

ALGA
Closing the Gap
2023 Annual Report

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) acknowledges that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are the first storytellers of this land and traditional owners of country on which we now live and work. We

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Councillor Linda Scott, President of the Australian Local Government Association

In September 2021, ALGA and our member state and territory local government associations made a commitment. We committed to

















Key Action Area

Progress





Attachment 2 - Case Studies

The following case studies reflect the diversity and scope of actions taken by Local Governments to progress Closing the Gap objectives across Australia. Local Government Case studies are not comprehensive or systematically collected due to resource constraints.

Case Study 1 - Reconciliation Action Plans:

Reconciliation Action Plans reflect councils and First Nations People's



in the City's improving relationship with the local Wadjak people. The City of Stirling is named after Governor James Stirling, the man behind the notorious 1834 Pinjarra massacre, in which dozens of Noongar civilians were murdered. The City is now considering commencing a conversation about changing its name as part of a new RAP development process.

Case Study 5 & 6 - Policy Partnerships Early Childhood Care and Development

Local government involvement in the selected policy reform areas of justice (adult and youth incarceration), social and emotional well-being (mental health), housing, early childhood care and development, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander languages may be limited or vary across jurisdictions and across councils. In Victoria for example councils are the main deliverer of maternal and child health services across the state. All council maternal and child health nurses are required to undertake Aboriginal and Torres Strait cultural safety training as standard procedure. Many also undertake innovative programs. A core priority of councils delivering running central registration and enrolment schemes for kindergarten and preschool programs is ensuring that Priority of Access is implemented – this is a primary way of supporting Aboriginals to access (68386)-3.00974(in)5(in)2.5 3467 cin











