



Message from the Chairperson



Dear community, colleagues and friends

At our 7th meeting for 2014-15, members received presentations and discussed matters to strengthen ATSIEB operations. It was announced that Mr Richard Allan is the new ATSIEB member replacing Ms Jo Donovan. We look forward to welcoming him to the Elected Body to pursue outcomes benefiting our community.

Presentations

- **Step Up for Kids** - We will keep a close eye on this Out of Home Care Strategy to ensure it effectively benefits our families.
- **Mental Health & Well Being** – In partnership with ACT Health, we will seek feedback from the community on the ACT Mental Health & Wellbeing Framework by the end of July as well as advice on Suicide Prevention.
- **ConnXtions Program** – Members were informed of early success stories and new relationships being developed for our mob with the Canberra Institute of Technology - Yurana Centre.
- **Healing Foundation** – Looking forward to future relationships for *Community Healing; and Healing Healers & Trauma Education* our peoples, our way.
- **Australian Bureau of Statistics** – Provided advice on how to obtain relevant information to strengthen strategies and arguments for the benefit of our community.

Operations

Member responsibilities were reshuffled to broaden knowledge base and experiences: **Chief Minister ,Treasurer & Economic Development** – Rod Little; **Justice & Community Safety** – Di Collins; **Health** – Maurice Walker; **Territory & Municipal Services** – Richard Allan; **Education & Training** - Ross Fowler; **Environment & Planning** – Fred Mongahan; **Community Services** – Jo Chivers;

The agenda for each member in all key Directorate and stakeholder meetings will focus on progress against the priorities of the ACT Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Agreement & ACT Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Justice Partnership.

The priorities embedded in the ACT Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Agreement came from community consultations over 2013-14 and members: discussed short, medium and long term objectives (including Strengthening families); a Women's Advocacy Service organisation; sustaining objective and respectful relationships with Chairpersons and CEO's of community organisations for the benefit of the whole community; and leadership and development.

Check out the youtube clip from our Business Yarning Circle

<http://cbrin.com.au/yarning-circle-a-success/> and please provide your thoughts to us on the future of Boomanulla Oval.

Congratulations to Ms Jo Chivers on her recent appointment to the ACT Ministerial Council on Ageing.

On behalf of the members, I would like to hear your feedback by forwarding an email to atsieb@act.gov.au or calling the Secretariat on 02 6205 2551.

Rod Little

Chairperson

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elected Body



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