INNOVATE RECONCILIATION ACTION PLAN

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Independent, not-for-profit and evidence-based, NPS MedicineWise enables better decisions about medicines, medical tests and other health technologies. NPS MedicineWise receives funding from the Australian Government Department of Health.



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Our vision for reconciliation

NPS MedicineWise's vision is to advance and improve health outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to achieve equitable health outcomes for all Australians.

This will be achieved through driving innovation in, and access to medicines and medical technologies. We aim to implement strategies that increase cultural awareness across the organisation and our members, creating an environment to build relationships based on mutual trust and respect, leading to meaningful opportunities for Australia's First Peoples.

Our business

We are an independent, not-for-profit and evidence-based organisation, leading improvements in the way medicines and other medical technologies are prescribed and used in Australia. We enable MedicineWise behaviour through behaviour change interventions, evidence based decision-making support, and targeted health communications campaigns.

Our programs create impact. Established in 1998, NPS MedicineWise consistently demonstrates positive changes in the way medicines and medical technologies are prescribed and used across the Australian health system, including in primary, acute and aged care in metropolitan, rural and remote areas.

NPS MedicineWise is globally recognised for its work and is acknowledged by the World Health Organization (WHO) as a world-leading organisation in this space. We deliver quality improvements, costs savings and better health outcomes through designing and implementing behaviour change programs based on the best available evidence and a deep understanding of the context in which care is delivered. We undertake rigorous evaluation to ensure maximum impact. We have delivered over \$1 billion of savings to the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme since inception.

Our strong customer focus ensures our programs meet the needs of both health professionals and consumers. Our extensive and multidisciplinary in-house clinical and academic expertise, combined with thorough knowledge and engagement across the Australian health system, enables us to design, develop, deliver and evaluate the complex behaviour change programs required to improve care.

Our members and partners

NPS MedicineWise adopts a highly collaborative approach to incorporate the knowledge, views and values of a diverse group of stakeholders. As an independent company limited by guarantee, we have 47 member organisations participating in our governance structure. Our members represent the peak bodies for health professionals, consumers, the medicines sector and key health stakeholders. In designing and delivering projects, we leverage our relationships and expertise from across the sector to inform the development and delivery of products and programs in pursuit of our mission. Our expert advisory groups include senior academics, clinicians, industry representatives, consumers and policy makers from across the health and community sectors.

NPS MedicineWise maintains strong and effective working relationships with the Department of Health and other government departments and agencies, and we actively participate across the health system, including sitting on government and stakeholder committees and working groups.

We are well recognised among GPs and other health professionals with our ongoing audience research highlighting that health professionals view NPS MedicineWise as a trusted and evidence-based organisation.

Employees and location

NPS MedicineWise employs around 300 people in part-time and full-time roles; we currently have one staff member who identifies as an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person. We have three offices, in Melbourne, Canberra and Sydney however our mobile Clinical Services Staff are located in each state, enabling program reach across Australia.

Our RAP

NPS MedicineWise's strategic plan 2015-2017 contained specific commitments to improving Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health, including the development and implementation of a Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP). We have made strong progress against our current RAP and are looking to continue this with the next iteration of our RAP for 2018-2020.

While NPS MedicineWise has a strong history of working with members and other industry partners to develop programs and products for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and health professionals, we recognise the importance of a structured and accountable process in delivering the best outcomes for everyone involved. We are grateful for the honest feedback from members who are committed to improving health outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and their input and encouragement in our journey towards reconciliation.

Through our RAP we aim for a more integrated and systematic approach to ensure a continuing focus across the organisation, developing relationships based on mutual trust and respect and leading to meaningful opportunities and better health outcomes for Australia's First Peoples.

Through the formalisation of this plan for reconciliation we are building on previous work towards our vision which has included:

OPRAH

The OPRAH (Outreach Pharmacists for Remote Aboriginal Health Services) program was established by NPS MedicineWise in June 2008 to support pharmacists who provide outreach quality use of medicines support to remote Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities through Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services (ACCHS). NPS MedicineWise ran two workshops per year on a particular therapeutic topic in various locations across Australia until 2010. Topics included: Antibiotics, Pain, Diabetes and Cardiovascular disease. NPS MedicineWise developed the OPRAH program to complement the existing S100 relationships that pharmacists have with their ACCHS.

GMBH

The development of the Good Medicines Better Health (GMBH) program began in 2003 through our partnership with the National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO), and the program ran from 2010 until 2013. NPS MedicineWise contributed to the NACCHO-led program through partnering to develop resources and clinical review of the materials (along with other organisations, such as the Heart Foundation). The program focused on delivering a series of training modules to Aboriginal Health Workers in the ACCHS. Training was delivered either directly via a training team to ACCHS Aboriginal Health Workers or by a train-the-trainer model which builds the capacity of more experienced Aboriginal Health Workers to deliver training to their colleagues and the community. State affiliates of NACCHO were able to provide the quality use of medicines training using whichever model best fitted their health system and organisational structure, recognising the need for the program to be flexible and adaptable. Topics included: quality use of medicines, diabetes, asthma and hypertension.

Open Access

The Open Access program was a one-off workshop in 2011 that used the GMBH modules to train Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health workers employed in a range of settings, to extend access to training beyond the ACCHS for which GMBH was available. In this program, training was delivered using a direct delivery model, rather than train-the-trainer techniques as used in the GMBH program. Expert pharmacists delivered the training over 4.5 days, in collaboration with a member of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Registered Training Organisation National Network (ATSIHRTONN).

RAP Working Group

Our plan for reconciliation is championed internally by our two Executive sponsors Monique Heighes and Kerren Hosking, both members of the senior leadership team of NPS MedicineWise.

Sponsorship is supported by our RAP Working Group:

- Maya Corfield, Communications and Change Advisor
- Kerren Hosking, Executive Manager, Corporate Affairs and Communications

- Lisa Quick, Health Informatics Advisor

We have one Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander member on our RAP Working Group.

Our journey so far

NPS MedicineWise implemented its first Reconciliation Action Plan 2015-17 as an Innovate RAP. This has been an exciting and rewarding journey for us as an organisation and despite not meeting all our stated objectives we have made considerable progress towards achieving our RAP and remain committed to building on this work in this new Reconciliation Action Plan.

Over the 2015-2017 period we have seen more than 30% of our staff complete cultural awareness training and this has led to more informed and engaged conversations within the organisation and a heightened awareness of the objectives of reconciliation and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander concerns. Several members of our Board of Directors and the Executive leadership team have also completed cultural awareness training, strengthening the support for and future leadership of our RAP initiatives.

NPS MedicineWise actively supported a number of relevant events over the period including Close the Gap events where we raised funds for Oxfam's Close the Gap campaign. We have also held themed social club events over the two years as an additional awareness raising exercise for our staff and they have been well attended, further demonstrating the increased commitment of our people to our RAP agenda.

Acknowledgement of Country has been embedded in all our major internal meetings and in external meetings that we host along with a Welcome to Country involving a local Elder for all major external events. All of our offices display an Acknowledgement of Country plaque that we had commissioned through our association with Pindari along with Aboriginal artwork that we commissioned to represent our organisational mission and values. Our commitment to engaging with Aboriginal and Torres Strait

Islander suppliers continues to grow through our association with Supply Nation and we now have suppliers for general office goods and stationary, catering and staff gifts.

From a stakeholder engagement perspective, we did an extensive piece of work in the first year of our RAP mapping our existing relationships with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and analysed this to inform where to focus our efforts to build on this and incorporate into our corporate stakeholder engagement plan. Over the course of the RAP we have had active engagement with the Congress of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Nurses and Midwives (CATSINAM) and the National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO) particularly over last six months of the RAP period and have extended multiple invitations for them to take representation on various organisational advisory groups. We will continue to foster these relationships and identify opportunities for meaningful engagement and input.

In terms of our NPS MedicineWise program activity, we have researched design methods to inform our approach to incorporating relevant content into our therapeutic programs for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. In August 2016 we signed a two-year memorandum of understanding with North Queensland Primary Health Network to promote and disseminate an education and training program for Aboriginal Health Workers (AHW). In July 2017, using the principles of human-centred design we co-facilitated a one-day workshop with AHWs and stakeholders in Cairns to understand the challenges and opportunities for Aboriginal Health Workers when implementing Quality Use of Medicines initiatives in their communities. This approach ensures that we are actively listening to the audience, underpinning program outcomes by incorporating feedback into the design so that materials are tailor-made to appropriately meet AHWs' specific needs. This has impact internally with our workforce also, as it creates a framework for an effective consultation process. Specifically, the outputs of this work included co-designed solution and concepts for North Queensland Primary Health Network and clear direction about program elements we need to incorporate to optimise professional engagement with our programs. We have been approached by other primary health networks to assist them to extend this program into their regions.

To create meaningful opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples we have implemented initiatives to encourage Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander job applicants by including a statement on all our published job advertisements encouraging Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to apply. This statement has been included on all our published job advertisements since 2015. We have also sought advice from Pindari regarding our selection processes and how we could adapt them to remove barriers and through this relationship we were successful in recruiting into a temporary three-month role. Further to creating meaningful employment opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples we will continue to build on these initiatives and also investigate advertising positions in the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander media in future. The progression to develop and implement an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Employment and Retention Strategy will be informed by these employment opportunity initiatives and will be subject to future adequate organisational funding.

Over the period of the RAP we have also taken membership of Supply Nation and will continue to do so into the future. As a result, our procurement is encouraged to use local Aboriginal and Torres Strait businesses, at present NPS MedicineWise uses Aboriginal suppliers for key office supplies and since 2016 we have spent \$47083.21 in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander businesses and services. All our mangers and cost centre managers are made aware of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander suppliers when purchasing gifts/stationery etc.

We remain committed to securing more direct involvement from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in our RAP Working Group, events and planning activities. This is a priority as we move into 2018-2020.

Relationships

Strong, collaborative and respectful relationships with peak Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health and community organisations, as well as with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, are essential to our reconciliation journey. We recognise the importance of listening, understanding, empathising, partnership and co-design to genuinely addressing areas of need and identifying solutions that support better health outcomes for Aboriginal peoples and Torres Strait Islander peoples. Over the past two years we have strengthened our connections to community, but there remains more to be done and this continues to form the cornerstone of our RAP into the future.

Action	Deliverable	Timeline	Responsibility
1. The RAP Working Group (RWG) continues to actively monitor RAP development, including implementation of actions, tracking progress and	RWG oversees the development, endorsement and launch of the new RAP	Official Launch October 2018. Anniversary of launch October 2019 and 2020	Chair RWG
reporting.	Ensure Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are represented on the RWG	End of reporting period 2020	Chair RWG
	RWG to meet at least four times a year to monitor and report on RAP implementation	August, November 2018, February, May, August, November 2019, 2020	Chair RWG
	Refined terms of reference for the RWG.	To be reviewed annually	Chair RWG
	Issue an expression of interest to secure representation from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples on our Consumer Advisory Group	September 2018	Chair RWG
2. Celebrate and participate in National Reconciliation Week (NRW) by providing opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander employees and other employees to build and maintain relationships between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and other Australians.	Organise an internal National Reconciliation Week (NRW) event each year in NPS MedicineWise's Canberra, Melbourne and Sydney offices.	27 May – 3 June 2019, 2020	Chair RWG and NPS MedicineWise Social Committee
	Register all NRW events via Reconciliation Australia's NRW website.	Mid-May 2019,2020	Communications and Change Adviser
	Encourage staff to participate in external NRW events to recognise and celebrate NRW.	27 May – 3 June 2019, 2020	Communications and Change Adviser
	Ensure our RAP Working Group participates in an external event to recognise and celebrate NRW.	27 May – 3 June 2019, 2020	Chair RWG
	Utilise internal communications channels to promote and encourage staff to participate in external	27 May – 3 June 2019, 2020	Chair RWG Communications and Change Adviser

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	events to recognise and		
	support National		
	Reconciliation Week.	A '1 1 AA	
	Promote National	April – early May	Communications
	Reconciliation Week events	2019, 2020	and Change
	on our intranet	Amil made Mass	Adviser
	Extend an invitation to	April – early May	Communications
	Aboriginal and/or Torres	2019, 2020	and Change
	Strait Islander peoples to		Adviser
	share their reconciliation		
	experiences and stories		
	during National Reconciliation Week events.		
	Download and distribute	Mov/June 2010	Communications
		May/June 2019	
	Reconciliation Australia's		and Change Adviser
	NRW resources and circulate		Adviser
	to staff	May 2010, 2020	Communications
	Support an external NRW event	May 2019, 2020	
	event		and Change Adviser
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Develop and maintain mutually beneficial	Continue to map and update our existing relationships with	period 2020	Citali KVVG
relationships with Aboriginal	Aboriginal and Torres Strait	period 2020	
and Torres Strait Islander	Islander communities		
peoples, communities and	Review and update our list of	July 2019, 2020	Chair RWG
organisations to support	key Aboriginal and Torres	July 2019, 2020	Chail IXVVG
positive outcomes	Strait Islander communities		
	and health professionals to		
	approach and build		
	relationships with		
	Develop and implement an	Sept 2018	Chair RWG and
	engagement plan to	Copt 2010	Manager External
	strengthen connections with		Relations and
	new and existing Aboriginal		Policy
	and Torres Strait Islander		,
	stakeholder organisations.		
	This also addresses how we		
	enhance existing		
	relationships with local and		
	national peak bodies, and		
	health service providers.		
	Work with Aboriginal and	November 2018,	Chair RWG and
	Torres Strait Islander	2019, 2020	Manager External
	stakeholders to develop		Relations and
	guiding principles for future		Policy
	engagement.		
	Identify at least two	September 2018,	Chair RWG and
	Aboriginal and Torres Strait	2019, 2020	Marketing
	Islander health conferences		Specialist
	to sponsor each year.		
	Develop joint ventures,	End of reporting	Chair RWG
	partnerships, pro bono	period 2020	
	support or secondment and		
	community capacity		
	opportunities		

4. Raise internal and external	Develop and implement a	January 2019	Communications
awareness of NPS	communications strategy to		and Change
MedicineWise's RAP to	raise internal and external		Adviser
promote reconciliation across	awareness of the NPS		
our organisation and sector.	MedicineWise RAP and		
	reconciliation generally.		
	Communicate information	January 2019	
	about where to find the NPS		Communications
	MedicineWise RAP on the		and Change
	intranet.		Adviser
	Arrange a presentation to	August 2018	Communications
	provide an overview of NPS		and Change
	MedicineWise's RAP at the		Adviser
	launch event		
	Communicate quarterly	Dec 2018, March,	Communications
	updates on RAP progress	June, Sept, Dec	and Change
	internally via established	2019, March, June	Adviser
	internal communications	2020	
	channels.		
	Arrange an event to formally	October 2018	Communications
	launch our new RAP for NPS		and Change
	MedicineWise		Adviser
	Promote reconciliation	End of reporting	Manager External
	through ongoing active	period 2020	Communications
	engagement with all		and Policy
	stakeholders		,
	Host a briefing with our local	December 2018	Chair RWG
	Aboriginal Medical Service		
	and Aboriginal Land Council		
	and other local stakeholder		
	organisations to introduce		
	ourselves, explain our RAP		
	and build stronger		
	connections with our local		
	community.		
	Encourage our member	Feb 2019, June 2020	Manager External
	organisations to develop their		Communications
	own RAPs.		and Policy
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We value cultural diversity and believe it leads to richer understanding. Promoting understanding and respecting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, cultures, lands, and histories is important to NPS MedicineWise because we recognise the significant knowledge and understanding gap. Improving our knowledge increases respect and ensures we are in the best position to enable better health outcomes and meaningful opportunities for Australia's First Peoples.

Action	Deliverable	Timeline	Responsibility
1.Engage employees in continuous cultural learning opportunities to increase understanding and appreciation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures, histories and achievements	Develop and implement an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultural awareness training strategy for our staff which defines cultural learning needs of employees in all areas of our business that also considers the various ways cultural learning can be provided (online, face to face workshops, reading materials or cultural immersion).	Cultural awareness workshops offered biannually October 2018, February and October 2019, Feb 2020	Organisational Development Consultant
	Investigate opportunities to work with local Traditional Owners and/or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander consultants to develop cultural awareness training.	September 2018, 2019	Organisational Development Consultant
	Continue to provide opportunities for RWG members, RAP Champions, People and Environment Managers and other key leadership staff to participate in cultural training.	September 2018, 2019	Organisational Development Consultant
	Promote Reconciliation Australia's Share Our Pride online tool to all staff.	October 2018 at launch, 2019 at RAP anniversary	Communications and Change Adviser
	Investigate local cultural experiences and immersion opportunities	January 2019, 2020	Organisational Development Consultant
	Ensure 100% of staff participate in cultural awareness training.	At end of reporting period 2020	Organisational Development Consultant
	Organise at least one 'Lunch and Learn' presentation each year to further staff understanding of First Australian cultures.	October 2018, 2019, 2020	Organisational Development Consultant
Engage employees in understanding the significance of Aboriginal	Consult with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and RAP	July 2018	Organisational Development Consultant

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and Torres Strait Islander	Working Group Members to		
cultural protocols, such as	develop, implement and		
Welcome to Country and	communicate an Aboriginal		
Acknowledgement of	and Torres Strait Islander		
Country, to ensure there is	cultural protocol document		
a shared meaning	for Welcome to Country and		
	Acknowledgement of		
	Country		
	Develop a list of key contacts	July 2018	Organisational
	for organising a Welcome to	July 2010	Development
			Consultant
	Country and maintaining		Consultant
	respectful partnerships.	1.0040	01 : 514/6
	Invite a Traditional Owner to	March 2019	Chair RWG
	provide a Welcome to	November 2018	
	Country at significant events	May 2020	
	including Close the Gap day		
	event, our annual Members		
	Day, our National Medicines		
	Symposium and our Annual		
	General Meeting.		
	Encourage staff to include an	July 2019, 2020	Communications
	Acknowledgement of	July 2019, 2020	and Change
	_		Adviser
	Country at the		Adviser
	commencement of all		
	meetings		
	Include an	As meetings are	Chair RWG
	Acknowledgement of	scheduled and	
	Country when staff give	occur	
	formal presentations to		
	external organisations /		
	meetings		
	Include training for staff on	October 2018,	Organisational
	the RAP and internal	March 2019,	Development
	protocols at Corporate	October 2019,	Consultant
	Induction	March 2020	Consultant
			Communications
	Include Acknowledgement of	Monthly 2018,	Communications
	Country at the	2019, 2020	and Change
	commencement of important		Adviser
	internal meetings		
3. Provide opportunities for	Annually review HR policies	April 2019, 2020	Executive Manager,
Aboriginal and Torres Strait	and procedures to ensure		People and
Islander employees to	there are no barriers to staff		Environment –
engage with their cultures	participating in NAIDOC		
and communities by	Week		
celebrating NAIDOC Week	Provide opportunities for	July 2019, 2020	Executive Manager,
	Aboriginal and Torres Strait	23.7 20.0, 2020	People and
	Islander employees to		Environment
			LIIVIIOIIIIEIIL
	participate with their cultures		
	and communities during		
	NAIDOC Week events.		
	Provide opportunities for all	July 2019, 2020	Chair RWG
	staff to participate in		Communication
	NAIDOC Week activities.		and Change
			Adviser
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Consult with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to hold an internal or external NAIDOC Week event.	February 2019, 2020	Chair RWG Communications and Change Adviser
Support an external NAIDOC Week community event.	March 2019, 2020	Chair RWG Communications and Change Adviser

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Opportunities

Creating meaningful opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, organisations and communities is integral in achieving our vision for reconciliation, contributing to closing the health gap, and building a medicinewise Australia.

Action	Deliverable	Timeline	Responsibility
Investigate opportunities within NPS MedicineWise to improve and increase Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander employment	Collect information on our current Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander staff to inform future employment opportunities	September 2018	People and Development Adviser
opportunities and outcomes.	Develop and implement an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Employment and Retention Strategy.	August 2019	Executive Manager, People and Environment
	Engage with existing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander staff to consult on employment strategies, including professional development	January 2019	People and Development Adviser
	Investigate advertising employment opportunities in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander media.	November 2018, 2019	People and Development Adviser
	Engage an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander consultancy to provide advice on current recruitment processes.	March 2019	Executive Manager, People and Environment
	Annually review HR and recruitment procedures and policies to ensure there are no barriers for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander employees and future applicants participating in our workplace.	January 2019, 2020	People and Development Adviser
	Support hiring managers to be more aware of cultural sensitivities in relation to Aboriginal and Torres Strait	August 2019	People and Development Adviser

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	Islander applicants by		Organisational
	facilitating an information		Development
	session for this target group		Consultant
	annually		
	Incorporate Aboriginal and	March 2019	
	Torres Strait Islander		Executive Manager,
	employment quota into		People and
	annual plan KPIs.		Environment
	Measure progress against	March 2020	Executive Manager,
	employment quota		People and Environment
	Integrate advice from	March 2019	Executive Manager,
	Aboriginal and Torres Strait		People and
	Islander consultancy into		Environment
	current recruitment practices		
	and measure impact annually		
	Investigate opportunities to	February 2019	People and
	assist Aboriginal and Torres		Development
	Strait Islander students		Adviser
	pursuing a career in health		
	through association with		
	tertiary institutions and other		
	peak bodies.		
	Develop an Aboriginal and	December 2019	Organisational
	Torres Strait Islander		Development
	professional mentoring		Consultant
	network.		
Investigate opportunities	Update procurement policies	December 2018	Environment
to increase Aboriginal and	to ensure staff consider		Manager
Torres Strait Islander	procuring goods and services		
supplier diversity within our	from Aboriginal and Torres		
organisation.	Strait Islander businesses.		
	Develop and communicate to	December 2018,	Environment
	staff a list of Aboriginal and	June 2019,	Manager
	Torres Strait Islander	December 2019,	
	businesses that can be used	June 2020	
	to procure goods and		
	services		
	Continue to grow commercial	Jan 2019	Environment
	relationships with multiple		Manager
	Aboriginal and Torres Strait		, managor
	Islander businesses to 25%		
	total procurement target		
	including at least one new		
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	commercial relationship with		
	an Aboriginal and/or Torres		
	Strait Islander owned		
	business	1.1.0040.1	F
	Maintain membership of	July 2019, June	Environment
	Supply Nation	2020	Manager
	Maintain subscriptions to	September 2018,	Environment
	Koori Mail and other relevant	2019, 2020	Manager
	publications		
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3. Explore opportunities to identify service gaps in order to strengthen programs and services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples	Continue conversations with peak Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health organisations to progress opportunities to address workforce capability gaps.	June 2019	Executive Manager, Corporate Affairs and Communications
	Explore the opportunity to include representation from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health care professionals on program design advisory groups where there is an identified need to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.	June 2019	Manager, Clinical Governance and Program Development
4. Improve health outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples through NPS MedicineWise programs.	Extend the pilot of revamped Good Medicine Better Health (GMBH) resources, as part of Quality Use of Therapeutics for consumers, beyond Far North Queensland Primary Health Network (PHN) to other PHNs.	July 2019	Executive Manager, Corporate Affairs and Communications
	Work with Primary Health Networks and Local Health Districts to undertake feasibility work in increasing access to the NPS MedicineWise phone line services for Aboriginal peoples and Torres Strait Islander peoples.	July 2019	PHN Relationship manager



Governance, tracking progress and reporting

Action	Deliverable	Timeline	Responsibility
1. Report on RAP	Publish RAP updates and	Quarterly October	Communications
implementation,	minutes from the RAP	2018, January,	and Change
achievements, challenges	Working Group meetings on	April & August	Adviser
and learnings internally and	the intranet.	2019, January	
externally		&April 2020	
	Provide six-monthly updates	November 2018,	Executive Manager
	to the Board.	June & November	People and
		2019, June 2020	Development
		Executive	
	Include RAP achievements in	November 2018,	Chair RWG
	the Annual Report and other	2019	
	external communications.		
	Communicate RAP progress	December 2018,	Chair RWG
	to external stakeholders	July, December	
	through Connect, the NPS	2019, July, 2020	

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	MedicineWise annual report,		
	the NPS MedicineWise		
	website, newsletters, and		
	social media platforms, and		
	review activity and plan on a		
	six-monthly basis		01 1 51110
	Prepare a progress report at	July 2019, 2020	Chair RWG
	the end of each financial year		
	for the NPS MedicineWise		
	Executive and Board		
2. Report achievements,	RAP WG to collect data for	Annually December	People and
challenges and learnings to	the RAP Impact	2018, 2019,	Development
Reconciliation Australia for	Measurement Questionnaire		Adviser
inclusion in the RAP Impact	and to seek approval to		
Measurement Report.	submit the questionnaire to		
	Reconciliation Australia.		
	Investigate participating in	September 2018	Chair RWG
	the RAP barometer		
	Complete and submit the	September 2018,	Chair RWG
	RAP Impact Measurement	2019, 2020	
	Questionnaire to		
	Reconciliation Australia		
	annually.		
3. Review, refresh, and	Liaise with Reconciliation	February 2020	Chair RWG
update NPS	Australia to draft a new RAP		
MedicineWise's RAP	for NPS MedicineWise based		
	on learnings, challenges, and		
	achievements from this RAP.		
	Send draft RAP to	March 2020	Chair RWG
	Reconciliation Australia for		
	review and feedback.		
	Submit draft RAP to	August 2020	Chair RWG
	Reconciliation Australia for		
	formal endorsement.		
4. Establish mechanisms to	Incorporate RAP initiatives	September 2018	Executive Manager
ensure the timely	into staff KPIs.		People and
implementation of RAP			Development
initiatives.	Allocate a budget for RAP	November 2018	Executive Manager
	activities		People and
			Development
	Include RAP updates as a	December 2018,	Chair RWG
	standing item on the	June & December	
	executive meeting agenda.	2019, June 2020	

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