

AUNTY FRANCES

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.

Frances Gallagher

Gunditjmara Elder from southwest Victoria.

With an unwavering commitment to social justice, Aunty Frances worked in many roles to make a difference in people's lives in whatever ways she could.

Aunty Frances enrolled in a Visual Arts course at Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology University in her eighties. Specialising in painting, she earned a Diploma in Visual Arts and her work has been included in a number of exhibitions

In 1982 the Victorian Aboriginal Health Service opened Koori Kollij to train Aboriginal Community Health workers. Aunty Frances, then 60, was one of the first to enrol

Aunty Frances was one of the first Elders to serve on the Broadmeadows Koori Court when it was established in 2004

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.