

# Finishing up – Victoria's model for Aboriginal palliative care



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*The Beginning of our Journey*

# VAPCP



- Vision: create a sustainable and culturally safe palliative care service system where Aboriginal people from all over Victoria can access palliative care services in the setting of their preference

# VAPCP Deliverables



- Regional Aboriginal palliative care plans
- Partnerships
- Palliative approach workshops
- National palliative care workshop
- Cultural awareness training

# How to build culturally appropriate relationships



- Relationships take time
- Use a variety of approaches
- Respect culture
- Encourage story telling
- Be flexible
- Remember – it is a two-way process

# What works for Aboriginal clients



- Involvement of client, family and community
- Spiritual and cultural wellbeing
- Continuity of care
- Culturally aware care providers
- Choice!

# Where to from here?



- Improve equity of access
- Ensure sustainable relationships between palliative care providers and Aboriginal health services
- Continue the two-way learning

