

Applied Research and Innovation in TAFE

Webinar Series

Friday, 6 December, 2019 | 12.15 pm - 1.15 pm



The Victorian TAFE Association's applied research webinars series is a platform to showcase, celebrate and recognise the exceptional applied research and innovation activities taking place across Victoria's public VET providers.

About the Speakers

Aunty Lee Healy

Aunty Lee Healy a Dhagung Wurrung (Taungurung) Elder is currently employed with the Victorian Aboriginal Corporation for Languages (VACL) as an Education Officer/Linguist supporting communities in their language revival work to reclaim their language back to where it belongs. As an Education Officer, Aunty Lee gives students and trainer support in the Certificate III Learning an Endangered Aboriginal Language course.

Aunty Lee has been doing language work for nearly 30 years. In 2006, Aunty Lee was first employed as a Language Worker, and that's when she first started reviving the Taungurung language. It took Aunty Lee 4 ½ years and a lot of hard work later to then compile the Taungurung dictionary. Aunty Lee is also a traditional weaver for fifty plus years and obtained a Linguistic and Anthropology degree at Monash University so that she could develop the Taungurung Grammar book.

Pandora Petrovska

Dr Pandora Petrovska is currently employed with the Victorian School of Languages as RTO Manager. She has managed the course writing and delivery of the Certificates III and IV in Learning and Teaching an Endangered Aboriginal Language during 2018-2019.

Pandora has over thirty years experience in language education and has worked with over fifty language communities in Victoria, including Aboriginal and refugee groups whilst VSL Assistant Principal- Curriculum. Pandora taught Macedonian and English as a Second Language in secondary schools and contributed to the Macedonian VCE Study Design. Her doctoral thesis analyses how the Australian legal system dealt with issues of language, identity and historic power relations to prevent an attempt to rename a language.

Webinar Topic

Teaching an Endangered Aboriginal Language in Victoria

Overview

This webinar looks at work between the Victorian School of Languages (VSL), the Victorian Aboriginal Education Association Inc (VAEAI), the Victorian Aboriginal Corporation for Languages (VACL) and the Department of Education and Training's Koorie Outcomes Division to enrich the life and culture of Victorians through the reclamation of endangered Aboriginal Languages.

Arising from the Victorian Government's Marrung Aboriginal Education Plan, the initiative led to the successful development of materials for the delivery of Certificate III and Certificate IV courses in learning and teaching Victorian Aboriginal languages, aimed at both language students and language teachers.

In short this project aims to strengthen the teaching of Aboriginal languages in Victoria, enhance understanding of Koorie culture and history so that Koorie children and learners of all ages are strong in their identity.

The webinar commences with a presentation on the complex process of reclaiming a Victorian Aboriginal Language by Aunty Lee Healy, Dhagung Wurrung (Taungurung) Elder, who will share her language journey. It then explores the pioneering process of language revival in Victoria and honour the people who have inspired the reclamation work at the VSL.

Who is invited?

The webinar is open to anyone interested in applied research and innovation.

How to register?

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Registrations close Thursday 5 December.

Cost

Attendance is **FREE**.

Enquiries

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