Innovate RAP
Summary

Message from RAP Champion

Henry Bryne, Group Executive, Corporate Affairs

In 2014, we launched our Reflect RAP. Through participating in National Reconciliation Week ceremonies, we increased awareness of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture and the importance of engaging in the journey towards reconciliation. We also explored career and educational partnerships to help increase Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander participation in the workforce.

Building on the experiences and learnings from our Reflect RAP, we launched our Innovate RAP in 2017. Through our Innovate RAP we sought to continue to develop cultural awareness across the business, deepen relationships with Indigenous organisations and communities and ensure Transurban was contributing to positive education and employment outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

In parallel, we’ve shifted our internal approach from Diversity and Inclusion to a broader focus on Belonging and Wellbeing. By doing this we want to create a real sense of connectedness, belonging and wellbeing for all our people through conscious inclusion. It’s about embracing and drawing on the diverse skills, backgrounds and experiences of all our people, and inviting them to bring their whole self to work.

We hope this new approach provides a solid foundation for our second Innovate RAP to thrive, and for people throughout the business to feel empowered to take action and create change.

As we harmonise the Transurban reconciliation efforts with the WestConnex business, which we acquired in 2018, we are committed to reflecting our shared learnings from previous RAPs and incorporating these into our second Innovate RAP.

Message from the CEO

I acknowledge the Traditional Owners of Country throughout Australia and recognise their continuing connection to lands, waters and communities. We pay our respects to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures, and to Elders both past and present.

As a long-term owner-operator of road infrastructure in Australia, with operations in Melbourne, Sydney and Brisbane, Transurban is committed to shaping road projects, leaving a positive legacy through everything we do.

I am pleased to report on the progress made through our Innovate RAP. Over the past four years, we—as individuals, and as a business—have learnt about the experience of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in Australia, and the role businesses like ours can play in the shared journey towards reconciliation. I am proud of what we have achieved with our Reflect and Innovate RAPs, but know we can do more. For this reason, and in consultation with Reconciliation Australia, we have decided to embark on a second Innovate RAP, to ensure we create meaningful, integrated and lasting cultural and systemic change through our business.

Scott Charlton, Chief Executive Officer
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Our RAP journey so far

Reflect RAP launch
Participated in National Reconciliation Week celebrations
Indigenous Defence Consortium engaged for Sydney office fit out
May
Innovate RAP launch during National Reconciliation Week
  - Welcome to Country by Wurundjeri Elder, Aunty Georgina Nicholson
  - Talks by Gunditjmara Elder, Jim Berg and Chief Executive Office of the Torch, Ken Morris
  - Performance by Aboriginal Centre for Performing Arts (ACPA)
December
Community grants awarded to Ningy Ningy Cultural Heritage Association and First Hand Solutions Corporation
December – January 2018
Second intake of CareerTracker interns

Innovate RAP launch
2018
Cultural awareness training sessions run in Melbourne and Brisbane by Leon Egan, a Yorta Yorta/Bangerang Gunditjmara man
Partnerships formed with ACPA, Bubup Wilam and Clontarf
May
National Reconciliation Week celebrations
  - Panel discussion with Ken Morris and Adjunct Professor and Yorta Yorta and Dja Dja Wurrung woman, Muriel Bamblett
June
Community grant awarded to Gunawirra
Kulbardi appointed as supplier of business cards and corporate stationary printing
June – November
Sponsored Barring-bul art exhibition run by Melbourne Indigenous Transition School

2019
May
Plan second Innovate RAP, in collaboration with WestConnex. Second Innovate RAP to launch in second half of 2019.

Employment

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