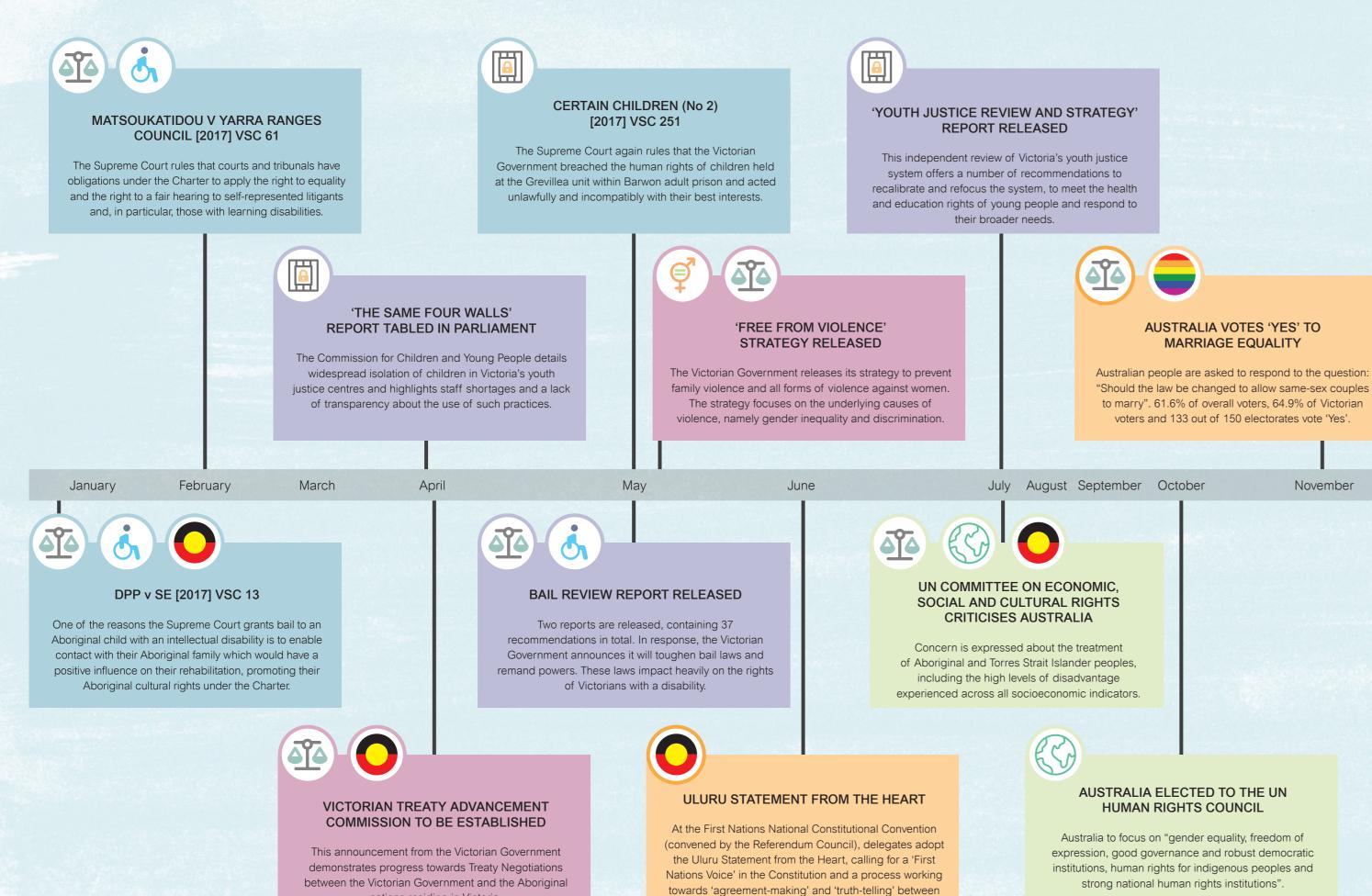
A SUMMARY OF THE KEY HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES IN 2017

nations residing in Victoria.



governments and Indigenous peoples.



COUNTER-TERRORISM REVIEW RELEASES REPORTS

The expert panel makes 42 recommendations, including several with implications on the right to a fair trial, due process, and liberty and security of the person. The Victorian Government accepts in principle all 42 recommendations.



'IMPLEMENTING OPCAT IN VICTORIA' REPORT RELEASED

standards if used improperly.

Victorian Ombudsman raises concerns that practices used to maintain order in prisons (for example, the use of force and restraint, prolonged solitary confinement and strip searches) could breach OPCAT



'HIDDEN IN PLAIN SIGHT' REPORT RELEASED

The Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade recommends that the Australian Government introduce a Modern Slavery Act in Australia.





AUSTRALIA RATIFIES OPCAT

Australia commits to setting up a system of independent scrutiny of all closed environments, and agrees to allow the United Nations to inspect places of detention, but intends to exclude the offshore processing centres in Manus Island and Nauru.



Human rights in closed environments

Treaty Bodies



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Aboriginal cultural rights and self determination



The right to equality and non-discrimination



Equality for LGBTI Victorians



Gender equality



Equality for people with a disability



Aligning Australia to international human rights standards



Voluntary assisted dying



November

VOLUNTARY ASSISTED DYING

The new legislation allows Victorians who fit the eligibility

criteria to make an informed, voluntary decision

regarding their own end-of-life choices

BECOMES LAW

The Family Court of Australia clears the way for young trans and gender diverse people to access hormone treatment without court authorisation, where parents, medical practitioners and the young person agree with the proposed treatment.

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ROYAL COMMISSION REPORT INTO NT YOUTH DETENTION RELEASED

The Royal Commission was prompted by reports about shocking mistreatment of young people detained at Darwin's Don Dale Youth Detention Centre. It makes recommendations to keep children safe and reshape youth justice in the NT.







UN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE CRITICISES AUSTRALIA

Concerns raised about several human rights issues, including sterilisation of intersex children, the marriage equality postal survey process, over-representation of Indigenous peoples in prison and harsh refugee policies.



December

MARRIAGE EQUALITY BECOMES LAW

Marriage Amendment (Definition and Religious Freedoms) Bill passes through the Australian Parliament, amending the definition of marriage from the union of 'a man and a woman' to a union of 'two people'.

