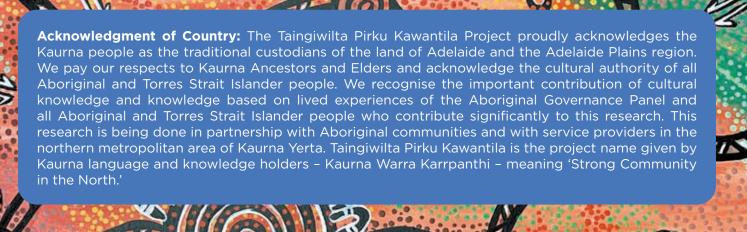
### A Call for Community Hubs in the North

Findings from the Taingiwilta Pirku Kawantila Project

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#### ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER COMMUNITY HUBS: WHAT HAVE WE HEARD?

During yarning circles we repeatedly heard that an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Hub is desperately needed, representing a central place for community to promote connection, belonging and identity in the North. Community members and service providers called for a place where community can connect with one another and with culture. Some participants suggested a one-stop-shop service centre model while others preferred a community centre model. The Hubs must be tailored to community needs and be designed and set up by community. As one participant stated:

"That's right. One community engagement. Yep. Everyone within the community knows what's going on. It's a meeting point, to a place where you can sit around and do whatever, other services coming in. Yeah, perfect". - Aboriginal community member in the North

### A range of Community Hub models identified

- Aboriginal Community Hub or Wellbeing Centre with visiting service providers
- Aboriginal Community Mental Health Hub
- Holistic Aboriginal-specific One-Stop-Shop service centre with co-located multidisciplinary services
- Aboriginal-specific intensive wrap-around service centres specific to one sector or need
- Men's Hub and Women's Hub
- Nunga Family Centre with Elders, Grannies, Aunties and Uncles supporting kids
- Integrated Community and Sporting Hub
- Navigation Hub that provides links and connections to other services

## Principles and ways of working in a Community Hub in the North

- Designed to feel like a culturally responsive Aboriginal space
- · Accessible and family friendly
- Uphold the principle of Culture, Country and Community in design and service delivery
- Aboriginal community controlled (owned and led)
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander workers with opportunities to upskill
- Non-Indigenous workers trained in cultural competency
- Access to technology
- Strengthen links between government services and Aboriginal community-controlled services

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### **Advocating for Community Hubs in the North**

The *Taingiwilta Pirku Kawantila* project team have shared these findings with the Northern Mental Health Alliance, Aboriginal Primary Health Care services, Local Councils, the Northern Nungas Network and State Government. We will continue to advocate for the establishment of a Community Hub with sustainable funding and regular cultural events in Northern Adelaide with designated spaces and programs for Elders, men, women, youth, children and families.

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#### **Project Background**

This 5-year project is led by a team of researchers within Wardliparingga Aboriginal Health Equity at SAHMRI. It aims to examine whether codesigned strategies to optimise and coordinate the health and social service system will meet the needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and strengthen social and emotional wellbeing. The project is governed by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elders and service providers employed in health and social service organisations that support the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community in Northern Adelaide.

During the codesign phase, the Taingiwilta Pirku Kawantila team yarned with 55 local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community members and service providers and 28 non-Indigenous service providers to discuss community needs, service gaps, success stories, and solutions to strengthen the service system.

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