

## Aims of MacUnity

MacUnity aims to build the relationship between Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander and mainstream service provision to work together to improve outcomes for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community. MacUnity operates in a cultural appropriate manner with the guidance of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander representatives using Aboriginal ways.

## Membership

Membership is open to all workers, both Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander and mainstream and community members who have a genuine commitment and willingness to respect the work of MacUnity. MacUnity is not an interagency but a working group where we aim to achieve real results and genuine outcomes for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community.

To become a registered member of MacUnity, please register your preferences at [www.sectorconnect.org.au](http://www.sectorconnect.org.au)

Meetings are held at:  
Eagle Vale Leisure Centre  
(Library Meeting Room)  
Cnr Feldspar Road and  
Emerald Drive, Eagle Vale

Meeting times: 10am to 1pm  
check meeting dates on the website



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Acknowledging the  
traditional custodians of  
this land, the Dharawal people

## Role of Working Group

- To improve connections, communication and relationships between workers and agencies for the purpose of progressing the outcomes for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community;
- To build on best practices that currently exist across Macarthur and Wingecarribee;
- To respect the collaborative work practices;
- To identify and improve mainstream services to effectively address the cultural appropriate needs of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community;
- To respect and further understand how the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community operates;
- To create achievable projects that produce outcomes that benefit the whole community;
- To respect neutral position across Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander groups, focusing on the needs of the community.

## Achievements

Developing relationships across Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander and mainstream service providers enabling a coordinated, collaborative approach to Aboriginal service provision;

Mapped all networks and interagencies across the region to see where the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander networks sat to determine MacUnity's unique role, to bridge the gap between mainstream and Aboriginal / Torres Strait Islander service provision;

Mutually beneficial connections made across Aboriginal / Torres Strait Islander and mainstream service provision;

Working collaboratively to support other networks and initiatives that support the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community e.g. Aboriginal Jobs Compact;

Identified issues for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander youth across Macarthur;

Mapped Aboriginal / Torres Strait Islander organisations across the region to identify gaps in service provision;

Provided the avenue for effective partnerships to develop e.g. Koori Flow;

Gathered recent research and local consultations to identify the issues and gaps for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities;

Identified barriers to Aboriginal / Torres Strait Islander and mainstream organisations working effectively together e.g. cultural awareness. Supporting local initiatives to develop (Our Aboriginal Experience) to address these needs;

Provided 2 presentations to the Macarthur Youth Service Network on how to work with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander youth which has been reported to have changed mainstream approach to service provision;

Developing creative initiatives to link pre vocational job skills with employment outcomes for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community;

Maintained commitment to embracing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander principles through co-facilitation and being willing to enter real relationships.