

Huge family at Tranby

THOUSANDS of students have become part of the Tranby family. For almost 60 years Sydney-based Tranby National Adult Indigenous Education and Training has been at the heart of Aboriginal community in Australia.

People like Les Atkinson have taken advantage of the opportunity to learn and grow at Tranby. Mr Atkinson, a Ngunnawal/Guringia man raised in Redfern and La Perouse, is known across many communities, including the Hunter Valley where he now lives and works.

He left home at 15 and had a swag of different jobs until, 20 years later, he found himself a single dad to two young daughters.

Mr Atkinson realised that if he wanted to be a role model to his kids, he needed to get an education.

"I started out getting a Certificate II in Community Service and Job Networking, then got a Certificate III in Sports Training and later a Certificate IV in Alcohol and Other Drugs, as well as an attainment in Dual Diagnosis (Mental Health and Comorbidity)," he said.

This educational pathway opened a world of new choices for Mr Atkinson and his family. He joined NSW Health Services as a



Pictured at left, the Tranby National Adult Indigenous Education and Training graduating class of the CHC42115 Certificate IV in Community Development course and, at right, Les Atkinson on graduation day with Tranby lecturer Dion Barnett and student engagement coordinator Dr Sonya Pearce. Picture: Sam Martin



mature-age trainee and now works as an Aboriginal health worker at the Newcastle Community Health Centre in Awabakal Country, supporting vulnerable people and those in need on a daily basis.

Mr Atkinson says doing little things can all add up to make a difference to the lives of Aboriginal colleagues, patients and community members. Giving back to his community makes him

proud of the effort he's put in to gaining a quality education.

But his learning journey hasn't stopped there. Mr Atkinson has just completed a Certificate IV in Community Development at Tranby and, through this program, represented the college as an ambassador in Bali, doing some work in Ubud's Sjarikie Sarris special needs school in April.

"The Tranby environment is a great place for learning," he says.

"My new skillset can be applied for the benefits of my NSW Health clients as well as community. Knowing how to research and access resources means I can speak up more confidently on inequalities that affect our mob.

"I draw on what I learned at Tranby to help clients better themselves, avoid drugs and alcohol and improve their own health outcomes."

Mr Atkinson also applies his

learnings to his other passion – community footy.

"I now have additional tools to help to advocate for community and clients in the rugby league and union arenas," he says.

"I'm better equipped to help with decision making, budgeting and funding applications, and I'm more confident in my communications."

More details on Tranby courses at www.tranby.edu.au

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SHORT COURSE

BUSINESS GOVERNANCE SHORT COURSE

WHO SHOULD APPLY?

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who are keen to work in (or already have a job in) community organisations that support their community's growth, wellness and prosperity.

HOW DOES THE COURSE WORK?

It's delivered over two face-to-face training sessions (we call them 'Blocks'). Each Block runs for five days, and is held at Tranby's campus in Glebe, Sydney. We offer a unique and culturally competent learning environment that supports and nurtures Indigenous adult students. Students also spend at least 15 hours per week between Blocks undertaking research, reading and assessment activities. Assessments must be submitted prior to the second Block.

Students who successfully complete one or more units of competency will be awarded a statement of attainment towards **CCHC42115 Certificate IV in Community Development**.



WHAT DOES IT COST?

The training is subsidised by the NSW Government. Transport and accommodation costs for students travelling to Sydney is provided in accordance with Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet 'Away from Base' guidelines. ABSTUDY support is based on individual circumstances.

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

You'll learn about community services workers and what they do; working within a community development framework; participation and engagement strategies, developing community resources and empowering Indigenous communities.

UNITS OF COMPETENCY ARE:

- CHCCDE003** Work within a community development framework
- CHCCDE004** Implement participation and engagement strategies
- CHCCDE005** Develop and support relevant community resources
- CHCCDE006** Work to empower Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander communities
- CHCINM002** Meet community information needs

WHEN IS IT?

- BLOCK 1** - 5 days - November 2017
- BLOCK 2** - 5 days - Early 2018

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Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who are keen to be an effective member of a Board or Management Committee of an Indigenous community organisation, or who are interested in a career in management.

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Students who successfully complete one or more units of competency will be awarded a statement of attainment towards **BSB41915 Certificate IV in Business (Governance)**.



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WHAT WILL I STUDY?

You'll learn a variety of hands on practical skills, including the roles and responsibilities of Board Members, protecting culture, representing an organisation, and communication and conflict management, all of which can be applied to the day-to-day management and governance of an organisation.

UNITS OF COMPETENCY ARE:

- BSBATSIC411** Communicate with the community
- BSBATSIC412** Maintain and protect cultural values in the community
- BSBATSIL411** Undertake the roles and responsibilities of a board member
- BSBATSIL503** Manage conflict
- BSBATSIM421** Support a positive and culturally appropriate workplace culture
- BSBATSISW514** Represent your organisation

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"If you're thinking about coming to Tranby, don't think too hard, just get in and do it. You'll get so much support to help achieve your goals."



ALINTA - TRANBY STUDENT
30732QLD: Diploma of National Indigenous Legal Advocacy



To apply for the short course in **Community Development**, complete an online application form at: www.tranby.edu.au

"Studying at Tranby gives you a better outlook and you're more knowledgeable about what happens around you because you can apply what you've learnt to your own community."



KAY - TRANBY STUDENT
BSB50715 Diploma of Business (Governance)



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