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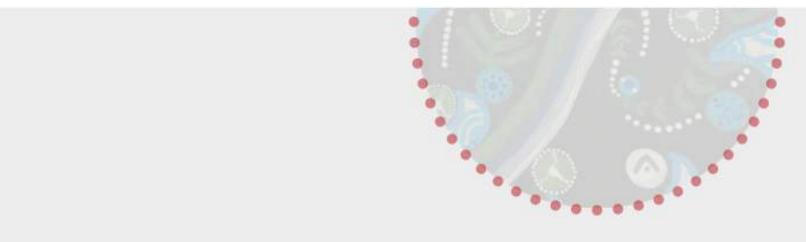
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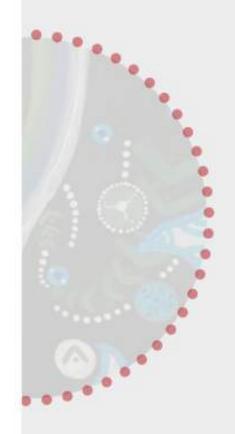
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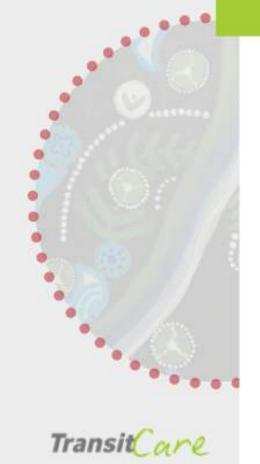




## Acknowledgement of Country

TransitCare recognises Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples' unique cultural and spiritual relationships to the land, waters and seas and their rich contribution to our society. We pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging.





#### Reconciliation Australia CEO Statement

Reconciliation Australia commends TransitCare Limited on the formal endorsement of its inaugural Innovate Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP).

Commencing an Innovate RAP is a crucial and rewarding period in an organisation's reconciliation journey. It is a time to build strong foundations and relationships, ensuring sustainable, thoughtful, and impactful RAP outcomes into the future. Since 2006, RAPs have provided a framework for organisations to leverage their structures and diverse spheres of influence to support the national reconciliation movement.

This Innovate RAP is both an opportunity and an invitation for TransitCare Limited to expand its understanding of its core strengths and deepen its relationship with its community, staff, and stakeholders. By investigating and understanding the integral role it plays across its sphere of influence, TransitCare Limited will create dynamic reconciliation outcomes, supported by and aligned with its business objectives.

An Innovate RAP is the time to strengthen and develop the connections that form the lifeblood of all RAP commitments. The RAP program's framework of relationships, respect, and opportunities emphasises not only the importance of fostering consultation and collaboration with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and communities, but also empowering and enabling staff to contribute to this process, as well.

With close to 3 million people now either working or studying in an organisation with a RAP, the program's potential for impact is greater than ever. TransitCare Limited is part of a strong network of more than 1,100 corporate, government, and not-for-profit organisations that have taken goodwill and intention, and transformed it into action. Implementing an Innovate RAP signals TransitCare Limited's readiness to develop and strengthen relationships, engage staff and stakeholders in reconciliation, and pilot innovative strategies to ensure effective outcomes. Getting these steps right will ensure the sustainability of future RAPs and reconciliation initiatives, and provide meaningful impact toward Australia's reconciliation journey.

Congratulations TransitCare Limited on your Innovate RAP and I look forward to following your ongoing reconciliation journey.

Karen Mundine Chief Executive Officer Reconciliation Australia





## TransitCare CEO Message

I am delighted to present our second Reconciliation Action Plan - INNOVATE, developed in partnership with our people, community stakeholders, and Reconciliation Australia.

Since the launch of our Reflect Reconciliation Action Plan in 2018, which focused on developing relationships with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander stakeholders and exploring our sphere of influence, we have strengthened relationships with First Nations communities.

Our actions are determined by Reconciliation Australia's four pillars of relationships, respect, opportunities and governance and I am confident that the targets we have set ourselves can be achieved with the support of our whole organisation.

We have faced some extraordinary challenges delivering services during a pandemic, but thanks to the commitment of our staff, the disruptions have been managed.

We look forward to continuing our journey toward respectful, authentic relationships and reconciliation for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, organisations, and communities.

#### Terry O'Toole

Chief Executive Officer TransitCare





#### Our Vision

In the spirit of reconciliation and driven by TransitCare's vision of connecting people to their communities, we are committed to promoting equity, understanding, and the significance of diversity. We aspire to working closely with our stakeholders, our partners and our local communities to alleviate disadvantage and provide culturally safe services.

TransitCare is working towards authentic reconciliation through which First Nations peoples and the wider Australian community continue building relationships based on respect. We want to be part of communities who embrace the uniqueness of cultural identity and who celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history, traditions, and contributions. We are building an environment that is accepting of the whole community and we will support strategies that make certain employment opportunities are available to everyone.

At TransitCare we strive to exceed our customers' expectations and we achieve this by valuing the importance of collaboration within the communities we service. We acknowledge the insights and cultural understanding of those government departments, community agencies, liaison services, health centres and hospitals who assist our staff (particularly frontline workers) in providing positive experiences for our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander customers. We want community members to be able to travel freely and safely to hospital and medical appointments, to go shopping, to meet friends and family, and generally to participate.

As our service continues to increase its geographic presence, especially in remote areas of Queensland, we will leverage those insights by respecting the land and cultures we engage with.







### **Our Business**

## Community transport enables access and connection.

TransitCare is recognised as a trusted and pre-eminent community transport provider. We act with integrity, empathy, and professionalism, empowering a client-focused service that underwrites inclusion and participation. With over 20,000 service users in Brisbane, Logan, Redlands, Ipswich, Scenic Rim, Townsville, Charters Towers, Ingham, Cairns and Douglas Shire, we provide transport to people who have difficulty getting around to ensure they maintain independence.

TransitCare also delivers social support programmes: bus trips, fitness sessions, art and craft groups and technology classes. Our purpose is to provide opportunities for friendships to be forged, for health and wellbeing goals to be achieved and for learning to be unlimited.



#### **Our Business**

As the largest community transport provider in Queensland, we have established positive and professional relationships with the Department of Health and the Department of Communities. We appreciate the support from these Departments and recognise their ongoing commitment to our organisation.

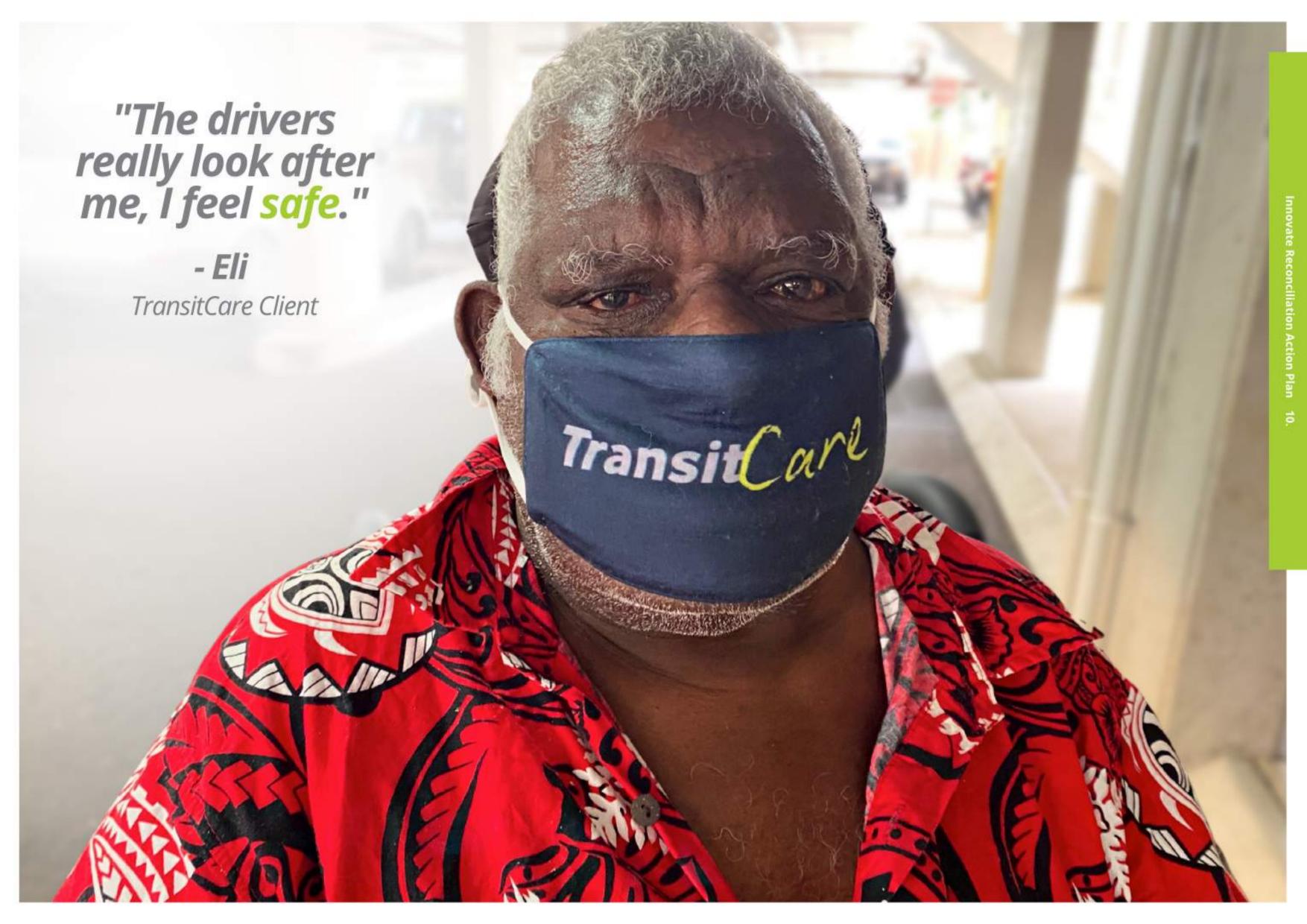
With continued growth in our service delivery areas, we have focused on performance and technology over the last two years, forming a unique collaboration with strategic partners to develop our best-in-class Transport Information Management System (TIMS). TIMS is critical to the way we deliver transportation and service. It is a bespoke scheduling tool developed to meet the needs of our clients, operating with real time technology and GPS tracking.

Our system has a unique aggregation function that clusters similar transport needs into one journey. We know aggregation delivers efficiencies in wait and travel times and takes more vehicles off the road, which contributes to the Queensland Government's net zero emissions target. TransitCare has recently become an approved Home Care Package provider and as our suite of services increases, we look forward to building new partnerships and giving seniors a choice about their care.

For more information about TransitCare and our services please visit our website www.transitcare.com.au or call 1300 153 636. We are very fortunate to have highly motivated and dedicated employees and volunteers. A total of 98 staff members supports our commitment to caring for our clients.

Eight staff members identify as Aboriginal/ Torres Strait Islander people, and we encourage all our employees to self-identify. Employing people from diverse backgrounds increases our organisation's opportunity to reflect local communities.





#### Our RAP

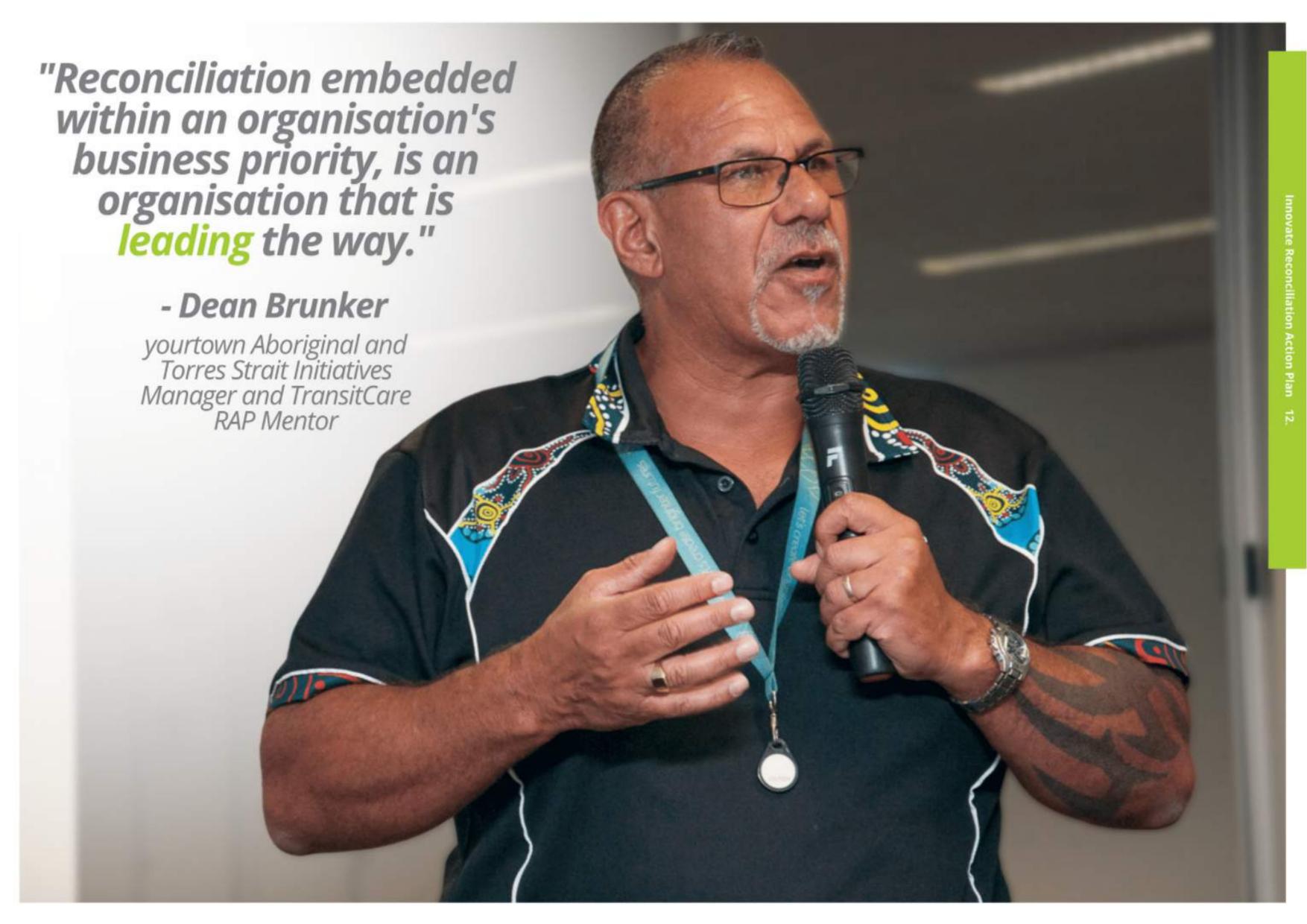
Following the successful roll out of our REFLECT RAP, TransitCare is pleased to continue the journey by committing to our second RAP - INNOVATE.

Our door-to-door assisted transport removes the burden placed upon families and social networks and improves outcomes for those at most risk in the community. Overall Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities have poorer health outcomes. Whilst there are several contributing factors which result in this deficit; access to reliable, culturally sensitive transport services is a major obstacle for those trying to interact with health care. For many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander patients, the local health service option (as in, is physically accessible) may not be the best option in terms of affordability or cultural acceptance. Transport and distance, therefore, inhibit the freedom to choose 'right fit' health care services.

Whilst developing our first Reconciliation Action Plan and learning about whole person approaches to health care, we understand that First Nations people need to be engaged at a local level to overcome barriers to access. Staff at our service delivery centres in Brisbane, Townsville and Cairns work closely with clients and health professionals to ensure that appointments are kept, and treatment is not compromised because of transport disadvantage.

A RAP Working Group has been formed to progress our Reconciliation Action Plan, with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander staff forming part of this working group, and oversight from the Board and Executives. We are also privileged to have an external participant (Aboriginal person) in the group who is employed as an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Initiatives Manager at Yourtown. He has been instrumental in developing RAPs for his organisation. Key personnel from across the organisation involved in the RAP Working Group, include: our Chief Executive Officer, Branch Manager Townsville, Branch Manager Cairns, Client Services Manager, Operations Manager, and Driver Leading Hands (Aboriginal people). The CEO and Branch Manager Cairns are the internal champions of our Innovate RAP.





## The journey so far...

Since developing our Reflect RAP three years ago, we have used our experiences to strengthen relationships between TransitCare and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples: new employees, other service providers, and clients.

Reflecting on how we might be perceived by First Nations people in the community, compelled us to consider our marketing collateral, uniforms, images on our vehicles, partnerships, behaviours, attitudes, and finally, how we could initiate change at an individual, employee, and organisational level.

Focusing on true inclusion steered our decision making and for the first time we celebrated dates of significance for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. TransitCare acknowledges the importance of advancing training and employment pathways and having Aboriginal team members join the organisation has enriched our workforce and increased engagement.

TransitCare has made significant gains by developing new partnerships with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health services and agencies when implementing our transport service in new areas. As always, we are guided by their voices, and we maintain our commitment to reconciliation.

We have adopted strategies which include embracing kinship networks and working with community Elders to make certain that communication and limited health literacy are not preventing wellness.



## The journey so far...

Northern Area Primary Health Limited (NAPHL) has been utilising TransitCare services for a few years. During that time, we have seen hospital appointment attendance rates increase from 60% to 98%. We attribute this success to TransitCare's reliable, caring, and professional team. Their flexibility, motivation and commitment to their customers are unparalleled. TransitCare's Reconciliation Action Plan has ensured that their staff is provided with cultural awareness training and understand the nuances around service delivery and connecting with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. Excellent communication between our organisations has underpinned our achievements and I look forward to a long and rewarding association. I highly recommend TransitCare to my contacts.

Linda Kensington, CEO, NAPHL

Working with TransitCare has been great. We have been able to increase the amount of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander clients accessing Health Care across Southern Brisbane, leading to better health outcomes for clients. We have been able to build an excellent working relationship with TransitCare and wish for this to continue long into the future.

Thomas Horsley, Care Coordination Supplementary Services Assistant Manager, IUIH

Other highlights and achievements from our Reflect RAP include participating in a cultural competency pilot programme, working with verified Indigenous businesses, development of a cultural awareness training plan for the whole organisation and increased community partnerships which have equipped us with the context to develop culturally appropriate service delivery. We are grateful to The Institute for Urban Indigenous Health, Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Community Health Service, Minjerriba Respite Centre, Northern Australia Primary Health Limited, Townsville Aboriginal & Islander Health Services, Gidgee Healing, Wuchopperen Health Service, Link-Up Qld, the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Liaison Officers at the hospitals in our service areas, Charlie Waters, Dean Brunker and Aunty Heather Castledine for their ongoing support and assistance with RAP learnings.







## **Brooke Hornery**

Brooke Hornery is the artist for our second Reconciliation Action Plan. We tasked Brooke with creating artwork which tells the story of our ongoing commitment to making a difference and strengthening relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.

Brooke's piece has respected our original RAP artwork by incorporating the TransitCare symbol created by Charlie Waters and depicting our journey towards greater cultural awareness.

As a young Aboriginal woman embracing opportunities and seizing the day, Brooke is a great role model with a big future.



#### Relationships

TransitCare understands that by building strong working partnerships with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities we will be able to accomplish meaningful engagement. By nurturing these partnerships, we can address needs and integrate feedback. We will commit to regular interactions with our partners ensuring that planning and service yield positive outcomes for our customers. As we expand our suite of services and increase our profile in regional areas, we will look to invest in more partnerships to assist our progress in delivering meaningful supports for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples whilst realising our core business targets. We are in the business of connecting people to their communities and alliance will help us move towards reconciliation, justice, self-determination, and empowerment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Action	Deliverable	Timeline	Responsibility
Establish and maintain mutually beneficial	Maintain a presence at National Committees and Conferences that support reconciliation	June 2022, 2023	CEO
relationships with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander stakeholders and organisations.	<ul> <li>Continue to work with local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations, service providers and programs to strengthen partnerships and foster new opportunities, particularly in Regional Queensland</li> </ul>	July 2022, 2023	CEO, Branch Managers
	<ul> <li>Meet with local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander stakeholders and organisations to develop guiding principles for future engagement</li> </ul>	June 2022	CEO, Branch Managers
	Develop and implement an engagement plan to work with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander stakeholders and organisations	May 2022	CEO, Branch Managers
Build relationships through celebrating National Reconciliation Week (NRW).	Circulate Reconciliation Australia's NRW resources and reconciliation materials to our staff	May 2022, 2023	CEO, Branch Manager Cairns
	<ul> <li>RAP Working Group members to participate in an external NRW event</li> </ul>	27 May – 3 June 2022, 2023	CEO, Branch Managers
	<ul> <li>Encourage and support staff and senior leaders to participate in at least one external event to recognise and celebrate NRW</li> </ul>	27 May – 3 June 2022, 2023	CEO





	Organise NRW activities which include staff across all levels of the business	27 May – 3 June 2022, 2023	CEO, Branch Managers, Client Services Manager Branch Manager Cairns
	<ul> <li>Register all our NRW events on Reconciliation Australia's NRW website.</li> </ul>	May 2022, 2023	
	<ul> <li>Ensure email signatures; zoom backgrounds and all TransitCare's social media platforms show NRW theme with appropriate commentary</li> </ul>	27 May – 3 June 2022, 2023	Executive Assistant, Marketing Manager
Promote reconciliation through our sphere of influence.	Develop and implement a staff engagement strategy to raise awareness of reconciliation across our workforce	January 2023	CEO
	Communicate our commitment to reconciliation publicly	April 2022	CEO
	<ul> <li>Explore opportunities to positively influence our external stakeholders to drive reconciliation outcomes</li> </ul>	September 2022	CEO, Branch Manager Cairns
	<ul> <li>Collaborate with RAP and other like-minded organisations to develop ways to advance reconciliation</li> </ul>	September 2022	CEO, Branch Manager Cairns
	<ul> <li>Produce video (ask stakeholders to participate) to accompany Innovate RAP business plan and make available to all staff and partners and publish on website and intranet</li> </ul>	April 2022	Branch Manager Cairns
	<ul> <li>Publish article about our Innovate RAP and its aspirations to client base and stakeholder in our quarterly newsletter</li> </ul>	May 2022	CEO, Marketing Manager, Executive Assistant
	<ul> <li>Celebrate the launch of our Innovate RAP inviting staff, partnering agencies and mentors to attend and promote the event through social media platforms</li> </ul>	April 2022	CEO





Promote positive race relations through anti-discrimination strategies.

Conduct a review of HR policies and procedures to identify existing anti- discrimination provisions, and future needs	January 2023	HR Manager
Develop, implement, and communicate an anti-discrimination policy for our organisation	January 2023	HR Manager
<ul> <li>Engage with Aboriginal and Torres Strait         Islander staff and/or Aboriginal and Torres         Strait Islander advisors to consult on our anti-discrimination policy     </li> </ul>	January 2023	HR Manager
Educate senior leaders on the effects of racism	February 2023	CEO







"We are focused on developing relationships with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander stakeholders."

Terry O'Toole TransitCare CEO

#### Respect

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples are the Traditional Custodians of our country and as we work to deliver transport services throughout metropolitan and regional Queensland, we travel across land that has been in their charge for over 60,000 years. We humbly engage with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elders and their representatives to learn about unique environments, histories and perspectives and understand the importance of collaboration to achieve successful results.

Action	Deliverable	Timeline	Responsibility
Increase understanding, value and recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait	<ul> <li>Conduct a review of cultural learning needs within TransitCare during all staff cultural awareness training</li> </ul>	February 2023	HR Manager
Islander cultures, histories, knowledge, and rights through cultural learning.	<ul> <li>Provide Cultural competency talk at all staff training session</li> </ul>	October 2022	Operations Manager
	<ul> <li>Develop, implement, and communicate a cultural learning strategy for our staff</li> </ul>	January 2023	CEO, Executive Team
	<ul> <li>Consult local Traditional Owners and/or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander advisors on the development and implementation of a cultural learning strategy</li> </ul>	March 2023	CEO, Executive Team
	Rename our style guide colours using     Aboriginal vocabulary	May 2022	Marketing Manager
	<ul> <li>Provide opportunities for RAP Working Group members, HR managers and other key leadership staff to participate in formal and structured cultural learning</li> </ul>	June 2022	CEO
Demonstrate respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples by observing cultural protocols.	<ul> <li>Increase staff's understanding of the purpose and significance behind cultural protocols, including Acknowledgement of Country and Welcome to Country protocols at cultural awareness training</li> </ul>	June 2022	Branch Manager Cairns





<ul> <li>Develop, implement, and communicate a cultural protocol document, including protocols for Welcome to Country and Acknowledgement of Country. Review Staff Induction resources</li> </ul>	June 2022	HR Department
<ul> <li>Invite a local Traditional Owner or Custodian to provide a Welcome to Country or other appropriate cultural protocol at significant events each year</li> </ul>	November 2022, 2023	CEO
<ul> <li>Include an Acknowledgement of Country or other appropriate protocols at the commencement of important meetings</li> </ul>	November 2022, 2023	CEO
<ul> <li>Ensure each TransitCare Office has an Acknowledgement of Country on display, citing specific Traditional owners</li> </ul>	May 2022	Branch Managers, Client Services Manager
Include Acknowledgement of Country (footer) and Cultural Disclaimer on Website	May 2022	Marketing Manager
RAP Working Group to participate in an external NAIDOC Week event	First week in July 2022, 2023	CEO, Branch Managers
<ul> <li>Increase staff understanding through quizzes, comps, bush foods samplings and providing links to storytelling, film and music</li> </ul>	First week in July 2022, 2023	CEO, Branch Managers, Client services Manager
Review HR policies and procedures to remove	June 2022	HR Manager

barriers to staff participating in NAIDOC Week



**Build respect for Aboriginal** 

and Torres Strait Islander

cultures and histories by

celebrating NAIDOC Week.



<ul> <li>Promote and encourage participation in external NAIDOC events to all staff</li> </ul>	First week in July 2022, 2023	CEO, Branch Managers Client services Manage
Provide transport to partnering agencies to attend events		
Look for innovative ways to celebrate events (during lockdowns)		
<ul> <li>Ensure email signatures; zoom backgrounds and all TransitCare's social media platforms support NAIDOC week</li> </ul>	First week in July 2022, 2023	Executive Assistant, Marketing Manager





#### **Opportunities**

TransitCare believes providing employment and business opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples is central to our cross-cultural awareness. We know our business will make more measured choices as we gain understandings of First Nations communities. We will acknowledge our achievements, our increased competencies and continue to improve access.

Action	Deliverable	Timeline	Responsibility
Improve employment outcomes by increasing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander recruitment,	<ul> <li>Build understanding of current Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander staffing to inform future employment and professional development opportunities</li> </ul>	June 2023	HR Manager, Officers
retention and professional development.	<ul> <li>Develop and implement an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander recruitment, retention, and professional development strategy</li> </ul>	June 2023	HR Manager, Officers
	<ul> <li>Consult with Aboriginal and Torres Strait         Islander staff to develop and implement an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander recruitment, retention, and professional development strategy     </li> </ul>	June 2023	HR Department, Branch Managers
	<ul> <li>Advertise job vacancies to effectively reach Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander stakeholders</li> </ul>	December 2022, 2023	HR Department, Branch Managers
	<ul> <li>Provide a local student the opportunity to design our Innovate artwork</li> </ul>	April 2022	CEO
	<ul> <li>Review HR and recruitment procedures and policies to remove barriers to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander participation in our workplace</li> </ul>	December 2022	HR Manager
	<ul> <li>Increase the percentage of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander staff employed in our workforce</li> </ul>	December 2022	HR Manager, Branch Managers





Increase Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander supplier diversity to support improved economic and social outcomes.

<ul> <li>Encourage staff to invite quotes from local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander owned businesses</li> </ul>	December 2022	CEO
<ul> <li>Review and update procurement practices to remove barriers to procuring goods and services from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander businesses</li> </ul>	December 2022	Business Systems Manager, Executive Assistant
<ul> <li>Develop and communicate opportunities for procurement of goods and services from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander businesses to staff</li> </ul>	December 2022	CEO
Investigate Supply Nation membership	May 2022	Executive Assistant
<ul> <li>Develop commercial relationships with Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander businesses</li> </ul>	February 2023	CEO





#### Governance

TransitCare has governance structures in place. We will provide operational resources to ensure our RAP is delivered in accordance with our internal corporate governance standards.

Action	Deliverable	Timeline	Responsibility
Establish and maintain an effective RAP Working group	Maintain Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander representation on the RWG	June 2022	Branch Manager Cairns
(RWG) to drive governance of the RAP.	<ul> <li>Establish and apply a Terms of Reference for the RWG</li> </ul>	April 2022	Branch Manager Cairns
	Meet at least four times per year to drive and monitor RAP implementation	February 2022, 2023 June 2022, 2023 September 2022, 2023 December 2022, 2023	Branch Manager Cairns
Provide appropriate support for effective implementation	Define resource needs for RAP implementation	April 2022	CEO, Branch Manager Cairns
of RAP commitments.	<ul> <li>Engage our senior leaders and other staff in the delivery of RAP commitments</li> </ul>	December 2022	CEO
	<ul> <li>Define and maintain appropriate systems to track, measure and report on RAP commitments</li> </ul>	July 2022	Business Systems Manager
	Appoint and maintain an internal RAP     Champion from senior management	April 2022	CEO
	<ul> <li>Include RAP progress on agenda monthly at Executive Meetings</li> </ul>	December 2022	CEO





**Build accountability and**  Complete and submit the annual RAP Impact Measurement Questionnaire to Reconciliation transparency through Australia reporting RAP achievements, challenges and learnings · Contact Reconciliation Australia to verify that our both internally and primary and secondary contact details are up to externally. date, to ensure we do not miss out on important RAP correspondence Contact Reconciliation Australia to request our unique link, to access the online RAP Impact Measurement Questionnaire · Report RAP progress to all staff and senior leaders quarterly

30 September 2022, 2023	Branch Manager Cairns
June 2022, 2023	Executive Assistant
August 2022, 2023	CEO
December 2022, 2023	CEO
May 2022	Branch Manager Cairns
April/June/Aug/Oct/Dec 2022,2023	CEO, Branch Manager Cairns

Annual Report
 Submit a traffic light report to Reconciliation
 Australia at the conclusion of this RAP

Publicly report our RAP achievements, challenges

Investigate participating in Reconciliation

· Ensure RAP Barometer results and RAP

(through Board Reports and AGM)

Australia's biennial Workplace RAP Barometer

deliverables are provided to Board Members

November 2022, 2023

CEO

April 2024 Branch Manager Cairns

Continue our reconciliation journey by developing our next RAP.  Register via Reconciliation Australia's website to begin developing our next RAP September 2023

CEO, Executive Managers





# The journey continues...

## Transit Care

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