



the women's
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Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Hospital Liaison Officer (AHLO) at Badjurr-Bulok Wilam

Ongoing - Full Time position, 38 hours per week

- 3 days p/w at Royal Women's Hospital (The Women's)
- 2 days p/w at Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre (Peter Mac)

The Royal Women's Hospital is Australia's first and largest specialist hospital dedicated to improving the health and wellbeing of newborns and women of all ages. To join the Women's is to be instrumental in forging progress towards health equity for women from ground-breaking research through to the bedside delivery of multi-disciplinary clinical care. Creating exceptional experiences is at the heart of everything we do for our patients, their families, and our people across our specialised services within maternity, neonatal and women's health.

Badjurr-Bulok-Wilam at the Women's is dedicated to improving the health outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women and their families. The unit is responsible for raising the profile of and promoting issues to do with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women's health within the hospital and the broader community. Badjurr-Bulok Wilam is also responsible for working with hospital staff to increase cultural awareness and sensitivity of healthcare issues for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women. Badjurr-Bulok Wilam works closely with Social Workers and other members of multi-disciplinary teams across the hospital.

Your contribution

This position provides services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander patients and their families at both the Women's and the Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre (Peter Mac). This unique role gives the Aboriginal Hospital Liaison Officer (AHLO) responsibility in providing support and advocacy for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander patients and their families receiving care at the Women's and the Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre.

The AHLO has a key role in supporting the promotion of indigenous patients' health issues across the organisations and in the community. The AHLO is also responsible for supporting and assisting staff in providing high quality and culturally appropriate health care to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander patients and their families. The AHLO also has responsibility for building and strengthening relationships with community based service providers and key Aboriginal controlled health organisations, especially those in our catchment area. The position also assists in the provision of cultural safety training and education to health professionals as well as secondary consultations.

Your duties will include (but are not limited to) the following:

- Provide support to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander patients, babies and their families as inpatients and outpatients in the Women's and Peter Mac
- Work closely with the multidisciplinary team involved in the care of patients and their families
- Participate in discharge planning within a multidisciplinary team to meet the care needs of the individual
- Identify all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander inpatients and outpatients and initiate contact
- Ensure prompt assessment of newly referred patients

About you

To be successful within this role you will need to have:

- Identify and be acknowledged by community as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander
- Demonstrated knowledge and understanding of Victorian Aboriginal culture, values and communities
- Knowledge and experience of working in health
- Experience working well with Aboriginal communities and/ or Aboriginal health organisations
- Direct service experience in a complex environment working constructively to provide support and advocacy for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander patients and their families
- Demonstrated ability to work effectively with a range of health professionals

Our offering

When you join the Women's you unite with talented people who share your purpose and unwavering determination to advance health outcomes for all women. You will find a workplace that is collaborative, progressive and passionate about learning and working together in multi-disciplinary teams to ensure you find the exceptional in your everyday. Our staff benefits program includes salary packaging, on-site car parking and childcare (subject to availability), alongside a range of discounted financial, lifestyle and wellbeing benefits provided by our staff benefit partners. To learn more, please visit: www.thewomens.org.au/careers/why-work-at-the-womens/staff-benefits/

We are proudly Breastfeeding Association accredited. The Women's is committed to gender equity principles and our people have an awareness of and sensitive approach to violence against women/family violence matters.

The Women's is an equal opportunity employer committed to diversity and social inclusion. We welcome applications from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, including those from Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islanders, people with lived experience of disability and people who identify as LGBTI.

Ready to make the move?

For more information about the position, visit the Careers section on the Royal Women's Hospital webpage.

All appointments to the Women's are subject to a satisfactory clearance of Working with Children Check and Police Check.

Closing Date: 19/06/2019

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