



VICTORIAN ABORIGINAL  
HEALTH SERVICE  
*Caring for the Community*

## Social and Emotional Wellbeing Support Worker - Wadamba Wilam

- Work for an organisation that has a positive impact in the community
- Exceptional opportunity to assist vulnerable clients to get more out of life
- Not For Profit Salary Packaging Options

### About the Organisation

The Victorian Aboriginal Health Service (VAHS) was established in 1973 to address the specific medical needs of Victorian Aboriginal communities. 2023 marks as a landmark year as VAHS proudly celebrate it's 50-year of providing a comprehensive range of medical, dental, allied health, 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, committed to child safety and wellbeing, and recruits' staff in accordance with the Child Safe Standards Victoria.

### About the Opportunity

The Wadamba Wilam service is a partnership of Neami National, UnitingCare ReGen, the Victorian Aboriginal Health Service (VAHS) and the Northern Area Mental Health Service (NAMHS).

The team offer a holistic, Social and Emotional Wellbeing focused, intensive outreach service to Aboriginal people aged 16 years and over in the Cities of Darebin and Whittlesea with multiple needs, including a severe mental illness and who are homeless or at high risk of homelessness.

The role will work collaboratively with the three partners in the overall service response to provide health, housing, rehabilitation & recovery support to Aboriginal people with multiple needs who are homeless or at high risk of homelessness in the cities of Darebin and Whittlesea.

### Key Selection Criteria

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

- An ability to work sensitively and effectively with people who are homeless and in housing crisis
- Ability to communicate and engage in a culturally responsive manner with Aboriginal people and all relevant agencies
- Knowledge and experience of the broader health and mental health issues impacting on the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community
- A sound understanding of the issues surrounding homelessness and a commitment to working with people who are disadvantaged within the community.
- An understanding of the specialist homelessness system in the northern metropolitan region including current forms of housing assistance
- Well-developed interpersonal communications, advocacy, negotiation, and conflict management skills.
- Proven ability to work collaboratively within an interdisciplinary team and contribute to a positive team culture.
- Fully approved Covid 19 Vaccinations (including booster)

### How to Apply

You will need a resume and a tailored cover letter outlining your skills, experience, and suitability for the role. Please forward your application to [Employment@vahs.org.au](mailto:Employment@vahs.org.au) before Sunday 9pm, 12 February 2023.

***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").***