

Aboriginal Community Engagement Officer – Goulburn Region

- Full time ongoing position based in Shepparton
- Salary commensurate with experience, range: \$67,164 – \$86,914 plus superannuation
- Attractive employee benefits including salary packaging

About the role:

Victoria Legal Aid's (VLA's) Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) is centred upon improving access to legal services by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and advocate for systemic change. One of the key roles is the Aboriginal Community Engagement Officer who works to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to access VLA services and their rights and obligations under the law.

This role will be based in Shepparton and is a specialist, non-legal role which predominantly focusses on civil and family law needs client support, community engagement and empowering people through knowledge. You will work collaboratively with VLA staff in the Goulburn region by supporting clients to access services, such as client liaison, warm referrals to appropriate support agencies and advocacy as appropriate.

You will capture data and work with the Associate Director, Aboriginal Services to assess the influence and impact of the program and Victoria Legal Aid's commitment to responding to the legal needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community in Victoria.

About you:

You will be community and client focussed with sound knowledge and experience of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander communities in Victoria and have the ability to communicate and build strong working relationships with clients and internal and external stakeholders.

Your critical thinking and analytical skills will be of high regard, supporting the implementation of the program in the region and you will also have the capability to juggle competing demands whilst meeting project deadlines.

This is an exciting opportunity to take part in improving access to legal services in Victoria for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and contribute to the work of VLA and our vision and values.

VLA considers that being Aboriginal and/or a Torres Strait Islander person is a genuine occupational requirement for this position under subsection 26(3) or section 28 of the Equal Opportunity Act 2010 (Vic).

About Victoria Legal Aid:

Our vision is for a fair and just society where rights and responsibilities are upheld. With over 800 staff employed in 14 offices across Victoria, we help people with their legal problems by providing information, advice and education with a focus on the prevention and early resolution of legal problems. We also provide legal representation to those who need it most.

Employee benefits:

We offer attractive employment benefits including salary packaging (making part of your salary tax-free), flexible working arrangements, family friendly policies, cultural and ceremonial leave and opportunities for professional development. Whilst the work is challenging, you will be rewarded with a culture that is focused on achieving quality outcomes for disadvantaged Victorians.

For further information review the position description on our website **CLICK ON THE LINK BELOW** or contact Alan Dewis, Associate Director, Aboriginal Services on (03) 9280 3852.

Applications close 11.59pm Sunday 17 February 2019.

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