

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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## TasNetworks launches Innovate Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP)

TasNetworks is proud to launch our Innovate Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) today at TIAGARRA in Devonport with Six Rivers Aboriginal Corporation.

TIAGARRA is one of the oldest Aboriginal operated Museum and Keeping Places in Australia, and the oldest resident structure situated on the Mersey Bluff in Devonport. It is an honour for our team to be welcomed to this significant place in Tasmania, and to join with the local community to make our continued commitment to reconciliation.

TasNetworks' vision for reconciliation is an Australia that embraces the proud heritage of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. We support and seek to actively contribute to an empowering and equitable future underpinned by a respect for the knowledge, understanding and experiences of a culture that dates back over 60,000 years.

In June 2021, TasNetworks launched our first reconciliation action plan, the Reflect RAP, at the Aboriginal Elders Council in Launceston. Since then, TasNetworks has created dedicated Graduate and Apprenticeship positions for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders, and funds an annual scholarship for a Tasmanian Aboriginal Person in the Tasmanian Leaders Program.

TasNetworks Chief Executive Officer, Dr Seán Mc Goldrick said TasNetworks' Innovate RAP marks an important step on TasNetworks path to genuine and lasting reconciliation.

"TasNetworks is absolutely committed to the cause of reconciliation and building relationships, respect and trust between the wider community and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

The TasNetworks Innovate RAP is our public commitment to protecting Aboriginal Heritage, to creating an inclusive and diverse workplace that is culturally safe and proud, and to deepening our partnership with the Tasmanian Aboriginal Community," said Dr Mc Goldrick.

The TasNetworks Innovate RAP can be found here.

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