

Carer's Cultural Lunch at Charcoal Lane

On 1 March 2019, FCAV in partnership with VACCA hosted a **Carer's Cultural Lunch at Charcoal Lane**, Fitzroy.



Charcoal Lane is a social enterprise restaurant that provides guidance and opportunity to young Aboriginal people who are in need of a fresh start in life. The contemporary menu is seasonally driven and draws on the best of native Australian food. www.charcoallane.com.au

12 carers enjoyed a 2 course meal and heard from guest speakers **Aunty Eva Jo Edwards** and **Emma Bamblett** from VACCA as they spoke about the strength and power of culture and how carers of Aboriginal children and young people can support their connection to country, culture, community and identity.

There was great conversation and the carers were really engaged with lots of questions.

Of the 8 carers that provided feedback, all agreed that *the forum was enjoyable, they felt respected and looked after, the forum gave them the opportunity to network with other carers. They took something away to enhance their knowledge & skills and the forum provided awareness of and respect for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and culture.*

Aunty Eve Jo gave some heart felt words following the lunch, watch the video clip here;
<https://www.facebook.com/fostercarevictoria/videos/316023032270515/>

Thank you to Aunty Eva Jo Edwards, Emma Bamblett and Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency - VACCA for their support in hosting our cultural carer's lunch.



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