



# What is Western Sydney Aboriginal Centre for Excellence (ACE)?

- ACE is a hub for young Aboriginal people to harness their aspirations and talents to create a rewarding future. ACE will encourage young Aboriginal people to dream big and boldly, while providing the tools and networks to turn those dreams into a new reality.
- ACE is about local people. It's about finding solutions to local issues and resolving them together. ACE is about harnessing the talent of young people, it's about encouraging aspirations and enriching both the community and the young people's lives that live within it.
- ACE is an Aboriginal organisation with culture and identity at its heart, as a core value. The centre will have an intricate and valuable role in supporting young Aboriginal people and the local community, in celebrating, sharing and connecting Aboriginal culture.
- ACE will place local young Aboriginal people at the forefront of economic development in Western Sydney to better support their visions and future opportunities.

## What is the Western Sydney, Aboriginal Centre for Excellence, Project Advisory Committee?

The ACE, Project Advisory Committee (PAC) is a group of up to 12 young Aboriginal people aged between 17 – 28 years which meets regularly to lead the decision-making process about the specific services that ACE should provide and advise on the development of the facility.

The PAC is open to any young Aboriginal person who is interested in making a difference in their community. The PAC will advise the committee on the implementation to the ACE project.

## When and where does the PAC meet?

The PAC meets formally each month and meetings are usually held in Western Sydney at various locations.

During these meetings, the PAC will discuss issues and make recommendations to the development of ACE, as it relates to youth and the community of Western Sydney.

Meetings are generally held after school from 4:00pm – 5:30pm. PAC members may also be required to attend activities and events during school holidays.



## What do PAC members do?

**Members of the PAC will bring their knowledge and expertise to assist in the successful implementation of the ACE by:**

- Participating in interviews and meetings to develop a framework for the consultation process
- Attending roundtable discussions to identify key themes and issues to form the basis of community consultations
- Attending and participating in community consultation meetings
- Identifying key stakeholders who may be included or consulted in the process
- Reviewing and providing feedback on draft resources such as survey documents, promotional content and draft reports
- Championing the consultation process and promoting the opportunity to contribute, through their networks
- Participating in the evaluation of ACE
- Providing advisory support to the Projects Team

**PAC members will be involved in a variety of activities such as:**

- Ceremonies
- Community events
- Media events

**You will have the opportunity to develop new personal and leadership skills such as:**

- Running meetings
- Coordinating events
- Public speaking
- Participating in media releases, radio announcements, flyers, newsletters, event posters
- Identifying and planning for the needs of the local young people
- Liaising between school, community, government and ACE
- Promoting ACE
- Understanding the process of developing a large facility

**You will also learn more about local and state government. You will have the opportunity to take part in leadership programs, public speaking and camps specifically designed for young people.**

## How can I get involved or find out more?

**For a nomination form (or just to find out more) please contact  
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