



The Melbourne Vixens' 2026 Indigenous Dress has been designed by Tarni Jarvis, a proud Djab Wurrung, Kirrae Wurrung and Peek Wurrung woman from the Grampians region in south-west Victoria, who lives and raises her family on Wadawurrung Country in Ballarat.

The dress centres on this year's theme of leadership transfer, while also reflecting the journey of the club following its 2025 premiership success and its ongoing connection to Country.

"In this artwork, I tell the story of the Birrarung and its influence over Country. It is a source of life, a meeting place and a place of ceremony for tens of thousands of years, and it continues to be for our First Nations and broader community."

People should look out for the Birrarung River running along the side of the design, as well as the journey symbol, which reflects the path the players and club have travelled in recent years and the direction they are heading next.

For Tarni, having professional athletes wear her design is a proud moment and an important form of representation for young people participating in and watching sport.

"I also wanted to capture the theme of change within the team, communicating the ever-evolving and growing nature of both the team and the broader organisation. In essence, the piece reflects the transfer of knowledge from one group to the next, and the continued journey and growth of the team through change and development."

"In acknowledging the journey ahead, the piece also tells the story of where the team has been, and the achievements, growth and learning that have come along the way."

"By combining the themes of Country, change and achievement, this piece to me captures the role, identity and future of the team and the broader Vixens organisation."

She said she hopes young First Nations fans watching on game day will feel connected to the players, the story in the design, and the representation it provides. Tarni also enjoyed working with the Vixens' colours, using teal and pink to make elements of the story stand out.

Tarni Jarvis

A handwritten signature of Tarni Jarvis in a cursive script.