Aboriginal Female Youth Worker – Galuma-li Youth Wellbeing Service

Application close date: 18th September 2026
Position: Aboriginal female youth worker

Exciting opportunity for a passionate Aboriginal female Youth Worker to join a new Youth Wellbeing Service for young people in Walgett with Dharriwaa Elder's Group at Galuma-li.

Overview

The aim of the new Galuma-li ('care for' in Gamilaraay) Youth Wellbeing Service is to improve the sense of belonging, safety, support and wellbeing of Aboriginal children and young people in Walgett.

The Youth Wellbeing Service delivers weekly group activities for primary school (9 years and up) and high school aged children and young people. The Galuma-li team also delivers regular community education sessions for parents and carers, women and men's groups, and activities with the River Ranger Team, including out On-Country.

Position Summary

The purpose of the role is to support the Galuma-li Leads in the implementation of safe, holistic, community-based, and trauma-informed supports for Aboriginal girls and young women in Walgett. You will be working closely with Loretta Weatherall, Wellbeing Lead, Vanessa Hickey, Community Response Lead and Zoe Sands, Water and Country Co-Lead, as well as Thomas Sullivan, male youth worker and the Dealing with Fines and River Ranger teams.

You will be part of a team which is leading an Aboriginal community-controlled program that builds strong relationships with Aboriginal children, young people, families and carers in Walgett. You will also work collaboratively with other services to provide integrated and meaningful community care, enhance social and emotional wellbeing and build connection to culture and country.

Responsibilities

- Being passionate about working with young people in a safe and respectful way.
- Develop trusted relationships with girls and young women aged 10-17 years in Walgett, Namoi and Gingie and their families and provide mentoring and pro-social role modelling to girls and young women.
- Delivering and supporting the Galuma-li Youth Wellbeing Service programs with a focus on Aboriginal girls and young women that includes out of hours operation, between 3.30pm and no later than 10.00pm, potentially over a 7-day period including:
    - Activities
    - Cultural programs
    - Workshops
    - Education sessions
    - Excursions
    - On country trips
    - Camps
- Developing programs including cultural programs with Wellbeing Lead and Elders specifically for Aboriginal girls and young women.
- Transporting children and young people to programs, activities, excursions and camps.
- Supporting the planning and preparation of healthy meals for young people participating in youth programs.

- Help make Galuma-li a safe and welcoming drop in space for girls and young women.
- Maintaining high levels of client confidentiality.
- Working as part of the Galuma-li team and pparticipating in team meetings, reflection sessions, and weekly check-in with the Wellbeing Lead.
- Seek feedback from girls and young women and their families.
- Documenting your work including data collection, according to Team's requirements.
- Assisting young people and their families to access services and supports.
- Understanding and applying child safe principles.
- Developing and maintaining networks and relationships with other services relevant to young people.
- Identifying and appropriately managing or escalating any risks or concerns within programs and activities.
- Positively promoting the Galuma-li Youth Wellbeing Services to the local community.
- Demonstrating a healthy and safe working environment, modelling and promoting ethical behaviour and practices.

Selection Criteria

- Passionate about working with young people in a safe and respectful way.
- Ability to facilitate and deliver youth programs, projects and/or activities with Aboriginal girls and young women.
- An understanding of the issue of confidentiality.
- Communication and engagement skills with young people.
- Interest in working in culturally connected programs (i.e. On-Country activities, language practice).
- Commitment to ensuring that young people contribute to the development of activities and provide feedback to improve activities.
- Effective collaboration/partnering with other agencies or organisations.
- Ability to work in a team.
- Basic IT skills with the ability to learn to use the client database system and other IT systems.
- It would be an advantage to have qualifications or experience in working with young people aged 10-17 years and experience in community development, but it is not necessary.

Requirements

- Current NSW Driver's Licence.
- NSW Police Check and Working with Children Check.
- Living in Walgett.
- DEG considers that being Aboriginal is a genuine occupational requirement for this position under section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW).
- This role will provide services to girls and young women. We consider being a woman is a genuine occupational qualification for this position under section 31 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW) and sections 30 of the Sex Discrimination Act 1984 (Cth).

Wage and Entitlements

This position attracts a salary package based on your level of experience and the Social, Community, Home Care and Disability Services Industry Award 2010.

This is a full-time position of 35 hours per week.

How to Apply

Please submit a short application answering the above selection criteria and requirements, giving examples of the ways you can demonstrate them, with your CV including contact details of 2 past employers, to the Wellbeing Lead, Galuma-li: loretta@yuwayangarrali.org.au

For any questions, please call Loretta on 0492 892 611.

Further information about the work of the Dharriwaa Elders Group can be found at:

- https://www.dharriwaaeldersgroup.org.au/
- Facebook (@DharriwaaEGroup, @Galuma-li)
- Lessons from the Two River Pathway to Change Diversion Model 2018–2023 - https://www.dharriwaaeldersgroup.org.au/images/downloads/2024-02-yn_tworiversbriefingpaper.pdf