



MULLUM MULLUM INDIGENOUS GATHERING PLACE LTD
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Position Description

Position title:	Lead Youth Worker
Award:	SCHADS
Classification:	LEVEL 3
Reports to:	Programs Manager
Direct reports:	Youth Worker and Youth Worker Trainee
Status:	1.0 EFT Full-time
Contract Type:	Fixed term for 12 months. Some after-hours and weekend work required. Role is subject to ongoing funding.
Date updated	January 2023

Job Purpose

Mullum Mullum Indigenous Gathering Place (MMIGP) is a strong, proud, culturally connected and self-determined Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisation in the Eastern Metropolitan Region (EMR). Our purpose is to provide a safe and welcoming environment for people to connect with culture, learn new skills and contribute to community health and wellbeing.

The Lead Youth Worker will support Aboriginal youth within the EMR to navigate pathways to further education, training and employment opportunities. The Lead Youth Worker, with the support of a Youth Worker, will be responsible for engaging and assisting youth to make key life transitions through facilitating access to relevant programs and services as well as deliver culturally appropriate programs and recreational activities that strengthen and promote cultural knowledge. The Lead Youth Worker will also coordinate activities that build confidence, leadership and life skills, resilience and promote healthy and positive life choices. In addition, the Lead Youth Worker will provide mentoring to youth and act as a role model.

Key Responsibilities

- Connect Aboriginal youth to MMIGP and to other Aboriginal services to increase their sense of belonging and engagement within the Aboriginal community and targeted Aboriginal services
- Organise and administer recreational activities and programs that foster community and connectedness for Aboriginal youth



- Provide a safe space for Aboriginal youth to practice their culture and learn about their ancestors, history and identity
- Coordinate and deliver workshops and equip Aboriginal youth with the resources required to develop life skills such as leadership, employability and independence
- Facilitate discussions and feedback from youth and their family, actively engaging parents/carers to align goals and promote participation
- Plan and facilitate group work and community education in relation to a broad range of issues such as mental health and healthy wellbeing to support youth in their transition to adulthood
- Provide Aboriginal youth with support and assist them with identifying and accessing education and career pathways.
- Develop, support and deliver the Youth Pathways Program and Culture Group Program (including camps) to ensure they meet the expectations of MMIGP, program participants, and any other external stakeholders including MMIGP Elders
- Support and supervise lower-level staff to deliver and facilitate youth engagement
- Organise and participate in regular planning meetings with internal and external stakeholders to ensure a proper network is maintained and relevant information is used to support the ongoing needs of the local Aboriginal youth network
- Develop key partnerships within the EMR youth networks as appropriate
- Oversee the promotion and safe use of social media within MMIGP youth programs and ensuring appropriate MMIGP Code of Conducts are implicit in all facets of online communication
- Ensure that all required program documentation is completed within designated timeframes, is of a high professional standard and meets legislative and organisational requirements where appropriate
- Adhere to Child Safe Policy, confidentiality and related policies to ensure the highest standards of operation are upheld and underpinned by the values and goals of MMIGP
- Any other duties as directed by the CEO or other supervisor where required

Key selection Criteria

Experience, Qualifications & Skills

- Demonstrated understanding of the Victorian Aboriginal community and the ability to communicate effectively with Aboriginal people, particularly youth
- Understanding of the specific cultural and historical issues that impact on Aboriginal clients, particularly in response to intergenerational trauma and the Stolen Generations
- Capacity to relate to youth and their families and effectively support and strengthen family relationships
- Good project management skills including the ability and/or experience in developing, implementing and delivering youth programs and early intervention programs
- Experience in assisting youth to achieve their educational, training and vocational goals
- Comprehensive knowledge and the ability to engage with a variety of relevant Aboriginal youth targeted resources and support such as access to counselling services, housing providers, education and employment providers and leadership programs
- Exceptional written and verbal communication skills with the ability to effectively communicate, influence and engage with a broad range of stakeholders including government



- Well-developed organisational skills including ability to prioritise, complete tasks, respond to requests on time, and pay attention to detail
- Outcome focused with well-developed problem solving and decision-making skills
- Demonstrated skills in recording and maintaining participant data and providing reports on program activity and outcomes
- An understanding of the current Child Safe policy environment
- Proficiency in Information Technology with skills in Word, Excel, PowerPoint (or similar presentation packages), emails and electronic file management.
- Experience managing a small team is highly desirable

Required

- Certificate IV or higher in Youth Work or Community Services or equivalent
- Demonstrated experience in youth services with an emphasis on strengthening cultural knowledge
- A current first aid certificate or willingness to obtain once employed
- A current or willingness to obtain a Working with Children Check and Police Check
- A current Victorian Driver's License
- Available to work flexible hours including weekends, school holidays and afterhours where required

Personal Attributes

- Culturally aware and inclusive
- Client and Community focused
- Collaborative and supportive
- Able to form positive relationships with others
- Ethical and honest
- Self-disciplined
- Excellent interpersonal skills
- Planning and organisational skills
- Excellent communication and influencing skills

This is an Aboriginal Identified Position and only open to Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander applicants.