



## Aboriginal Youth Engagement Officer - (0.6 FTE)

- Be part of the journey in changing people's lives
- Opportunity to use your specialist skills & provide meaningful work with AOD clients.

### 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, 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 role of the NW Aboriginal Youth Engagement Officer is to provide specialist culturally safe, confidential support to complex Aboriginal Youth clients to overcome various identified mental health issues. Based on Social and Emotional Wellbeing approach, involving services offered by the Balit Djerring Youth Team that promote health, education, developing and maintaining linkages, referrals, and support internal and external to VAHS to provide client focused, measurable outcomes.

### Key Selection Criteria

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

- Proven understanding of and commitment to the concepts and philosophy of Aboriginal Social and
- Knowledge of Aboriginal history, colonisation practices and the impacts of Intergenerational Trauma amongst Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander populations
- Demonstrated commitment to and demonstrated ability to network and collaborate with services across the local community mental health network, mainstream health services, and mental health services.
- Good organization, time management and data collection skills
- Ability to follow organizational and occupational health and safety regulations.
- Demonstrated ability to work effectively as part of a trans-disciplinary team.
- Promote and support reciprocal ways of working i.e., sharing skills and knowledge with Balit Djerring Team members in clinical and therapeutic settings.
- Fully approved Covid 19 Vaccinations (including booster)

### 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 Sunday 9pm, 24 September 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")*