



## Fact Sheet

### Bilingali (Reason to act is to take care)

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#### The Aim

Bilingali provides support to Aboriginal people 16 years and older that are detached from families, are at risk of being homeless or are homeless in the Orange Community.

#### Target Groups

Bilingali provides support to Aboriginal people 16 years and older that are detached from families, are at risk of being homeless or are homeless in the Orange Community.

The Program focuses on Culturally appropriate Case Management and provides clients with support to access, gain and maintain safe and stable accommodation.

Bilingali focuses on linking Aboriginal people back into their community through providing referrals to appropriate support services and developing a network that is Culturally appropriate to each individual.

Referrals to the Program are accessed through community support services such as Department of Housing, Juvenile Justice, Central Tablelands Housing, Orange Aboriginal Medical Service, DOCS, Greater Western Area Health Service or through Self Referral to the Program.

#### Service Activities

Bilingali provides Aboriginal people with the opportunity to explore their own independence and acquire the necessary life skills and knowledge for independent living through intense Case Management.

The service provides a focus on outreach support and living skills programs to assist to break down the barriers that clients face with accessing accommodation and support services.

#### Outcomes

Bilingali have assisted Aboriginal people in the Orange community to gain and maintain stable accommodation and reengage them into the community.

#### Funding Sources

Bilingali is funded by Community Services.

#### Mission Australia

Mission Australia is one of the nation's leading charities and community service organisations, having helped change the lives of individuals and families in need for almost 150 years. Mission Australia's vision is 'to see a fairer Australia by enabling people in need to find pathways to a better life'. Mission Australia currently operates more than 450 services throughout metropolitan, rural and regional Australia – in every state and territory. Our services are made up of community, employment and training services aiming to provide:

- Pathways away from homelessness;
- Pathways to strong families and healthy, happy children;
- Pathways through a successful youth;
- Pathways to skills and qualifications; and

#### Pathways to sustainable employment

Bilingali provides Aboriginal people with access to employment and education through referrals to employment providers and linking with education providers such as schools and TAFE.

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