

Aboriginal Engagement Officer



- Develop effective partnerships with Aboriginal communities
- Strengthen confidence and trust | Share information and knowledge
- Cultural support pathways available | Four weeks annual leave each year.
- Ongoing role | Monthly ADO available | Flexibility with workspace and work location.
- Salary Range: \$70,387.34 to \$80,378.80 per annum + super

About the business and the role

East Gippsland is a pristine area of Victoria. Home to tranquil beaches, rugged mountain beauty and dense forested areas, it encompasses over 21,000 kilometres of land including ski fields high, country and regional cities state and national parks, and lakes and coastal wilderness. Catering for residents and visitors, East Gippsland Shire Council is a major employer across the region, meeting the needs of over 47,000 residents and over one million visitors.

Position overview

Applications are currently being accepted for an **Aboriginal Engagement Officer** to support meaningful community engagement with Aboriginal communities across East Gippsland. This full time, ongoing role, will support the building of trust and strengthening of connections with Aboriginal communities and organisations. The successful applicant will share information and consult with Aboriginal communities and organisations on issues and decisions that could impact them.

Work as part of the Community Engagement and Resilience team to deliver programs and positive outcomes for local communities that are valuable and inclusive, and provide support to East Gippsland Shire Council in it's commitment to being a culturally sensitive and responsive organisation.

Key Selection Criteria:

- Be of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent.
- Have a sound knowledge of Aboriginal culture and current social and community issues affecting local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities across East Gippsland.
- An understanding of community development principles and models, including place and strength-based approaches and asset-based community development.
- Flexible communication skills and demonstrated ability to build rapport with a wide range of people and develop collaborative partnerships with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.
- The ability to utilise multiple engagement tools and produce written documents including reports and correspondence.
- Understanding of the role of local government.
- An ability to work independently, as well as collaboratively with a diverse range of stakeholders.
- A current, valid Victorian driver's licence and a willingness and ability to obtain an Employee Working with Children Check prior to appointment.

The successful applicant will be required to undertake a current Police Check and pre-employment medical, obtain a Working with Children Check and be fully vaccinated against COVID-19.

Applications close at **11.59pm on Friday 3 June 2022**. Late applications will not be considered.

For more information, or to apply for this role, please view the Aboriginal Engagement Officer vacancy on East Gippsland Shire Council's website: <https://eastgippslandshire.jobs.subscribe-hr.com/jobs/941-various-locations-aboriginal-engagement-officer>

For a confidential discussion, please contact **Rebecca Pantry, Community Programs Coordinator** on **(03) 5153 9500**.

