The voices of Many Mobs – An Aboriginal Community Group in Yarrawonga/Mulwala

• **Preferred priority areas:** Education, Healthcare, Family violence
  o Education: There are 17 identified Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in local primary schools. Students in school not receiving adequate support from the Koori Education Support Officers, and therefore loosing the opportunity to connect with, learn about and celebrate their culture
  o Healthcare: There are only 2 GP clinics in town, with neither bulk billing. They do bulk-bill based on the discretion of the GP. Community members accessing either clinic are frequently exposed to experiences of racism and feel that these continue due to a lack of cultural understanding and awareness.

• **Most important issues facing Aboriginal Victorians, families and communities:**
  o Lack of Supports & Services: As a community group in a small rural town, we are in a ‘gap’ in regards to service providers. We have to travel at least 1 hour to either get to Rumbalara at Shepparton, or AWAHS in Albury/Wodonga.
  o Access: Lack of public transport
  o Greater protection needed for sites of historical significance

• **Other things we would like to add**
  o Local council do not display the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags out the front of their office buildings