



Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Ministries

The Salvation Army is about people finding freedom and as such we see the immense disadvantage that exists for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples as a barrier to an equitable Australia. Working in consultation and partnership with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, organisations and communities we are committed to providing appropriate and meaningful opportunities (The Salvation Army Reconciliation Action Plan).

The Salvation Army is committed to working together to build relationships and trust between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians and the non-Indigenous Australian communities where we serve, work and minister.

This is at the heart of our mission to share the love of Jesus by caring for people, creating faith pathways, building healthy communities and working for justice.



The Aboriginal
and Torres Strait
Islander Ministries
team are here to:





Care for People

- consult on the cultural appropriateness of any materials or resources developed.
- provide guidance on how to assist your local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community to access Salvation Army services and programs.
- educate you and your team on the significance of a Welcome to Country or Acknowledgement of Country at community events or church services.



Build Healthy Communities

- provide connection to your local Elders and traditional Owners / Custodians.
- advise on how to create services and ministries that are culturally inclusive, appropriate and accessible to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.
- provide support for events such as NAIDOC celebrations. We have a grant matching scheme that could even help finance part of it.



Create Faith Pathways

- help you work out how to start spiritual conversations that convey a commitment to reconciliation and healing.
- help you to create a space where Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people can feel safe, valued and respected to use their gifts and to grow.
- provide speakers (or suggestions of speakers) for Church services and events.



Work for Justice

- encourage all Salvation Army expressions to think beyond charity to include justice and advocacy as a central part of their response to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.
- empower you to champion Indigenous affairs in your community. We can provide advice and support.
- help broker a relationship with Indigenous and non-Indigenous community members to promote reconciliation within your local area.



We are passionate and able to work with all mission expressions of The Salvos, including Corps, Recovery Centres, Housing and Accommodation, Chaplains, Salvos Stores and Doorways.

If you would like to learn and grow in your understanding and service with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, we would love to hear from you.



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Through reconciliation, The Salvation Army acknowledge the First Nation peoples of Australia as the traditional custodians. We further acknowledge and pay our respects to past and present Elders, giving thanks for their wisdom which has sustained their people since the beginning of time and we pledge to support future generations.

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