

# Enhancing Cultural safety in Emergency Management

## A pathway to Resilience





Recent natural disasters in Victoria and NSW have highlighted

- gaps in relief, recovery,
- healing processes in engaging with trauma affected communities and
- rehabilitating damaged landscapes.

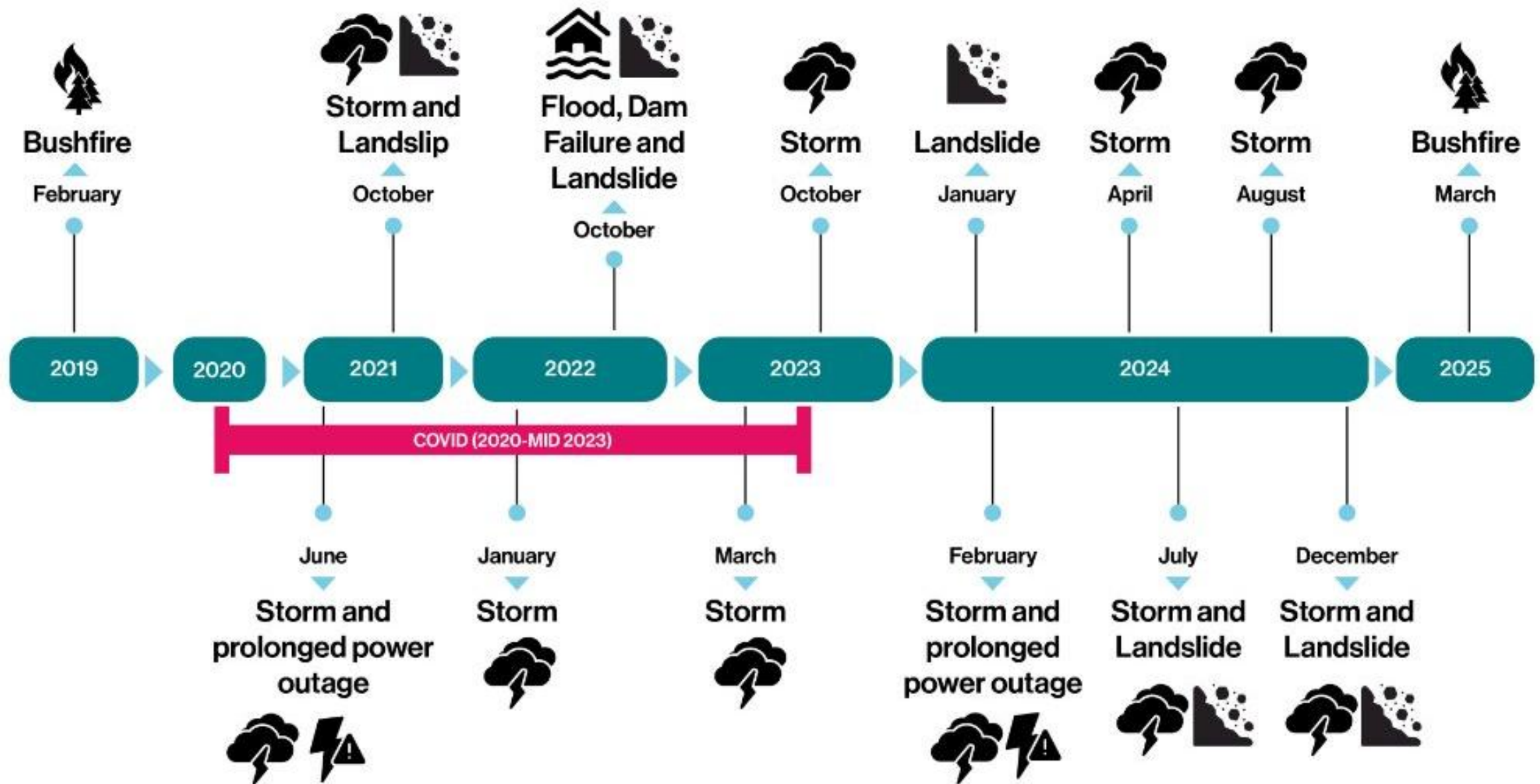
Aboriginal communities have struggled

- access effective and culturally appropriate relief & recovery services
- adding to existing trauma
- Cultural appropriate value to impact on Cultural assets – tangible & intangible

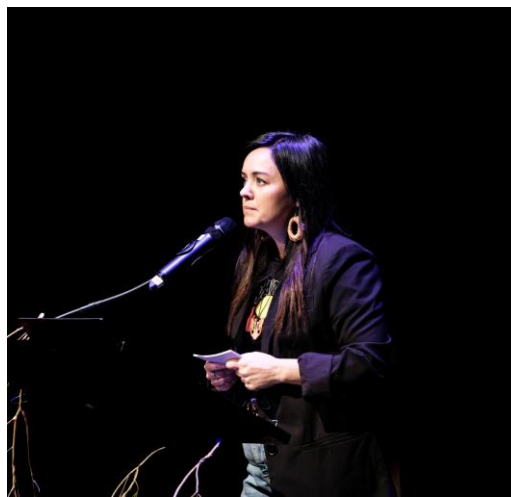
Waa the crow, by Ash Firebrace













## Yarning Circles

“The cultural workshops run by Council have taught me that Country and people need to heal together after the trauma of natural disaster as healthy Country means healthy people”.

*Workshop Participant*

*“Sharing experiences and stories like this and taking care of Country allows for Aboriginal people to heal and remain healthy”.*

*Uncle Buzzy Hewart, Gunai Kurnai*





*Developing self &  
Cultural awareness*





Yarra Ranges Council

# 'Our Country - Our Way' National Symposium



















## Practical Ways: Signal to mob Cultural Safety in EM

### EM plans

Recovery planning,

**Ensuring Aboriginal voice is heard -**  
Municipal emergency planning

Having a seat at the decision-making  
table

### Practice

Relief - **tapping into Koori Grapevine;**

**Co-design ERC spaces** - signals of  
cultural safety

Specific issues – relief packages or  
medical assistance, and mob friendly  
communications







# Mapping Our Work

