



**Wednesday 2 June, 2021**

### **TasNetworks Reflects on Reconciliation**

TasNetworks is partnering with the Aboriginal Elders Council of Tasmania to launch the organisation's Reflect Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP).

The RAP launch marks TasNetworks' first step towards supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander reconciliation. The Elders Council will host the RAP launch during National Reconciliation Week with the hope to form stronger connections with the business community.

TasNetworks' Acting CEO, Ross Burridge, said Reconciliation is about understanding, respect and long term commitment.

"As part of our RAP, we set out to build trust," Mr Burridge said.

"We're honoured to celebrate our launch at the Aboriginal Elders Council and are incredibly grateful that they trust in our intent and commitment to respecting their country and culture," he said.

The Aboriginal Elders Council of Tasmania provides culturally appropriate day centre activities for Aboriginal Elders, including meals and transport.

Aboriginal Elders Council of Tasmania Chair, Clyde Mansell, said the Elders Council is about cultural continuance and ensuring that cultural relationships keep up with the evolving community.

"We play the vital role of ensuring that cultural story is maintained and that young people have a place to come and seek support if they need help," Mr Mansell said.

"We are working together with TasNetworks to build trusted relationships with our Elders."

"TasNetworks will be attending our Elders Board meeting, launching a Reconciliation Action Plan at our centre and partnering on commitments in the action plan," he said.

TasNetworks' launch will be held from 10am to 12pm, Wednesday 2 June at the Aboriginal Elders Council in Launceston. Speakers include Clyde Mansell, Ross Burridge and TasNetworks' Aboriginal Engagement Advisor, Graeme Gardner.

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