

## Reconciliation Action Plan Advisory Group Report (March 2018)

The RAP Advisory Group met on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2018 to monitor progress and achievement of the deliverables of the RAP working group.

The Advisory Group is made up of members of the working group and three Aboriginal Elders who assisted us with the development of our RAP and represent the local Aboriginal community; Aunty Georgina Williams, Aunty Sue Atkinson (Lopez) and Liz Phillips.

In addition to hearing about the achievements, listed below, there was a presentation by Keryn Ralph on Wadamba Wilam and by Steven Bowes on the Aboriginal ICE Program. Both were well received by the Elders. They were also pleased to hear that we now have a representative from VAHS on the working group and that a partnership had been achieved with VACSAL re student placements.

The group shared lunch after the official part of the meeting with lots of discussion ensuring about the needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families in the areas of alcohol and drug treatment and employment.

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Achievements to date:

- Terms of Reference developed for Advisory Group and Working Group
- Ron Briggs, Senior Aboriginal Advisor to Co- Chair Advisory Group and Working Group meeting with Senior Manager Clinical Services
- VAHS representative on Working Group
- Engagement Plan developed to guide partnerships with Aboriginal services
- List of significant events circulated and staff encouraged to attend
- MOU with VACSAL re student placements developed
- RAP updates as a standing agenda item at staff meetings and in Respect (consumer newsletter)
- Cultural safety addressed in agency orientation, regular training for all staff and for consumer consultants.
- Video *Why we ask* included in orientation
- Acknowledgement of Country policy adopted and now standard in all meetings.
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artwork and artefacts displayed at hub sites.
- Major Artwork commissioned and displayed in head office

- Donna, Ron and Aunty Georgina involved in Uniting Reflect RAP development.

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