

# AIJA Indigenous Youth Justice Conference

## Panellist

### Day 1 – Session 4: Culturally appropriate diversionary programs



## Ashley Morris

**Manager, Koori Services and Programs**

**Children's Court of Victoria**

Ashley is a Gunditjmara man with ties to Dublin Ireland through his mother. Ash is currently the manager of Koori services and programs at the Children's Court of Victoria and has been working with courts since 2011.

In 2016, Ash joined the Children's court and was tasked with developing a Aboriginal community led approach to child protection court processes. What emerged was the Marram Ngala Ganbu koori hearing day.

Marram Ngala Ganbu has been operating for 6 years now and is available in two locations. MNG has resulted in a range of positive outcomes for Koori families, and we hope to expand the program to complement our well-established criminal Koori courts.