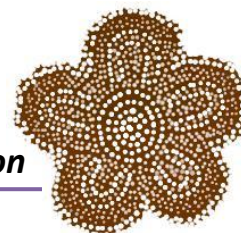
**South Coast Women's Health and Welfare Service, Waminda  
Research proposal invitation to participate****Waminda's positioning on research**

Waminda attempts to respond to community need through a range of methods, including formal and informal individual program or service delivery feedback. More recently the service has begun to participate in a range of research activities and has included the service developing a research and evaluation portfolio. The purpose is to ensure Waminda provides programs and services to Women and their Aboriginal Families in the Shoalhaven that is based on best practice and current evidence. While we understand there may be 'good' research to 'do' with the community, our service is committed to participating in research activities that are aligned to the Waminda strategic goals and objectives that in affect support the capacity building of Women and their Aboriginal Families. Our research agenda positions the service and the Aboriginal community as active participants engaging with research rather than being the studied objects or subjects. Given this standpoint Waminda engages with research activities that are beneficial to the service and most importantly our community. We also reserve the right to not participate in research projects that perpetuate the colonial and historical past which has negatively impacted Aboriginal communities and individuals over time.

**Process**

This proforma sets out the process where an invitation is extended to Waminda to participate in a research project and should be included along with a project summary and a copy of the current ethics approval (if already approved) or application (where not yet approved). All studies that seek Waminda's participation regardless of target sample and type of project (ie; research masters, PhD or research projects) are required to follow this process. The Research Committee will assess the proposals based on strategic priorities as defined by Waminda and the relevance to current work

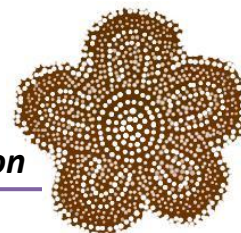


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practice. Research projects will be prioritised and given a classification of relevance to Waminda strategic priorities and community benefit.

<b>Waminda’s position in supporting Women and their Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Families in the Shoalhaven</b>	
<b>Purpose</b>	Waminda raises the health, wellbeing and spiritual status of women and their Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families on the South Coast of New South Wales by providing a unique woman’s centered approach to primary health care.
<b>Core Philosophy</b>	Waminda exists to ensure Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women have a voice, are respected and are treated with dignity by all of community. We believe that all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women are able to reach their full potential in society, given the opportunity, safe and culturally appropriate space and equal access to resources.
<b>Vision</b>	Our vision is that women and their Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families are positive, happy and healthy. They are widely admired and proud of their achievements in their own communities and the broader Shoalhaven.  Waminda addresses the social determinants of health, provides a centre of excellence for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women’s health within the Shoalhaven community and is a leader in linking culture with education, health and well-being.

<b>Waminda’s strategic priorities</b>	
<b>1</b>	Waminda will lead the way in providing comprehensive, evidence and strengths based professional services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women and their families across the life stages and that promote pride in their indigenous identity.



<b>Waminda's strategic priorities</b>	
<b>2</b>	As a proudly Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Controlled Community Organisation we will display current best practice governance and quality standards, providing an effective working environment which enables us to support bi-culturally confident staff to achieve the best outcomes for our clients.
<b>3</b>	We will work within our core purpose to innovatively diversify our funding base so that we have greater predictability for our planning and provision of services and to maintain our services in an uncertain funding environment.
<b>4</b>	We will communicate with our staff, clients, other agencies and the broader community so that what we do and how we do it is clear to all stakeholders. This will facilitate appropriate referrals, assist in reducing duplication of services and strengthen our support base regionally and nationally.

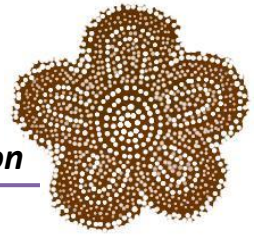
**Project Information**

This Research Proposal has 13 questions that need to be answered the contact person and needs to be submitted to the Waminda Research Committee for consideration. You can forward this proposal electronically or in the post.

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Via post PO BOX 978 Nowra NSW 2541

<b>Project Name</b>	
<b>Lead Investigator</b>	
<b>Lead Institution</b>	
<b>Contact Person</b>	



<b>Contact Details</b>	
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**1. Research project team**

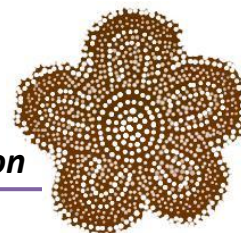
<p>Research Team –          Include all Chief and Associate Investigators and any other partner organisations.          Please provide a list of the research team including these specific areas:          Aboriginality, discipline, research experience, experience working with Aboriginal communities.</p>
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**2. Need for this research**

Please provide a summary of current evidence and the need for this research
[Type Here]

**3. Ethics**

<p>Has your project been assessed by a Human Research Ethics Committee?  <b>Documents required:</b>          Please provide a current Human Research Ethics Committee assessment confirmation letter.          In lieu of a confirmation letter please provide a copy of the ethics application, this information          will be maintained within Waminda's confidentiality policy.</p>
<p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b> <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>University Human Research Committee _____</p> <p>Ethics application # _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b> <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>AIABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER S Human Research Ethics Committee # _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b> <input type="checkbox"/> No NSW</p> <p>AH&amp;MRC Human Ethics Research Committee # _____</p>



If the NSW AH&MR HREC has not been approached please provide an explanation

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**4. How does your project align with Waminda's goals and purpose?**

How does your research project align with Waminda's position and strategic directions?

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**5. Informing best practice**

How does or would participation in your research project inform Waminda to deliver services to Women and their Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Families ?

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**6. Waminda capacity building**

In what way will your project include opportunities for capacity building of staff, board or community members?

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**7. Methodology and methods**

What methodology, methods and theoretical standpoint will be utilised in the implementation of this project?

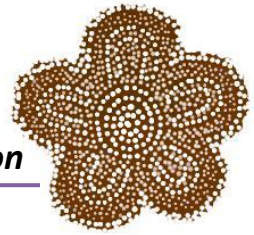
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**8. Data collection**

How will data be collected?

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Where will the data (hard copies) be stored?



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**9. Analysis**

How will data be analysed?

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**10. Research findings and dissemination**

How will the outcomes of the research be reported, to whom (Waminda or community) and disseminated?

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How will the research team work with Waminda to ensure the research outcomes are reported in a way which does not negatively impact the community?

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**11. Timeline**

Please provide an expected time line of the implementation of the research project including dissemination of outcomes.

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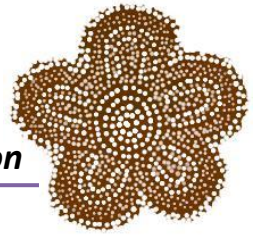
**12. Resources required**

Are there any costs associated with Waminda's participation in the project? If so, please detail.

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What support will be required (staff time and Waminda resources)

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**13. Shared ownership - Data, research and authorship**

How will Waminda be acknowledged in the sharing of the research outcomes and dissemination.

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Will Waminda be included as co-authors on publications, presentation and in dissemination materials?

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