



Central Highlands Association
of Neighbourhood Houses

RECONCILIATION ACTION



Over the next three years, CHANH is offering once-off financial assistance to our member Neighbourhood Houses to enhance Reconciliation in their organisations.

A unique opportunity for our members

As Reconciliation in Australia evolves, Central Highlands Association of Neighbourhood Houses (CHANH) is offering member Neighbourhood Houses (NHs) financial support to assist with developing a Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) – a shared, documented process of engagement and commitment to strengthening the relationship between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and non-Indigenous Australians, for the benefit of all Australian people.

Available from July 2023, CHANH will provide a once-off \$500(+ gst) subsidy to each member NH which engages with Reconciliation Australia to develop a 'Reflect' RAP – an initial 12-month plan to enable your organisation to review its current position, knowledge of and connection with your local indigenous community, and consider potential pathways for moving forward.

The subsidy will be available for a period of three years, as not all NHs will be ready to undertake this work immediately.

Reconciliation Australia

Reconciliation Australia www.reconciliation.org.au is the leading body for the development of RAPs in Australia. Reconciliation Australia works with individual organisations, providing guidance, templates, and feedback in the development of a range of unique RAPs.

Reconciliation Australia sets fees on a sliding scale according to annual revenue. In most instances, the subsidy will cover the Reconciliation Australia fee, and provide a small budget to support actions of Reconciliation – such as purchasing art or children's books, or printing information resources.

How to get started

CHANH offers the subsidy as an opportunity for the development of culture and leadership by NHs in our region and remove barriers for development. There is no current requirement for NHs to undertake a RAP.

To access the subsidy, CHANH member houses will need to:

- Register an EOI via email with Area Support Manager (Jane Grimwood).
- Record a commitment to the development of a RAP in the Committee of Management Minutes.
- Register with Reconciliation Australia and pay the RAP fee upfront.
- Provide a copy of the Commitment Minutes and Receipt of Payment to Reconciliation Australia to NHVic Area Support Manager.
- Provide an invoice made out to CHANH for a sum of \$500 (+ gst) to NHVic Area Support Manager.

Once evidence of Commitment, Payment and Invoice are received the subsidy will be automatically approved and processed.

For further information, contact Jane Grimwood on networker@chanh.org.au