

Aboriginal Community Engagement Officer

- Full time maximum term position up to 2 years
- Salary commensurate with experience, range: \$70,578 - \$91,333 plus superannuation
- Attractive employee benefits including salary packaging, ceremonial leave and access to our First Nations Staff Network

About the role:

Victoria Legal Aid's (VLA) 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 is a specialist, non-legal role predominantly focussing on family violence with client support, community engagement and empowering people through knowledge. At times, the ACE Officer may be required to assist in the often-complex nature of intersecting criminal law, family law, child protection and civil law - legal needs of an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander client and help them access the legal help that will suit them best. You will work collaboratively with VLA staff in the Central Highlands region by supporting clients to access services, such as client liaison, warm referrals to appropriate support agencies and advocacy as appropriate.

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 a special measures role and only Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander peoples are eligible to apply, as per the Equal Opportunity Act 2010.

For further information regarding the role, how to apply and employee benefits please visit our careers page or contact Natalie Heynes, Managing Lawyer on 03) 5329 6222.

Applications close by 11.59pm on Sunday 22 November 2020.

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