



Media Statement

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Federation launches new Podcast Series

The Federation works towards amplifying and increasing the voice of Traditional Owners and their corporations in the media. Today, we are thrilled to be able to increase those voices further with the release of the first podcast in our new series, “Traditionally Talking”.

The first series of 12 podcasts will cover key areas of water, cultural fire, native food and botanicals, cultural landscapes and coming together.

Every 3 weeks, host and Journalist, Uncle Charles Pakana yarns with Traditional Owners from across Victoria about the amazing work being undertaken to care for and connect with Country, build stronger cultural communities and much more.

The first podcast, published today, is with Paul Paton, CEO of the Federation of Victorian Traditional Owner Corporations. Paul discusses Federation’s 10 years of championing Traditional Owner rights and shifting the dial for their increased and more active decision-making on Country.

Listen through one of our partner podcast channels or the website at www.fvtoc.com.au/traditionally-talking

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About the Federation of Victorian Traditional Owner Corporations

The Federation of Victorian Traditional Owner Corporations is the Victorian state-wide body that convenes and advocates for the rights of Traditional Owners while progressing wider social, economic, environmental and cultural objectives. We support the progress of agreement-making and participation in decision-making to enhance the authority of Traditional Owner Corporations on behalf of their communities.

The Federation was established in 2013 by Traditional Owner Corporations who recognised that through a path of working together Traditional Owner Groups could be stronger and could advance their shared interests in policy engagement, and in creating economic opportunities and caring for Country.

About Paul Paton

Paul is a Gunnai and Monaro man with a long involvement in reconnecting individuals and communities with language, culture and identity. He has held several executive roles and directorships including as the Executive Officer at the Victorian Aboriginal Corporation for Languages and as a Director on the Board of First Nations Legal & Research Services.

Paul is committed to building on the Federation's success as a key organisation that strengthens the voice of Traditional Owners in Victoria. He brings his knowledge, skills and networks to work closely with Traditional Owners across the State to support their aspirations for community and Country whilst taking up the challenge for self-determination and Treaty.

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