
Aboriginal Advisory Group

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Background

Anglicare WA's vision is a just and fair Western Australia where everyone can thrive. We believe that this can only be achieved in a spirit of reconciliation between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal peoples in Western Australia.

We also recognise Aboriginal peoples as unique among all Australians in their ancient sovereignty over this land and its waters. We believe that reconciliation is the responsibility of modern Australia in acknowledging the historical context of injustice. In this context Anglicare WA has established an Aboriginal Advisory Group to support us in the achievement of our purpose of driving positive outcomes for those in need and challenging barriers to thriving.

Responsibilities

The Aboriginal Advisory Group ('**AAG**') provides advice and guidance to the CEO and Executive of Anglicare WA in relation to the following matters:

- Strengthening relationships with Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations ('**ACCOs**'), including:
 - the identification and transition of targeted Aboriginal services to ACCOs;
 - Anglicare WA's role in capacity building of ACCOs; and
 - joint service provision in partnership with ACCOs;
- Progress and challenges in the implementation of our Reconciliation Action Plan;
- Providing a conduit for Aboriginal community feedback on Anglicare WA policies and services to Aboriginal people and communities; and
- Advocacy priorities as informed by Local Engagement Plans and the AAG itself.

Members of the AAG are required to act in good faith and in the best interests of Anglicare WA and our purpose.

Membership

The Aboriginal Advisory Group is appointed by the Board of Anglicare WA. Members are expected to attend scheduled meetings, and contribute to the agenda.

The membership comprises up to six Aboriginal members, with at least one person from each of the following:

- An Elder;
- A younger person;
- An ACCO leader;
- A person with experience in community services; and
- A person with experience in similar sized organisations.

The Board of Anglicare WA may decide to appoint more than one person from any of these groups. Ideally the group includes representation from Western Australian Aboriginal groups outside the Nyoongar nation. The CEO of Anglicare WA, the Aboriginal Advisor and the Chair of the Anglicare WA RAP Committee will attend meetings of the AAG. Members of the Anglicare WA Executive will attend as required by the CEO or if invited by the AAG.

Term of Appointment

Membership of the AAG is for a term of three years with an opportunity to renew for a further term however individual members may agree to cease membership from time to time. The Board of Anglicare WA can revoke the membership of any member if it believes that the member is not meeting the responsibilities of membership.

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Meetings

A minimum of three meetings per year will be held. The AAG may also meet with the Board of Anglicare WA annually. Anglicare WA provides administrative support to the AAG, including:

- Preparation of meeting agenda and papers;
- Recording of meeting minutes; and
- Processing of member fees and disbursements as approved by Anglicare WA.

Meetings will be held at the Corporate Office of Anglicare WA or at other locations as agreed by the AAG and the CEO of Anglicare WA.