

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Access and Support Officer



Classification - Band 6

Salary - \$84,315.16

Hours per week - 38

Job Type/Status - Permanent full-time

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- Excellent opportunity to make a difference to the health and wellbeing of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community.
- This is an identified position and is exempt under the Special Measure Provision, section 12(1) of the Equal Opportunity Act 2011 (Vic).

With approximately 1100 employees, MPS is a busy and vibrant workplace. Our primary sites are located at Rosebud, Mornington and Hastings, with additional facilities across the Shire. MPS delivers over 80 individual services to our diverse community.

This role is responsible for the following dimensions

The position is situated within the Shire's Family Services and Community Planning Unit in the Social Planning & Community Development Team's Warringinee Group and reports to the Senior Social Planner, Aboriginal Culture and Community Development.

The Warringinee Group promotes Aboriginal community participation by facilitating partnerships with the Aboriginal community, Council, government agencies and other organisations.

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Access and Support Officer will work with the local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community to support them to stay active, independent and remain living at home safely and comfortably for as long as possible. This position will work closely with Peninsula Health staff to deliver programs and services and attend local network meetings.

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Access and Community Support Officer is also responsible for the delivery of a culturally appropriate social support program (the 'Balee Group' program) that takes a holistic approach to enhance the social, emotional, physical and spiritual wellbeing of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community across the Mornington Peninsula Shire area.

Skills & Experience

The successful candidate will:

- Have relevant qualifications in Aged and Disability, Social Sciences or extensive experience in access and equity for older Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.
- Experience working alongside Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders and communities.
- Experience facilitating the development of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultural awareness programs that address access to mainstream services.
- Experience in and/or understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elders, people with a disability and the social support structures at times required for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community.
- Experience in planning, implementing and evaluating community engagement and community planning activities with proven leadership, research and evaluation skills.
- Hold an Employee Working with Children Check (mandatory).
- Be prepared to undertake an Australian Criminal History Check (mandatory).
- Hold a current Driver's Licence (mandatory).

Contact details

For a confidential discussion about this exciting opportunity, please contact Deb Mellett, Senior Social Planner - Aboriginal Cultural and Community Development Officer. Ph 03 5950 1641 or Mobile: 0438 744 968.

Please submit your application, including a cover letter and resume, by 12 noon, Friday 21st December 2018.

Please note: This is an identified position for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and is exempt under the Special Measure Provision, section 12(1) of the Equal Opportunity Act 2011 (Vic).

Mornington Peninsula Shire acknowledges and pays respect to the Boon Wurrung / Bunurong people, the traditional custodians of these lands and waters.

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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