

ACT Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elected Body

Community Priorities 2014–2017



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Acknowledgement of Country

The ACT Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elected Body acknowledges the traditional custodians of the ACT, the Ngunnawal people. The ACT Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elected Body acknowledges and respects their continuing culture and the contribution they make to the life of this city and this region.

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CHAIRPERSON'S FOREWORD

On behalf of the ACT Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elected Body (ATSIEB), we are pleased to present to you the *ACT Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Priorities 2014–2017*.

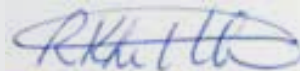
The Community Priorities has been a culmination of hard work undertaken by the ACT Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community, community organisations, CEOs and ATSIEB members over the past 18 months.

The purpose of the plan is to outline priorities which are important to the ACT Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community and which can provide the ACT Government, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations and non-government organisations with information and guidance about what those needs are and how the community want those needs met.

Community engagement has been paramount in this process and ATSIEB commend and thank those individual community members, community organisations and CEOs who have made a contribution to this important community plan.

The Community Priorities 2014–17 outlines four Strategic Principles that we believe will assist us all in achieving meaningful and substantial change for our people.

On behalf of the ATSIEB members, I hand this community priorities document over to the ACT Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community, Community Organisations and the ACT Government as a guide, a resource and most of all a direction which can help make a difference in our community.



Rod Little
Chairperson
May 2014



STRATEGIC PRINCIPLES

- 1** Quality evidence of access and impact of services and programs is recorded and verified to demonstrate improved outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the ACT.
- 2** The 'high level indicator reporting tool' is used to provide Directorates specific response to the *ACT Employment Strategy for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People* covering Capability, Attracting and Retaining Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People in the ACTPS and include evidence of Directorate successes.
- 3** A collation of policies, programs and service delivery is established to demonstrate the level of difference made for the benefit of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families and individuals and evidence of success is verified.
- 4** Indigenous Expenditure in the ACT is reported by directorate and breakdowns of expenditure separating administrative/departmental costs from program and service delivery costs is provided.





These align with the *ATSIEB Strategic Plan 2012–17*, Priority 1: Communication and engagement; Priority 2: Representation and advocacy; and Priority 4: Capability and leadership building

HEALTH

Timeline for outcomes

	2014	2015	2016	2017
1 Establish bi-monthly/quarterly health roundtables: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ for increased engagement with and between community, government and non-government organisations ■ to seek advice and provide input into discussion papers, development and evaluation of policy and programs and any other relevant areas ■ that will be facilitated by the ATSIEB portfolio member, with a defined terms of reference 	Develop terms of reference Maintain representation on ACT and Region Health Forum			
		Undertake community forums and consultation with community in order to have input into discussions/papers/policy Establish initial meetings	Review and evaluate progress Continue meetings and discussions	Implement the findings of the review and evaluation
2 Develop an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Aged Care and Disability framework including respite services for the ACT and region's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander aged and people with disability populations	Establish an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Reference Group to assist in progressing through the National Disability Insurance Scheme. Investigate respite services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples with disability and identify all relevant reports developed Meet with the relevant ACT Government Minister, senior staff within Health Directorate and other stakeholders to discuss this priority	Draft framework for consideration and input from community, government, and other stakeholders. Identify possible sites for development for a respite centre	Hold significant positions in the sector affecting our people Influence improved outcomes and contribution to Health Plan Identify potential budget bid Secure land site for a respite centre Conduct feasibility study	Commence building preferably with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander contractors

HEALTH	Timeline for outcomes			
	2014	2015	2016	2017
3 Develop sustainable strategies to support the Ngunnawal Bush Healing Farm (NBHF)	<p>Continue to seek updates from NBHF Advisory Committee and meet with the Health Directorate</p> <p>Continue to meet with Health Directorate to outline this priority and to identify relevant milestones</p> <p>Contribute to the development of sustainable strategies to support the NBHF.</p>	<p>Finalise construction</p> <p>Design and develop day-to-day and strategic operations, services and model of care</p> <p>Recruitment of professional personnel to manage and deliver services</p> <p>Monitor the implementation of strategies and services</p>	<p>Implement best practice model of care</p> <p>Reporting framework to demonstrate evidence of access and outcomes</p> <p>Review and evaluate progress</p>	<p>Implement the findings of the review and evaluation</p>



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SCHOOLING AND EARLY CHILDHOOD

Timeline for outcomes

	2014	2015	2016	2017
1 Establish quarterly roundtables:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> for increased engagement with and between community, government and non-government organisations 	Develop terms of reference	Ongoing	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> to seek advice and provide input into discussion papers, development and evaluation of policy and programs and any other relevant areas 	Develop processes to enable opportunity and reflection of input		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> that will be facilitated by the ATSIEB portfolio member, with a defined terms of reference 		Establish a role in the Close the Gap process for improvement	Ongoing
2 Formalise engagement with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education Consultative Group	Meet to discuss regularity of meetings	Influence the development of the ACT Education Action Plan ATSIEB–ATSIECG formal arrangement	ATSIEB and ATSIECG priorities embedded in ACT Education Action Plan and national education partnerships	
3 Monitor the increased engagement of students enrolled in early childhood, including students with disability	Commission a baseline report with data and statistics for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students and students with disability and identify any relevant reports developed		Review and evaluate progress to date	



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SAFE COMMUNITIES

Timeline for outcomes

2014

2015

2016

2017

1 Establish quarterly roundtables:

- for increased engagement with and between community, government and non-government organisations
- to seek advice and provide input into discussion papers, development and evaluation of policy and programs and any other relevant areas
- that will be facilitated by the ATSIEB portfolio member, with a defined terms of reference

Establish a lead group to develop a terms of reference and to drive meetings, consider processes for provision of quality advice

Align key priorities with planning and reporting framework to reflect success/improvements

Engage with key stakeholders to establish relevant strategies

Review and evaluate progress to-date

2 Contribute to the establishment of a dedicated and financially sustainable ACT Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Service

Meet with the Justice and Community Safety Directorate to outline this priority and to identify relevant milestones

Contribute to the establishment of an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community and stakeholder reference group to influence progress

Commission research and contribute to the development of processes to support the reference group to determine a way forward

Meet with the relevant ACT Government Minister to discuss this priority

Meet with relevant community organisations and service providers to ascertain needs

SAFE COMMUNITIES	Timeline for outcomes			
	2014	2015	2016	2017
3 Contribute to the establishment of a dedicated and sustainable ACT Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Women's Advocacy and Service organisation	<p>Meet with the relevant stakeholders to outline this priority and to identify relevant strategies to achieve this outcome</p> <p>Establish an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community and stakeholder reference group to influence progress</p>	<p>Meet with relevant stakeholders to finalise priorities and strategies</p> <p>Meet with the relevant ACT Government Minister to discuss this priority</p>	<p>Meet with relevant community organisations and service providers to ascertain needs</p>	<p>Monitor for potential budget bids</p>
4 Continue to engage with key stakeholders on transport and mobility issues	<p>Establish an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community and stakeholder reference group to influence progress with transport and mobility for the ACT Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community</p>	<p>Support the reference group to review the service and recommend improvements</p>	<p>Support reference group to inform ATSIEB on the effectiveness of the transport and mobility for the ACT Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community</p> <p>ATSIEB to facilitate a report to Minister on the effectiveness of the service</p>	<p>Pursue improvements and investments to sustain the transport and mobility service</p>

SAFE COMMUNITIES

Timeline for outcomes

	2014	2015	2016	2017
5 Contribute to the development of a Justice Reinvestment framework	<p>Explore what Justice Reinvestment means for the ACT</p> <p>Commission research and analysis into Justice Reinvestment nationally and internationally</p> <p>Discuss Justice Reinvestment in a local context</p>	<p>Commence development of a Justice Reinvestment Framework</p> <p>Develop evidence base to underpin the framework and the Aboriginal Justice Agreement and Whole of Government Agreement</p> <p>Determine ATSIEB interpretation</p>	<p>Monitor impact and identify improvement opportunities within the framework</p>	<p>Recommend embedding and sustaining effective programs and services</p>
6 Contribute to the renewal of the Aboriginal Justice Agreement	<p>Provide input/direction into the Aboriginal Justice Agreement including a focus on increased budget allocation for Law and Justice initiatives</p>	<p>Establish clear connections and accountability mechanisms with the Whole of Government Agreement</p> <p>Budget allocation recommendations</p>	<p>Involvement in the review of the AJA</p> <p>Community consultation on the impact/effectiveness of the AJA</p> <p>Budget recommendations</p> <p>Review and evaluate progress to-date</p>	<p>Recommend embedding and resourcing effective programs and services that are making a difference</p>



These align with the *ATSIEB Strategic Plan 2012–17*, Priority 1: Communication and engagement

GOVERNANCE AND LEADERSHIP

Timeline for outcomes

	2014	2015	2016	2017
1 Conduct ATSIEB Hearings	Monitor previous years reports and outcomes, including budget expenditure			
2 Contribute to the review of ATSIEB Act, including the model and increased capacity and resources for ATSIEB	<p>Contribute to the terms of reference for the review</p> <p>Participate and support the establishment of an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community and stakeholder reference group to influence progress</p>	Provide input into the review, including changes to the model, including changes to the model, increased capacity and resourcing for ATSIEB	Review and evaluate progress to-date	
3 Lead collaborative development of an ACT Whole of Government Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Agreement	<p>Lead contribution to the agreement through participation on reference groups</p> <p>Engage community on discussions of agreement</p> <p>Co-launch agreement</p>	Continue to review outcomes and effectiveness	Monitor specific components of the agreement	Embed effective strategies and lobby for resources for programs and services to sustain improvements
4 Monitor and provide advice on the Review of the ACT Public Service Employment Strategy	Request meeting to discuss target and progress	Conduct annual meeting to monitor progress against targets		
5 Contribute to Culture and Identity issues	Facilitate the development of youth representation of traditional custodians, along with elders and community leaders	Establish relationships with leadership entities and programs		Review and evaluate progress

GOVERNANCE AND LEADERSHIP	Timeline for outcomes			
	2014	2015	2016	2017
6 Contribute and advocate to acknowledge Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in the ACT Human Rights Act	Continue discussions with Justice and Community Safety directorate and ACT Human Rights Commission Seek legal advice regarding wording	Negotiate inclusion of acknowledgement into the ACT Human Rights Act Finalise agreed wording with ATSIEB and JACS	Embed acknowledgement in the ACT Human Rights Act	Reflect on progress
7 Continue to facilitate community organisations CEO and Chairperson meetings on a biannual basis		Facilitate biannual meeting/conference		Facilitate biannual meeting/conference
8 Develop an understanding and have direct input in the ACT budgetary process	Meet with Chief Minister and Treasury Directorate Communicate with all directorates regarding budget bids	Embed ATSIEB priorities in the ACT budget process	Sustain ATSIEB priorities in the ACT budget process	Sustain ATSIEB priorities in the ACT budget process
9 Continue to meet with Cabinet, Chief Minister and all Ministers to discuss priorities	Meet with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Cabinet annually ■ Chief Minister annually ■ Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Minister quarterly ■ Other ministers, as required ■ Director OATSIA bi-monthly 			



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ECONOMIC PARTICIPATION

Timeline for outcomes

	2014	2015	2016	2017
1 Develop strategies to support joint economic development that foster economic participation and job opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the ACT	<p>Meet with the Economic Development Directorate to outline this priority and to identify relevant milestones</p> <p>Establish Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community and stakeholder reference group to influence progress</p>	<p>Meet with relevant stakeholders to finalise priorities</p> <p>Meet with the ACT and Region Chamber of Commerce and Industry to identify and discuss potential relationship/strategies</p> <p>Meet with the relevant ACT Government Minister to discuss progress of this priority</p> <p>Identify potential budget opportunities</p>	<p>Develop relevant strategies and potential resource</p> <p>Seek endorsement of strategies from all stakeholders</p>	<p>Monitor for potential budget bids</p>
2 Facilitate discussions to establish of an ACT Indigenous Business Chamber	<p>Conduct meetings with relevant stakeholders</p> <p>Assist with the registration of ACT Indigenous Business Chamber</p> <p>Assist with the development of a strategic plan and identify establishment resourcing</p>	<p>Contribute to the launch of the chamber and implement the strategic business plan</p> <p>Contribute to the development of an ACT Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Economic Development plan</p>	<p>Leverage outcomes from the Economic Development plan</p> <p>Commission economic research and analysis to inform policies, programs and services</p>	<p>Review plan and outcomes</p> <p>Embed and resource successful programs and services</p>

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	2014	2015	2016	2017
3 Encourage and promote tourism in the ACT from an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander perspective	Facilitate meetings with relevant stakeholders to consider the development of an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Tourism Strategy	Continue to facilitate meetings and discussions		Monitor and evaluate progress to-date
4 Advocate for sustainable strategies to support longevity of Boomanulla Oval as a community facility and asset	Monitor community participation			Review and evaluate progress to-date
5 Encourage and promote utilisation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander services providers and business owners across the ACT Government	Explore opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander businesses to be eligible and be placed on ACT Government service provider panels	Explore ATSIEB and Supply Nation partnership relationship	Monitor and report on the up-take by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander suppliers as members of Supply Nation and use of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander suppliers by the ACT Government	
	Facilitate an ATSIEB–Supply Nation roundtable			



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HEALTHY HOMES

Timeline for outcomes

	2014	2015	2016	2017
<p>1 Establish biannual roundtables:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ for increased engagement with and between community, government and non-government organisations ■ to seek advice and provide input into discussion papers, development and evaluation of policy and programs and any other relevant areas ■ that will be facilitated by the ATSIEB portfolio member, with a defined terms of reference 	<p>Develop terms of reference for ongoing engagement</p> <p>Develop processes for contributions and evaluation of policies, programs and services</p>		<p>Monitor and report on change</p>	<p>Embed effective processes and investment into programs and services influencing positive change</p>
<p>2 Contribute to the establishment of a sustainable Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander housing organisation model</p>	<p>Meet with relevant stakeholders to inform the model</p> <p>Convene dedicated community forums to discuss the progress and endorsement for the model</p>		<p>Monitor and evaluate progress to-date</p>	<p>Embed and sustain investment in effective housing model</p>
<p>3 Contribute to the establishment of an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Controlled Child Care Agency in the ACT</p>	<p>Contribute to the development of terms of reference for the group to explore the rationale and logic for the establishment of a community controlled agency</p>	<p>Facilitate stakeholder/ reference group meetings</p>	<p>Monitor and evaluate progress to-date</p>	



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