

INVITATION TO A LAUNCH OF OPPORTUNITIES



Community Services, Health & Education
Training Council Inc

**The official launch of three new traineeships
for Aboriginal health work
by the
Minister for Training
& Workforce Development,
the Hon Peter Collier, MLC.**

DATE of LAUNCH
Wednesday 14 March 2012 at 11:00 am
MARR MOODITJ TRAINING
295 Manning Road, Waterford 6152
(see map on page four)

Overview of the three new Traineeships for Aboriginal health workers

The Aboriginal health work sector is undergoing major reforms. From 1 July 2012 Aboriginal Health Workers will be subject to national regulations, which include mandatory qualifications. To help the sector adjust to the regulations, the Minister for Training & Workforce Development, the Hon Peter Collier MLC, has agreed to the establishment of three new traineeships at Certificate II, III and IV levels. The traineeships will provide important additional training and culturally appropriate up skilling opportunities to both new and existing Aboriginal health workers. They will also help to support the valuable contribution this profession makes to their communities and their people.

Commitment to improving Aboriginal health services

The State Government has a strong commitment to the health of Aboriginal people through the provision of hospital and health services that give special attention to their needs with services that are provided in culturally appropriate ways.

Details of the important new Aboriginal Health traineeship opportunities

The Certificate II in ATSI Primary Health Care—will be available for both VET in Schools delivery or as an Aboriginal School Based Traineeship. In addition to helping recruit Aboriginal health workers the traineeships will:

- encourage Aboriginal students to retain an interest in school through years 11 and 12 as well as boosting their self esteem; and
- provide students with essential health knowledge to enable them to take more control over their own health and spread the knowledge to their families and communities.

Certificates III & IV in Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander (ATSI) Primary Health Care

These workers are able to complete a range of tasks which may include:

- working as team members to arrange, coordinate and provide Primary Health Care delivery
- liaising with patients, clients, visitors to hospital and other medical facilities and staff at health clinics

National registration for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health workers will commence from July 2012. For Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health workers to be eligible, they must have as a minimum a Certificate IV in ATSI Primary Health Care (Practice).

The Department of Training & Workforce Development

For a number of years the DTWD has funded delivery of Aboriginal Primary Health Care qualifications through Community Controlled RTOs (Bega, KAMSC) and Marr Mooditj Training. It is understood that the Department will continue to provide this funding as well as providing User Choice funding for the delivery of the new ATSI Primary Health Care traineeships.

Funding for the traineeships

The three new ATSI Primary Health Care traineeships will receive State funding to cover the cost of training delivery. In addition their employers, the Aboriginal Medical Services, may be eligible for Commonwealth employer incentives.

Thanks to Marr Mooditj Training

The CSH&E Training Council wishes to express its gratitude to the Council and staff of Marr Mooditj Training for allowing us to use their attractive College in its beautiful setting on the river in Waterford for this important launch.

Thanks to the Minister the Hon Peter Collier MLC

The CSH&E Training Council also wishes to express its gratitude to the Minister for Training & Workforce Development the Hon Peter Collier for kindly agreeing to launch these new traineeships for Aboriginal Primary Health Care work. It should be noted that the Minister has a double commitment to Aboriginal Health through his other portfolio as Minister for Indigenous Affairs.

**Venue for the launch
Marr Mooditj Training
295 Manning Road, Waterford 6152**

**RSVP form for the
launch of the Aboriginal health worker
traineeships**

I wish to attend the Minister's launch of the
Aboriginal Health Worker traineeships
Wednesday 14 March 2012 11:00am

Name:

Agency:

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Please email to **CSH&E Training Council**,
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by cob Friday 9 March.

