

# AUNTY JOYCE

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.

## Joyce Johnson

*An Elder of the Kerrup Jmara clan of the Gunditjmara people of southwest Victoria.*

**Fiercely proud of her people, Aunty Joyce had a distinguished career in the arts and in Aboriginal affairs.**

**During the Second World War, her family moved to Melbourne and Aunty Joyce worked in a factory assisting the war effort**

**Aunty Joyce left school at 14 and found work milking cows for a farmer**

**Aunty Joyce was one of the founding members of Australia's first Aboriginal Theatre Company, Nindethana, in 1971. The pioneering company aimed to promote and perform Aboriginal artistic and cultural activities**

**Aunty Joyce advocated for the rights of Aboriginal prisoners. She was the first co-ordinator of the Aboriginal Prison Project funded by the Victorian Department of Aboriginal Affairs**

*We acknowledge our founding Aunties' tireless work against systemic racism, and passion for social justice which directly led to the establishment of EMH.* ELIZABETH MORGAN HOUSE ABORIGINAL WOMENS' SERVICES INC.