**University Elder appointment – Aunty Joy Murphy video transcript 31/7/14**

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Highly respected Indigenous leader Aunty Joy Murphy has been appointed La Trobe University’s inaugural University Elder.

The new position was established to cement La Trobe’s long-standing relationship with the Victorian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community.

**Grab: Aunty Joy**

Look it’s a great honor, its something I didn’t take lightly, I had to think about it for a while; what does it mean, can I carry this position, how else can I improve what’s happening here at La Trobe for indigenous students. So with all of that in mind, I looked at the vision and the aims of the University and what’s been achieved so far along with that good will and commitment.

**VO:**

An official ceremony chaired by La Trobe University Chancellor Professor Adrienne Clarke was held on July 22nd. Staff, family and friends gathered for the special occasion to congratulate Aunty Joy on her appointment.

The position will formalize the work Aunty Joy has done in the past, providing advice on culture and curriculum as well as carrying out ceremonial duties. Chancellor Adrienne Clarke said Aunty Joy was a perfect fit for the newly created role.

**Grab: Chancellor Adrienne Clarke**

Well there is no better person that any of us could imagine to fill this roll than Aunty Joy Murphy. She has been a great contributor to our community at La Trobe, to the indigenous community and to our general community broadly over many many years. She has been honored with an award in the Order of Australia, she has been honored on many occasions and she has given us immense service already in many welcomes to country and many other informal pieces of advice and this formalizes the roll.

**VO:**

To mark the inaugural appointment, Aunty Joy was presented with a traditional possum skin cloak designed by a local artist. The cloaks are an integral part of Indigenous culture and were traditionally worn for a variety of reasons, including ceremonies.

Aunty Joy is looking forward to working with La Trobe and having a role in education and innovation.

**Grab: Aunty Joy**

Its now going to be about innovation and how much we can work with research that’s happening and combining the old ways with the new ways because I believe in the basics and fundamentals. While some of the new ways can appear sometimes to be quite odd, well I think that’s how life is; you have to move with the times so if we can adapt to those new changes I think and marry those with the old ways then I think that’s the next thread of education.

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