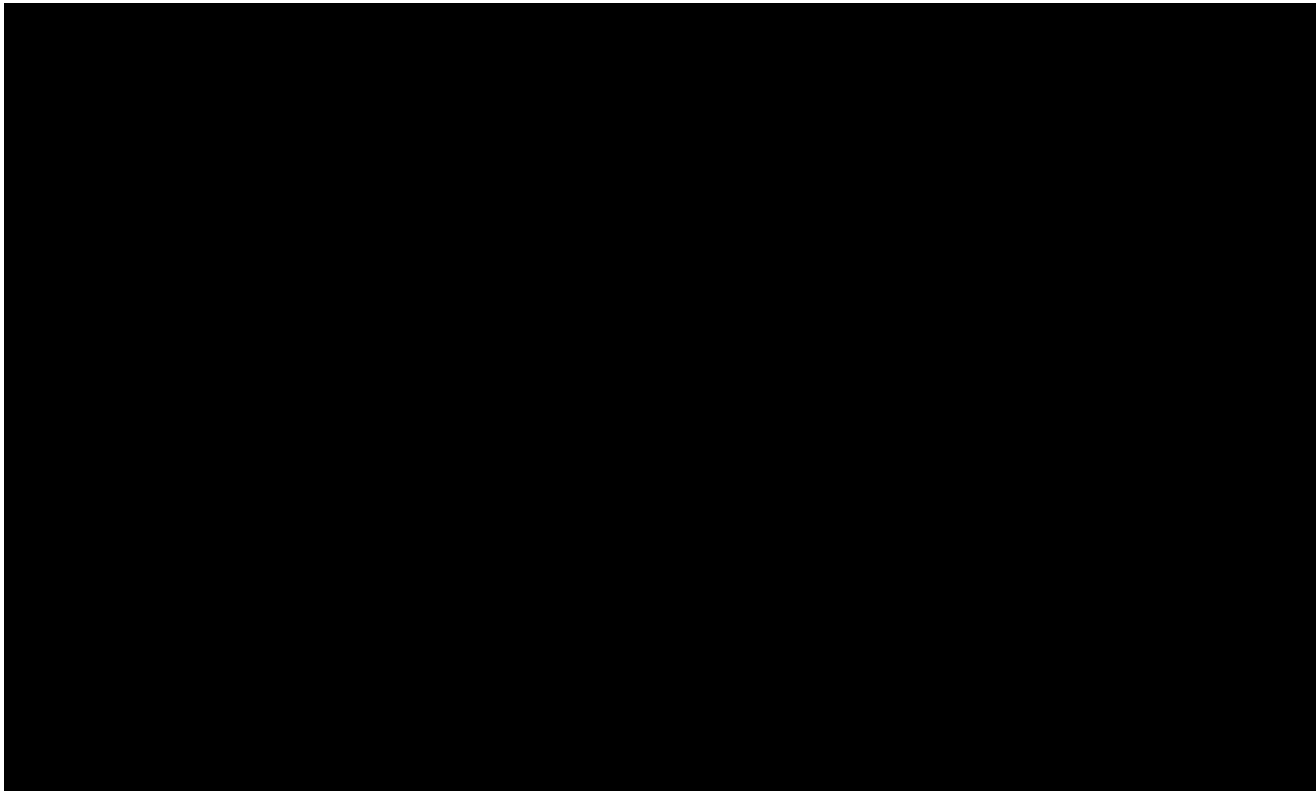
**What is the Kulin Nation?**





**How do you define Aboriginality?**

# AUNTY EVAJO: ABORIGINALITY



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# LEGAL DEFINITION

**In 1983, The Commonwealth Department of Aboriginal Affairs proposed a new 3-part definition of an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person.**

**An Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander is a person of:**

- Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent**
- identifies as an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander**
- and is accepted as such by the community in which he [or she] lives**

- Department of Aboriginal Affairs, *Report on a Review of the Administration of the Working Definition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders* (1981), Commonwealth of Australia, Canberra, cited in J Gardiner-Garden, *The Definition of Aboriginality: Research Note 18, 2000–01* (2000) Parliament of Australia, 2.**



**What do the colours and symbols mean  
on the Aboriginal flag?**





# MAURICE: ABORIGINAL FLAG

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**What do the colours and symbols mean  
on the Torres Strait Islander flag?**



# NOAH: TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER FLAG

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**What makes a good ally**



# BEING A GOOD ALLY

1. Preface our voices
2. Be Ok with not being part of the conversation
3. Be there for the good times and the bad
4. Say something when you hear someone say inappropriate things about Aboriginal people
5. Don't take it personally when we don't agree with you
6. Don't go it alone
7. Understand that Aboriginal people are not all the same



**Summer Finlay 2019**  
**How to be a good ally**

**[www.reconciliationnsw.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/recnewsmay2019.pdf](http://www.reconciliationnsw.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/recnewsmay2019.pdf)**



**What is the dreamtime?**

# JAMARRA: DREAMTIME

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**What is the population of Indigenous people in Australia?**

# AUSTRALIAN POPULATION DATA

**The number of Indigenous Australians in 2021 was estimated to be 881,600.**

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people: Census, 2021  
Population: Census, 2021

**Among the Indigenous Australian population in 2021:**

- **91.4%** identified as being of Aboriginal origin (an estimated **727,500 people**)
- **4.2%** identified as being of Torres Strait Islander origin (an estimated **38,700 people**)
- **4.4%** were of both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander origin (an estimated **32,200 people**)

**The Indigenous Australian population is projected to reach about **1.1 million** people **by 2031****



**What is the population of Indigenous people in Victoria?**



# VICTORIAN POPULATION DATA

**In Victoria 66,000 people identified as Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander in 2021, which is equal to 1% of the state population**

**Among the Indigenous Australian population in Victoria in 2021:**

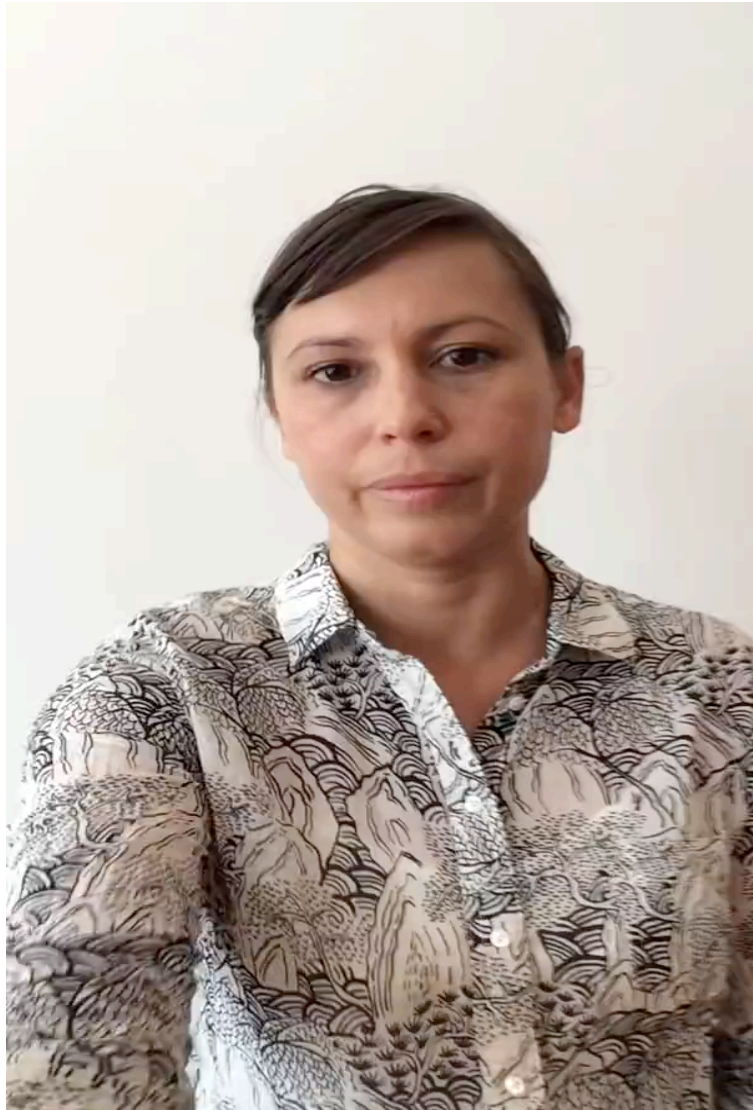
- **94.2%** identified as being of Aboriginal origin
- **3.2%** identified as being of Torres Strait Islander origin
- **2.6%** were of both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander origin

**<https://www.abs.gov.au/articles/victoria-aboriginal-and-torres-strait-islander-population-summary>**



**What is the most appropriate terminology?**

# **DR SUMMER FINLAY: TERMINOLGY**



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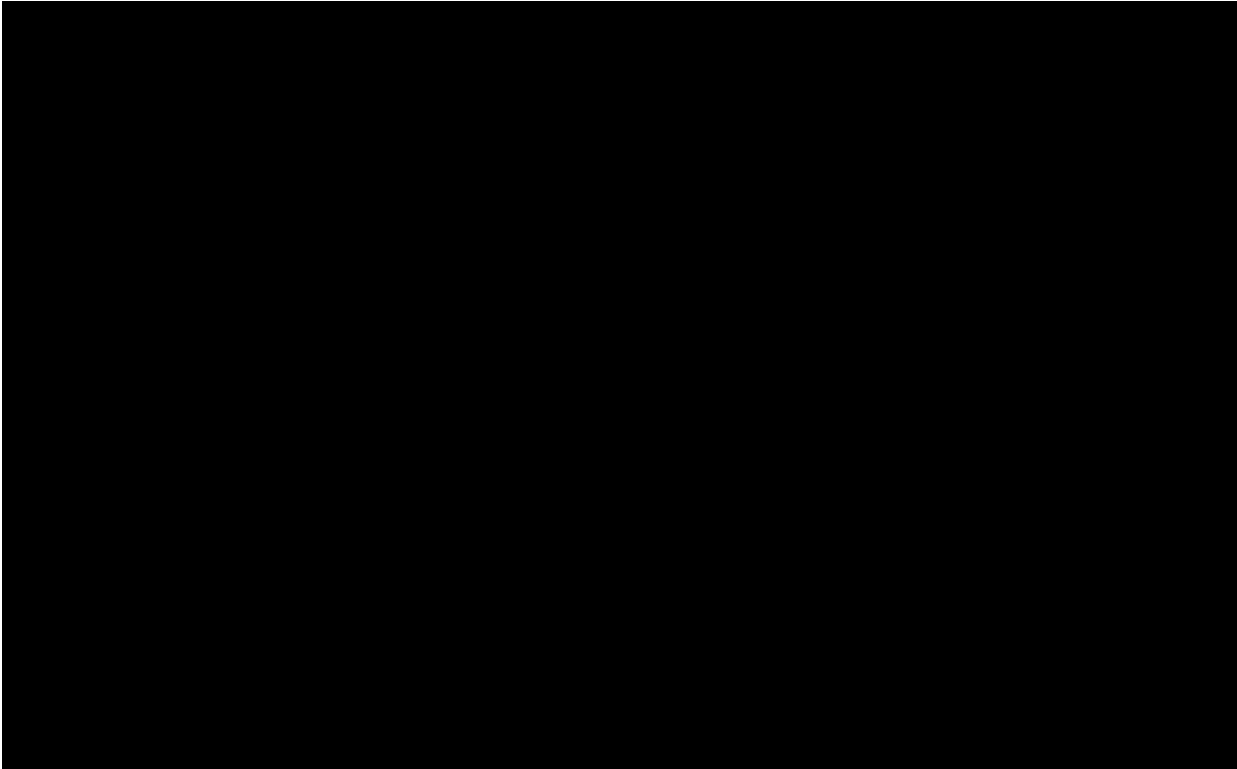
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- Indigenous Australian
- First Nations
- First Australians
- Aborigines
- Half-caste
- Quarter-caste
- Part Aboriginal
- Abbo
- Boong
- Coon
- ATSI
- Blacks
- Blackfellas
- You people
- Them
- Koorie
- Mixed Blood





**What is an Elder?**

# AUNTY LEANNE SUMNER: ELDER



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SEWQuE3JTPY&list=PLgRLKxv74dg8Ys1oAFKlz32xTncleROMz&index=3>



**Has numbers increased of Indigenous children attending early childhood services?**



# EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

**By 2025, increase the proportion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children enrolled in Year Before Full time Schooling (YBFS) early childhood education to 95 per cent.**

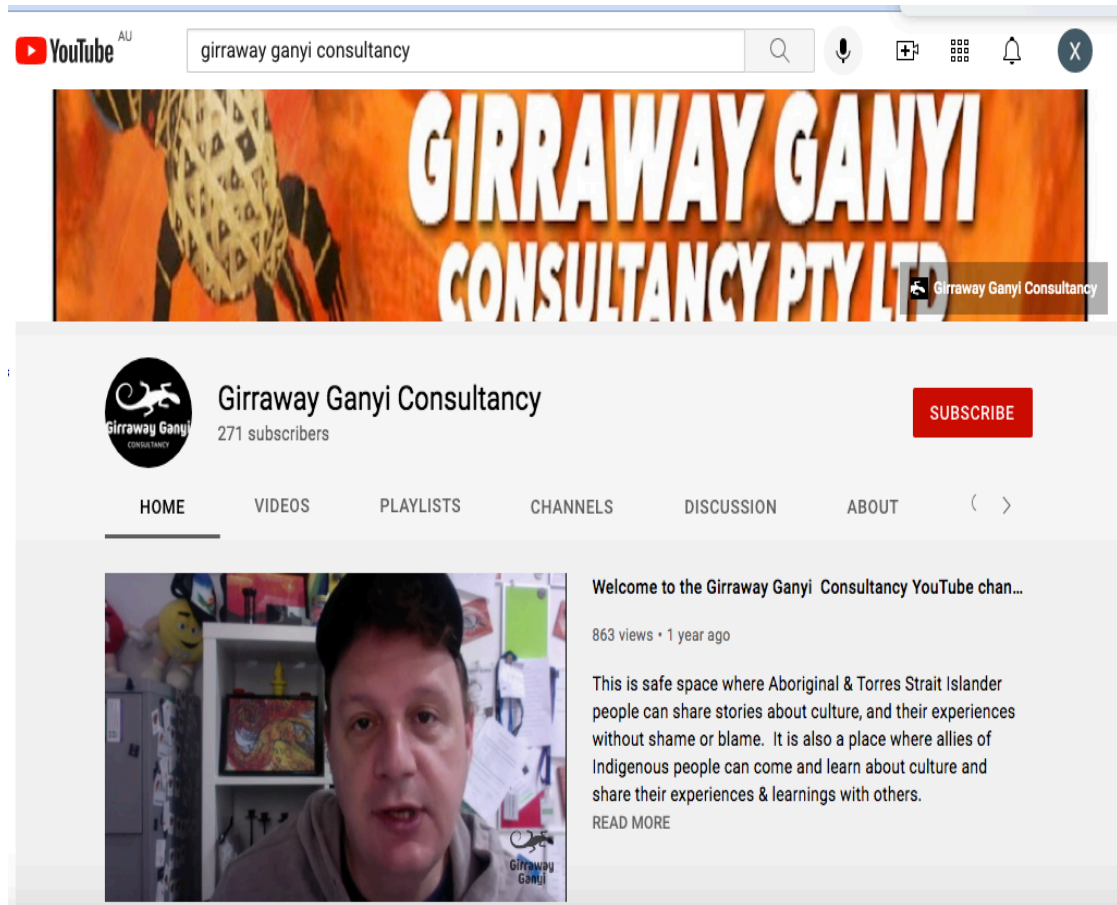
**Nationally in 2021, 96.7 per cent of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in the Year Before Full time Schooling (YBFS) age cohort were enrolled in a preschool program**

**<https://www.pc.gov.au/closing-the-gap-data/dashboard/socioeconomic/outcome-area3>**



**How can we start hearing the true stories?**

# YOUTUBE: TELLING STORIES



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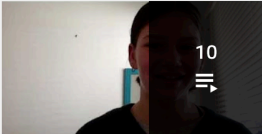
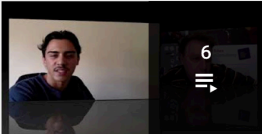

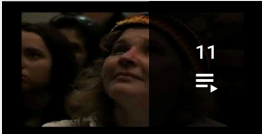
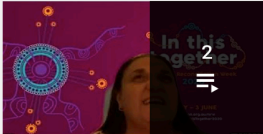
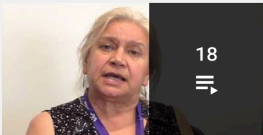
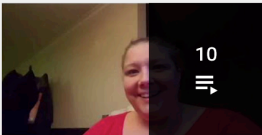

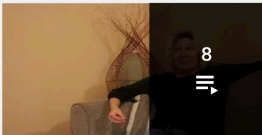

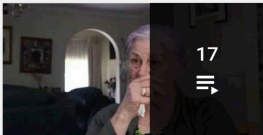
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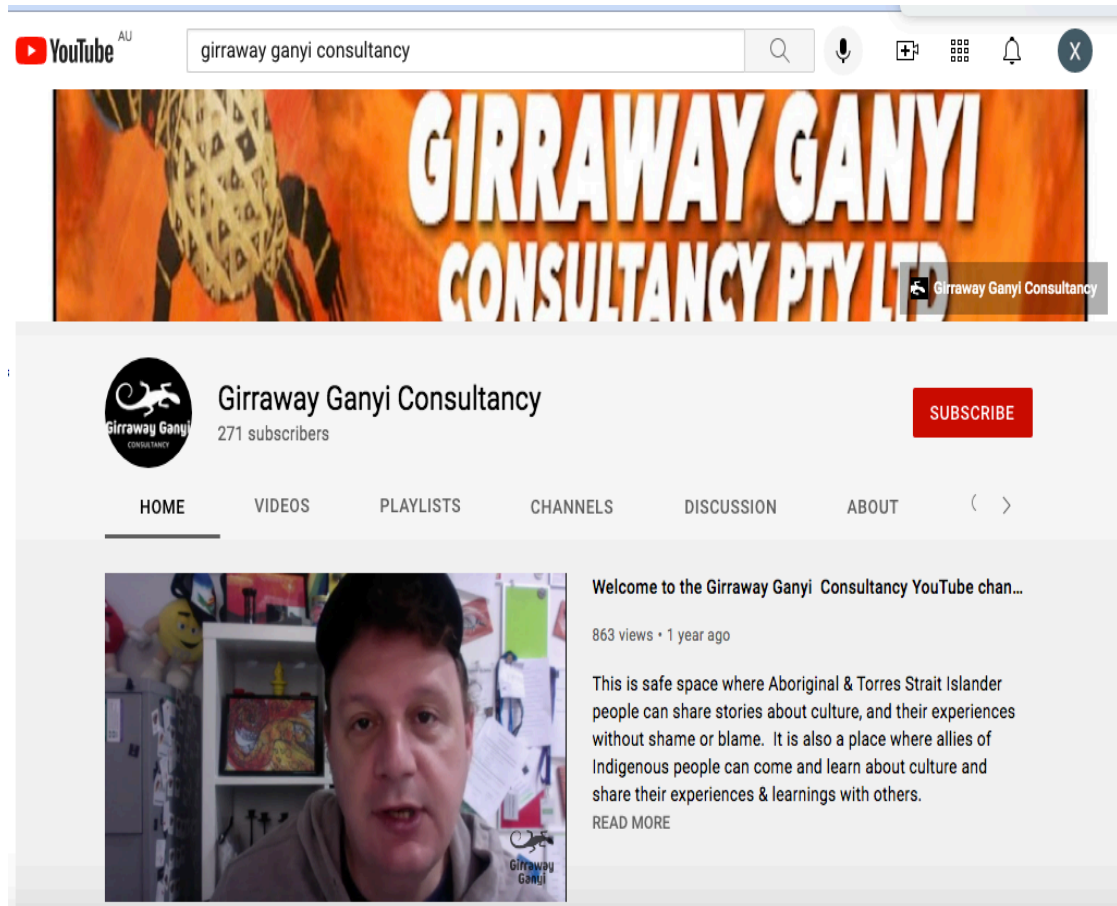
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