

# Aboriginal Caseworker / Counsellor

## Trauma Support Service

- **A fantastic opportunity for an experienced Aboriginal Caseworker/Counsellor with a trauma support background**
- **Part time 4 days per week role**
- **Based in Harris Park, Sydney**

Relationships Australia NSW (RANSW) believes everyone is entitled to positive, supportive and healthy relationships. Our work is centred on building strong family relationships and community connections. As a leading independent non-profit organisation, we focus on those in greatest need, and we conduct our work with respect for difference and social inclusiveness.

We are looking for a suitably qualified and experienced Aboriginal Caseworker/Counsellor for our Trauma Support Service (Wattle Place) to provide services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island Forgotten Australians and people who have been impacted by the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses into Child Sexual Abuse. This service seeks to assist and support people who were in care in NSW or who are currently residing in NSW and looking to access their records, and trace and reconnect with their families.

This is a part time position working 4 days per week. We are flexible on the days of work arrangements and this will be discussed with the successful candidate.

### **Some of the responsibilities of the successful applicant will include:**

- Provide quality therapeutic case management and counselling to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island Forgotten Australians and people who have been impacted by the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses into Child Sexual Abuse.
- Provide trauma informed support, information and referral to facilitate client well-being;
- Apply person centred and strengths based approaches to working with clients to develop goals and work towards outcomes;
- Provide quality support to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island Forgotten Australians with supported file reading and family tracing and reunion;
- Work as part of a team;
- Provide quality customer service to clients and internal customers.

### **About the successful candidate**

- This is an Aboriginal identified position and applicants must be able to demonstrate their Aboriginality and capacity to engage with target community;
- Formal qualifications, or working towards qualification in social work, psychology, welfare, or other relevant disciplines;
- A good knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal culture and values and the ability to effectively communicate with Aboriginal people; and awareness of Aboriginal communities and issues facing Aboriginal people, families and communities today;
- Awareness and understanding of history of institutional and out of home care in Australia, specifically for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island persons and Stolen Generations. This includes understanding of the issues / barriers faced by Forgotten Australians and the long term impact of out-of-home care on children;
- Ability to work closely with service users in an empathic and respectful way;
- Ability to provide quality casework to develop individual tailored case plans and coordinate referral to suit client need;
- Excellent verbal and written communication, interpersonal, and relationship building skills - builds connection and empathy quickly;
- Demonstrated experience in record keeping and effective data recording;
- Ability to travel throughout New South Wales, interstate and work flexible hours

For more information about the role and details on how to apply, click on the link below:

<http://ransw.applynow.net.au/jobs/RANSW213>

**APPLICATIONS CLOSE ON SUNDAY 12 NOVEMBER 2017**

*RANSW is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Through our Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP), we aim to drive greater equality by practical actions to build strong relationships, increased employment opportunities, and enhanced respect between First Nations peoples and other Australians. RANSW's RAP can be found on our website at [www.nsw.relationships.com.au/RAP](http://www.nsw.relationships.com.au/RAP)*

*RANSW recognises the importance of a healthy work-life balance. We work hard to promote a supportive work environment and we have a strong focus on professional development. We offer a range of benefits including salary packaging with significant tax-free benefits.*

