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Internships to help improve Indigenous health outcomes

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Murray PHN is providing paid internship opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people committed to helping improve Indigenous health and wellbeing in the Murray PHN region.

Three Aboriginal Access Advisor Intern roles are currently advertised based in Bendigo, Mildura and Shepparton.

These regionally-based internships will include opportunities for graduates to gain experience in a number of areas including research, design and implementation of health projects and to assist Murray PHN to improve cultural safety, implement reconciliation strategies and build strong relationships.

Murray PHN Chair, Fabian Reid, said the internships would help to support the emerging Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health workforce within our region.

“Improving Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health is one of Murray PHN’s key priorities. We know that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people experience a burden of disease two-and-a-half times that of other Australians,” he said.

“Murray PHN is committed to ensuring primary health services as well as the broader health system across our region is responsive to the needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

“Our goals are in keeping with efforts nationally to close the gap in life expectancy and health outcomes experienced by the Indigenous population,” Mr Reid said.

The internships are key to fostering greater collaboration between Murray PHN, local Indigenous community members, Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations, mainstream primary care providers as well as government and non-government agencies.

The graduates will also be able to help develop Murray PHN’s existing staff by sharing their stories and knowledge.

Applicants must have a degree qualification in a health-related field, business or Aboriginal affairs and/or more than two years’ relevant experience. These positions are a designated position under the Equal Opportunity Act 2010 – only Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are eligible to apply.

A fourth position, based in Albury, will be advertised in the near future.

Applications close at midnight on Sunday 18 February 2018. For more information visit <http://www.murrayphn.org.au/>

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