

We celebrate the leadership of strong black women and their commitment to the rights and safety of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women and children



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AUNTY

Aunty Liz was pivotal in the governance and establishment of many Aboriginal organisations in Victoria including VACCA, VALS and the Aboriginal Housing Cooperative. Aunty Liz was the longest servicing director of the Aborigines Advancement League.

Aunty Liz founded the Elizabeth Morgan House, the first Aboriginal women's refuge in Australia, after many years of lobbying for funding alongside other Aboriginal women. The refuge was established in 1982 and named in her honour

After returning home to Cummeragunja, Aunty Liz became a founding member of the Yorta Yorta Local Land Council and the Cummeragunja Housing and Development Aboriginal Corporation. Aunty Liz also co-founded the Yorta Yorta Tribal Council leading to the formation of the Yorta Yorta Nation Aboriginal Corporation alongside many other Yorta Yorta Elders, and helped launch the Yorta Yorta Native Title application

In 2017 Auntie Liz was inducted in the Victorian Indigenous Honour Roll

In 2001 Aunty Liz was inducted in the Victorian Women's Honour Roll, was awarded the Inaugural National NAIDOC Lifetime Achievement Award in 2006.

Elizabeth Morgan

A Yorta Yorta Elder from the area surrounding the junction of the Goulburn and Murray Rivers, northeast Victoria and southern NSW.

Aunty Liz was born at Cummeragunja Aboriginal Station Yorta Yorta Country where she lived with her family. Her experiences of growing up on Cummeragunja in her early life had a far-reaching effect, shaping her passion and determination to fight for Aboriginal peoples' rights. She was proud and loving mother and grandmother.

