

# AUNTY CLARE

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



Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander viewers are warned that this display contains imagery of deceased persons.

In 1973  
Aboriginal  
activists established  
the Victorian Aboriginal  
Health Service (VAHS) in  
Gertrude Street Fitzroy.  
Aunty Clara became  
the first nurse at  
the service

Aunty  
Clara chaired  
Victoria's NAIDOC  
Committee for  
25 years

In 1963  
Aunty Clara moved  
to Melbourne with her  
younger sister, Roma, to  
study nursing. The sisters  
were the first Aboriginal  
women to gain nursing  
qualifications at the Royal  
Melbourne Hospital

As a young  
woman, Aunty  
Clara was an avid  
cyclist who competed  
in local and regional  
competitions

## Clara Lutrell-Garisou

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

Aunty Clara devoted her life to improving outcomes for Aboriginal Victorians. She was actively involved in a number of movements, particularly those related to women and children.