

Senior Social Planner



The Mornington Peninsula Shire pays respect to the Boon Wurrung/Bunurong people, the traditional owners of these lands and waters and is home to approximately 1300 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residents.

This position is exempt under the Special Measure Provision, section 12(1) of the *Equal Opportunity Act 2011* (Vic) and only Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are eligible to apply.

The position is responsible for providing Council advice, support and leadership on Aboriginal cultural participation and community development relating to the Mornington Peninsula. The position also manages the Warringinee Group's annualised budget, staff, contractors, student placement, and develops programs that engage and support local Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander people.

Currently, Council is developing the Reconciliation Action Plan 2018 to 2021 utilising the Reconciliation Australia Framework, and has recently facilitated extensive engagement with the community.

Job Tasks & Responsibilities

In this role you will be required to:

- Facilitate and resource the development, implementation and review of Council's Reconciliation Action Plan and other related policies
- Build and strengthen the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community's capacity through coordinated planning, networking, community education, community cultural development, advocacy and project development.
- Develop and maintain effective partnerships with Traditional Owner Groups and Aboriginal community controlled organisations.
- Provide expert advice regarding Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community development as required, and to research and analyse current and emerging issues/trends relevant to Indigenous community health and wellbeing.
- Manage the implementation of the Shire's signatory events and programs, NAIDOC Week, Reconciliation Week, Council Public Reconciliation Week Meeting, Harmony Week, Mornington Peninsula Schools Environment Week.

Skills & Experience

You will have

- Tertiary qualifications and/or substantial experience in community development, social sciences or related disciplines, with several years' experience working in a similar role.
- Experience in the implementation of effective partnerships with Aboriginal traditional owners & community controlled organisations.
- Experience in facilitating and brokering the delivery of government and preferably community development programs and projects.
- Experience in leading a team of people

The successful candidate will:

- Hold an Employee Working with Children Check (mandatory)
- Be prepared to undertake an Australian Criminal History Check (mandatory)
- Hold a current Drivers Licence (mandatory)

Contact Details

For a confidential discussion about this exciting opportunity, please contact Louise Wilkins, Manager Family Services and Community Planning, 03 5950 1687 Please submit your application, including a cover letter and resume.

Please note: The filling of this position is intended to constitute a special/equal opportunity measure under section 8(1) of the Racial Discrimination Act 1975 (Cth), s 12 of the *Equal Opportunity Act 2010* (Vic) and s 8(4) of the Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006 (Vic). The position is therefore only open to Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander applicants.'

Closing date: 24 August 2018.

Previous applicants need not apply.

The Mornington Peninsula Shire is committed to creating a diverse and safe environment. We are proud to be an equal opportunity and Child Safe employer. We welcome applicants who identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander; have a disability; and/or are from a culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) background.

All employment offers will be subject to various safety screening and background checks.



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