

## What can Balit Ngulu help me with ?

Have you been in trouble with the police? Do you have upcoming criminal court matters? Balit Ngulu can assist with;

- Legal representation at court
- Administrative responsibilities for your court matter
- Advice about criminal matters
- Cultural support
- Outreach
- Referrals to appropriate services

## How can I obtain assistance?

To obtain Balit Ngulu's assistance please contact our service directly on 03 9418 5999 or submit a request via [balit.ngulu@vals.org.au](mailto:balit.ngulu@vals.org.au)



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## Complaints

Balit Ngulu is committed to working with communities we serve to improve our business.

If you have feedback you would like to provide us, please obtain our complaints form from our website or contact our office and request a copy be posted to you.

The complaints form can be submitted online or alternatively you can return the complaints form via post.

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## What is Balit Ngulu?

Balit Ngulu is a program within the Victorian Aboriginal Legal Service in response to the needs of Aboriginal youth to have a say in their own affairs and to be able to work towards breaking the cycle of disadvantage.

Balit Ngulu aims to provide legal advice and assistance in the area of youth justice to Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander youth across Victoria.

Balit Ngulu will aim to provide integrated and culturally appropriate services to Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander youth to address issues such as recidivism, cultural, family, education, employment, and leadership so that they can self-determine their own futures.

## What does Balit Ngulu aim to achieve?

Balit Ngulu strives to:

- Promote social justice for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander youth;
- Promote the right of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander youth to empowerment, identity and culture
- Ensure that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander youth enjoy their rights, are aware of their responsibilities under the law and have access to appropriate advice, assistance and representation;
- Reduce the disproportionate involvement of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander youth in the criminal justice and child protection systems; and
- Promote the review of legislation and other practices which discriminate against Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander youth.

## What can Balit Ngulu assist with?

### Youth Justice

Balit Ngulu provides youth justice

assistance to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander youth who have been charged with summary and indictable offences. Balit Ngulu has a strong focus on diverting young people from the justice system whilst supporting their empowerment and resilience.

The service design model encompasses 2 streams of support;

**Lawyer**—High quality legal advice, assistance and representation to ensure young people are adequately and independently represented to facilitate just outcomes.

**Youth Support Officer**— Culturally Safe Holistic support and case management to ensure the young person feels seen, heard, connected and has a positive plan forward.

**Balit Ngulu is an initiative of the Victorian Aboriginal Legal Service to provide a dedicated service to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children who require help and assistance.**



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