



VICTORIAN ABORIGINAL  
HEALTH SERVICE  
*Caring for the Community*

## AOD Outreach Worker - Balit Djerring

- Identified position
- Be part of the journey in changing people's lives

### About the Organisation

The Victorian Aboriginal Health Service (VAHS) was established in 1973 to address the specific medical needs of Victorian Aboriginal communities. The organisation has expanded steadily over past 40 years to provide a comprehensive range of medical, dental, and social services for our community.

As well as providing a variety of medical services, VAHS is committed to supporting the well-being of the community through contributions to community events and activities. VAHS is also committed to assisting research into the ongoing needs of the community.

VAHS is a child safe organisation.

### About the Opportunity

The role of the Balit Djerring AOD Outreach Worker is to provide support and advocacy for Aboriginal people and their families in supporting access and treatment in relation to substance use. This will involve referral and support services for Aboriginal people who have alcohol and / or drug related problems. The Aboriginal Drug and Alcohol Outreach Worker role seeks to support integrated treatment and care pathways for the highest need/ highest risk clients.

### Key Selection Criteria

To be considered for this role you must have the following.

- Certificate IV in AOD/Mental Health or equivalent/related discipline.
- Experience working with AOD and/or dual diagnosis clients including a willingness to participate in relevant training.
- Experience in dealing with complex clients with multiple and complex needs including provision of working with their families.
- Demonstrated experience in the provision of screening, assessment and support to people and their families with AOD issues.
- Demonstrated experience in providing high quality advice, education and support to clients and families.
- Demonstrated ability to develop collaborative and supportive relationships with clients, families, service providers and other relevant stakeholders.
- An understanding of the intergenerational loss, grief and trauma that is experienced by Aboriginal community members and the subsequent self-medication (AOD) issues that result.
- Experience in maintaining client records, data collection and reporting.

### How to Apply

Please forward your covering letter (addressing the key selection criteria) and resume to [Employment@vahs.org.au](mailto:Employment@vahs.org.au) before Monday 9pm, 18 April 2022.

*Please note: You will need to be vaccinated against Covid 19 and be prepared to undergo a police background check as part of the recruitment process.*

***This position is not available to persons not of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent. (Permitted under the Victorian Equal Opportunity Act 2010 s12 "A person may take a special measure for the purpose of promoting or realizing substantive equality for members of a group with a particular attribute")***