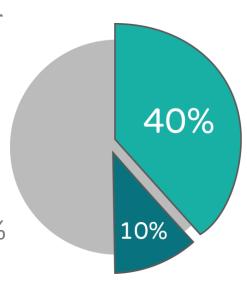




TeamHEALTH
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Around 40% of our participants are Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, along with approximately 10% of our staff.



We work with Top End communities in remote, rural & urban settings.

Our participants deal with a range of mental health concerns and include children, youth, adults and the aged.





- A Working Group created and will monitor the Reconciliation Plan
- The Working Group includes both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander staff and non-indigenous staff, drawn from various programs and locations
- Work started in 2015, paused, then Working Group staff participated in Reconciliation Plan Workshop sessions in Mar/Apr 2016
- The Working Group met regularly in 2016 and 2017 to complete this first Reconciliation Plan





# RESPECT

Respect is essential in everything TeamHEALTH does, and is a TeamHEALTH value:

- Through respect we share and create lasting partnerships
- With respect we all ensure culture is supported, awareness and understanding grows, and we all keep learning
- Consultation is a key element of respect in consultation we share and collaborate, we listen for meaning and we participate in twoway learning and decision making.

RESPECT IS NON-JUDGEMENTAL AND VALUES THE CULTURES AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF ALL





	Actions	Responsibility	Timing	Outcomes
	Welcome to Country - Staff	Team Leaders, chair of All Staff Meetings	2 years	All staff can be welcomed to country for Larrakia land and other communities
	Welcome to Country - Participants	Papaya & Manse Coordinators	As needed	Participants from remote communities/other land can be welcomed to Larrakia country
	Recruit both male and female staff	Managers & Team Leaders	Quarterly	Recruit both male and female mental health support staff to enable respectful and culturally appropriate engagement for community members
	Land Protocols	Remote staff to develop. All staff to observe	Develop 2016 Observe always	Protocols for each community where TeamHEALTH has a presence (permanent or regular visits) developed as Policy & Instruction
4	Cross Cultural Awareness	Managers & Team Leaders	3 times per year	All staff visiting communities complete a local induction, including local protocols
4	Participate in Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Events	CEO, Managers & staff	Annually	NAIDOC Week (July), Reconciliation Week, ceremonies as invited



# RELATIONSHIPS

Relationships are important for our work both within and outside TeamHEALTH

#### **STAFF**

- Cross cultural training for all staff supports our relationships with each other; as colleagues, with participants, with families, and with community elders and members
- Clear, shared responsibilities and behaviours will support our relationships within TeamHEALTH as colleagues, leaders, workers, learners, educators and influencers
- Cultural responsibilities and community activities of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander staff will be considered when TeamHEALTH work arrangements and plans are being made

#### **ACROSS THE TOP END**

- TeamHEALTH will honour Traditional Owners within each community and will seek their guidance in our learning, listening, and support for communities and their development
- Relationships with Aboriginal Community
   Controlled Organisations (ACCOs) will include
   regular meetings and involvement of Aboriginal
   and Torres Strait Islander staff, if possible
- Relationships will be supported by TeamHEALTH's commitment to this Reconciliation Plan, participation in NAIDOC Week events, and our recognition and celebration of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander dates of significance



### **RELATIONSHIPS**

	Actions	Responsibility	Timing	Outcomes
	ss Cultural ning	Team Leaders & Managers	Within 3 months	All new staff have cross cultural training as part of TeamHEALTH's core staff training
	ponsibilities and ectations	Team Leaders & Managers	From day 1, weekly	All staff are aware of expectations of them and are supported to demonstrate these, from Induction onwards
abo	nmunication out Cultural ponsibilities	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander staff & Team Leaders	Monthly & as arises	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander staff feel able to meet their cultural responsibilities and communicate & plan with their Team Leaders and Manager
Trad	ditional Owner ationships	CEO, Managers & Remote staff	In 2017, 2018 & 2019	Introductions and engagement with Traditional Owners occurs at a pace which suits community
. 4	CO/TeamHEALTH tionships	CEO, Managers, Remote Team Leaders & staff	In 2017, 2018 & 2019	Collaborative relationships progress. These relationships enhance skills & careers of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander staff
Date	DOC Week and es of Significance	Communication, Remote Team Leaders, Managers & staff	Annually	TeamHEALTH recognises and participates in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander activities throughout the year



# **OPPORTUNITIES**

Opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander staff, communities and organisations will be pursued.

TeamHEALTH Board will include Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in governance

- An Employment & Retention Strategy for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander staff will be developed and implemented by TeamHEALTH including:
  - employment pathways,
  - professional development and training,
  - leadership, external recognition and scholarship opportunities
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander staff will have access to mentors and be able to contribute as mentors, both for internal TeamHEALTH matters and professional development

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# **OPPORTUNITIES**

Actions	Responsibility	Timing	Outcomes
Board includes an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander member	CEO & Board	Before Nov 2017	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander knowledge, expertise and viewpoint is part of TeamHEALTH governance with at least one Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander member
Develop Employment & Retention Strategy	Human Resource Manager & Managers	By Dec 2018	Employment & Retention Strategy for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander staff is implemented
Mentorship Program Developed	Human Resource Managers, Managers, Team Leaders & Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander staff	By Dec 2018	Mentors will support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander staff and all other staff to work and thrive in a cross cultural environment and effectively
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Businesses used	Business Services Manager & staff purchasing goods or services	By Dec 2018	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander business database will be accessed, created for products and services TeamHEALTH uses



### TRACK OUR PROGRESS

	Actions	Responsibility	Timing	Outcomes
	Reconciliation Plan launched with staff, stakeholders and wider community	CEO	March 2018	Enables the Reconciliation Plan to be launched at ASM in March 2018 and to be included in TeamHEALTH website and Annual Report for 2017-18
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	Monitor and support the Reconciliation Plan	Reconciliation Plan Working Group, Managers, Board	Quarterly	Updates provided at All Staff and Board Meetings
	Share Progress	Reconciliation Action Plan Working Group, Managers, Board	Annually	Share achievements and progress of Reconciliation Plan with staff, stakeholders and wider community via website, social media and annual report

