

Aboriginal Community Engagement Officer, Geelong

- Full time maximum term position up to 12 months
- Salary commensurate with experience, range: \$70,578 - \$91,333 plus superannuation
- Attractive employee benefits including salary packaging and ceremonial leave

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 role is based in Geelong and is a specialist, non-legal role predominantly focusing on civil and family law needs, client support, community engagement and empowering people through knowledge. You will work collaboratively with VLA staff in the Barwon 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 VLA'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.

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.

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 15 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 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.

How to apply:

Submit a current resume and completed candidate application form (listed within the file attachments as a Word document). You must complete the candidate application form to be considered for this role, separate responses to the KSC outlined in the position description are not required. Please also include the contact details of two referees.

To protect your safety and the health and safety of our staff, interviews for this role will take place online.

For further information review the attached position description or contact Shelley Buchecker, Managing Lawyer, Geelong on (03) 5226 5666

Applications close by 11.59pm on Monday 26 October 2020

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