



# NEWSLETTER

JULY 2025: NAIDOC EDITION

## Giving back to Community & Country

### MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

NAIDOC Week is a powerful reminder of who we are and where we are going.

At SETAC, community, culture and country guide everything we do, from caring for Elders and supporting families, to creating opportunities for our young people.

Through our programs we are not just delivering services, we are strengthening identity, protecting Country, and ensuring our community leads its own future with pride and self-determination. Thank you for being part of our journey!

~ Jaime Currie, CEO

### Here's how we're making an impact:

**Caring for Community, Across Generations:** From aged care to youth support, we walk alongside our people at every life stage, nurturing wellbeing, dignity, and connection.

**Empowering Self-Determination:** We champion the rights of South East Tasmanian Aboriginal people to make decisions that shape their lives, culture, and future.

**Healing Country, Healing People:** Through our Working on Country programs, we protect land and culture while creating meaningful employment and environmental stewardship.

**Health and Hope:** We deliver accessible, culturally safe health and social services that uplift individuals and strengthen families.

**Culture at the Core:** We honour and revitalise Aboriginal language, traditions, and knowledge, ensuring our heritage thrives for generations to come.



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# Check out our new digs!



**We're excited to share some big news: SETAC now owns the Port Cygnet Cannery, also known as The Factory.**

This is a huge step forward for our community. With support from the Commonwealth Government and smart planning, we've brought together several projects into one big, exciting location.

"This is more than just a building, it's a place where we can grow, create jobs, and build a strong future with pride," ~ Deputy CEO, Tracey Dillon

## What's Planned for the Cannery?



**New Health  
Centre**



**Training Facility**



**Cafe/Restaurant**



**Cultural Tourism**



**Venue Hire**



**Markets**





# NEWS FROM THE CANNERY

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“This brings our founders’ dream to life, and takes it even further. It’s a powerful step toward realising the vision my father, Elder Rodney Dillon, had for our community, a place where Aboriginal people are recognised, supported, and empowered to lead their own development.”

~ Chair, Luke Dillon

## What's Next?

We’re inviting members and their families to visit the site and be part of the journey ahead.

This is about walking together, sharing our plans, listening, and keeping our community informed every step of the way.

With strong support and a clear vision, *The Factory* will grow into a place of culture, connection, and opportunity for all.

## Connecting Through History

In July, SETAC hosted a lively community gathering at the Cannery, affectionately known as “The Factory” to locals. Guests enjoyed a documentary on the site’s history, which highlighted its lasting impact on generations of local families. The film featured long-time worker Rodney Direen, who brought along original tools and shared decades of memories. The screening sparked excitement as many attendees spotted relatives on the big screen and swapped stories of their own.

## What's Happening on Site?

Our Working on Country Team has now relocated to the site and taken over property maintenance. The gardens are being transformed into a bush tucker and food haven, ready to support the future café restaurant. A new flagpole has also been installed, proudly flying our very large flag. SETAC’s Corporate Team has also moved onsite, with the upstairs fit-out to be completed first.

## Timeline

The fit-out is scheduled to begin in the coming months, with completion expected between January and March 2026.

## Volunteers Needed

We’ll soon be building internal earth walls and would love some extra help. If you’d like to volunteer, please contact reception to register your interest.

Thank you for your continued support in shaping the future of the Port Cygnet Cannery.



We’re considering the name *Granny Smith’s Kitchen* for our future café restaurant, a title that honours both the region’s rich apple-growing heritage and the local Aboriginal story of Grandmother Smith. We see it as a way to weave together two important threads of our community’s history.

What are your thoughts?

This project is proudly supported by the Commonwealth Government.



# PRIMARY HEALTH & AGEING

## VISITING HEALTH PROFESSIONALS

We're excited to offer a range of free services to support our community.

- Acupuncture
- Children's Health
- Counselling
- Dermatology
- Early Ears
- Footcare
- Hearing
- Herbalists
- Optometry
- Physiotherapy
- Remedial Massage
- Retinopathy
- Speech Therapy

Call 03) 6295 1125 to book

## BOOK A 715 HEALTH CHECK

Our community can get a free annual 715 Health Check with their GP.

It's a full head-to-toe check of your physical, mental, and social health and it opens the door to extra support like free allied health visits, nurse follow-ups, and Closing the Gap benefits.

It's quick, costs nothing, and helps you stay strong.

Ask your GP about a 715 today!



## AGED CARE; STILL HERE, STILL STRONG

There's been some confusion, so here's the update...SETAC is still an accredited aged care provider, supporting elderly and ageing community members to stay strong, safe, and living well at home and on Country.

Services via Brokerage:

- Domestic assistance
- Home Maintenance
- Social support
- Transport

Our Services:

- CHSP - Home Maintenance

Call My Aged Care: 1800 200 422

1. Get assessed for eligibility for CHSP
2. Choose SETAC as your provider

## HOME & COMMUNITY CARE (HACC)

Did you know that SETAC has HACC funding to support our Community who are under 50 and who need a little extra help.

Available Services:

- Domestic assistance
- Personal care
- Home maintenance
- Transport
- Social support

HACC is a great interim option for those waiting for NDIS services.

Call TAS HEALTH: 1300 721 611

1. Get assessed for eligibility
2. Choose SETAC as your provider



# PRIMARY HEALTH & AGEING

## PRIMARY HEALTH & INTEGRATED TEAM CARE (ITC)

Culturally safe, nurse-led care supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in managing chronic health conditions and staying healthy at all life stages.

Services include:

- Child and family health
- Chronic condition management
- Blood pressure & diabetic checks
- Footcare & wound care
- Health promotion & illness prevention
- Referrals to allied health & GP-approved medical aids
- Transport to appointments

Eligibility (ITC only):

Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander, enrolled for chronic disease management with a GP.

Ask your GP about an ITC referral today!



## RACGP ACCREDITATION

Exciting news! Our clinic team is preparing to become RACGP-accredited, which means we're working toward meeting the gold standard in primary health care for our community. This is a big job, but it's a journey we're committed to. RACGP accreditation shows that we provide safe, high-quality, comprehensive care, covering everything from check-ups and chronic condition management to health education and prevention. Our goal is simple: to give our community the best possible care in a clinic you can trust. And yes, while our clinics are still being built in the Cannery, we're already laying the foundations for something amazing. Stay tuned as we take these steps together, because quality care is worth the journey!



## HEALTH LITERACY? KNOW, UNDERSTAND, TAKE CHARGE!

Health literacy means knowing how to find, understand, and use health information to take care of yourself. From reading your test results to understanding your medications, and making decisions about your care, we're here to guide you every step of the way. When you understand your health, you're in control—and we make it easy for you.





# SOCIAL SUPPORT SERVICES

We offer culturally safe, confidential support for families and community members in need, from guiding at-risk families to the right services, to walking alongside survivors of institutional child sexual abuse through the National Redress Scheme. Our team is here to listen, advocate, and help you navigate life's toughest challenges with respect and care.

## REDRESS SUPPORT SERVICES

Free, confidential, trauma-informed support for Aboriginal people applying to the National Redress Scheme for survivors of institutional child sexual abuse.

We help with applications, connect you to legal and financial advice, and walk alongside you through the process.

Applications close 30 June 2027 – the process can take up to 12 months, so don't wait.

Northern Tasmania | (03) 6131 4632 | Karen

Southern Tasmania | (03) 6131 4602 | Bron

## FAMILY SUPPORT PROGRAM

Culturally safe support for at-risk families, linking to services, navigating child and youth systems, and promoting wellbeing and inclusion.

Empowering families and young people through health, culture, and education. Our team supports early childhood development, children's health, learning, and wellbeing, always with a strong sense of culture and belonging.

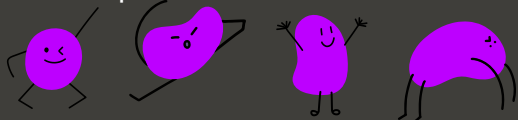
## FOR MUMS, BUBS & LITTLE ONES (0-4)

Supporting families with referrals to health and community services, plus play-based activities that build social skills, curiosity, and cultural connection.

Programs:

- Mums & Bubs Group: Monthly play-based learning for children 0-4, while parents connect.

Rarryna Playgroup: Weekly sessions for 0-4 year olds to play, learn, and share experiences.



## FOR KIDS & TEENS (4-18)

Helping Aboriginal children and youth thrive in school, stay connected to culture, and build wellbeing.

Programs:

- One-on-One Tutoring: Tailored learning support to help students reach their goals.
- Takariliya Wakata: School holiday program with physical challenges, cultural activities, and outdoor adventures.
- Family Engagement Nights: Coming soon! Fun, learning, and connection for the whole family.
- Parent Walking Groups: Gentle weekly exercise and a chance for parents to connect while supporting their children.



# WORKING ON COUNTRY

## INDIGENOUS RANGERS PROGRAM

Our four-year program supports Aboriginal-led care for land, sea, and culture across southern Tasmania. Guided by community and partners, Rangers restore Country through fire management, wildlife protection, invasive species control, and heritage conservation. Planned hands-on activities, like guided walks, education programs, and cultural experiences, will share knowledge, support tourism, and create jobs. With more women and youth joining the team, Rangers are building practical skills to protect and celebrate Country now and into the future.


This is more than a work plan, it's about culture, community, and caring for Country.  
~ CEO, Jaime Currie

## STUDENTS JOIN RANGERS FOR CULTURAL BURNS

Now in its third year, a five-year land regeneration program gives St James students hands-on experience caring for Country. This is their second year joining Indigenous Rangers for cultural burns, learning fire safety, responsible burning, and traditional land management.

Seeing the land firsthand, soils, crowded plants, and dry grasses, helps students understand the importance of controlled burns. Returning to watch the land regenerate and wildlife return brings their learning to life.

We're proud to see our young people leading the way,  
through these hands on experiences.  
~WoC Manager, James Shaw



### Landcare Awards Success

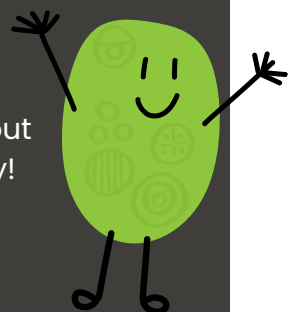
SETAC's Working on Country Team, with Kingborough Council, won the 2024 Tasmanian First Nations Landcare Collaboration Award for supporting traineeships and strengthening community and Country connections. They are now finalists for the 2025 National Landcare Awards in the same category.

## MESSAGE FROM OUR RANGERS

Spotted us on Country?

Come say hello!

We love a yarn,  
sharing stories,  
skills, and tips about  
Caring for Country!







# MEMBERS & CLIENTS

## CLIENTS, MEMBERS, AND CONFIRMATION OF ABORIGINALITY AT SETAC

At the South East Tasmanian Aboriginal Corporation (SETAC), both our clients and members are important, but there are differences...

Category	Clients	Members
Access to Services	Can access all SETACs services	Can access all SETACs services
Governance Role	No governance role	Can vote, stand for the Board, and help guide SETAC's future
Age Requirement	No specific age requirement	Must be at least 15 years old
Residency Requirement	No specific residency requirement	Must live in Kingborough or Huon areas
Application Process	Must be registered with SETAC	Must apply in writing and be accepted by the Board

## UPDATE ON CONFIRMATION OF ABORIGINALITY (COA)

A Confirmation of Aboriginality (COA) endorses an individual's claim that they are Aboriginal, so they can access services, programs, and opportunities that are for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people only.

SETAC's Board has given clear direction on COA:

We will provide COA to:

- Approved SETAC members
- Children of members, where a birth certificate or other document clearly shows the link

We will not provide COA to:

- Non-members or people outside the SETAC membership
- Individuals who cannot show how they are connected to existing SETAC family groups
- Anyone asking SETAC to research their ancestry, as finding and proving family history is each person's responsibility
- Aboriginal people who come from the mainland. They will need to access this information from their community/tribe.

We know this is a sensitive issue. Thank you for your understanding as we continue to support our community with respect and integrity.