

ABORIGINAL SUPPORT SERVICE

The **Aboriginal Support Space** is located on the ground floor of the Bendigo Hospital near the Drought Street atrium entrance.

Open 8am to 5pm Monday to Friday, visitors are welcome to access the kitchen and lounge area, complete with TV, and outdoor courtyard and garden.

Aboriginal Health Liaison Officer (ALHO) services include:

- Information and support to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and their families who enter the hospital service
- Assistance with admission and discharge planning
- Liaising with staff on behalf of patient
- Assistance for patients and their family to understand hospital procedures
- Patient support and cultural understanding
- Information on support networks for patients and their carers
- Help accessing information on services in the community that may help with health and wellbeing and have a specific cultural focus



How to access support

- Service by consent. Your treating team may ask you if you would like to be referred to our service, but if they don't, you can also ask your treating team to be referred
- Come into Aboriginal Support Space on ground level, or call one of the numbers on this brochure

Contact us

AHLO Office Team Leader
5454 7131 0448 611 718

AHLO team Koori Mental
0448 225 752 Health
0484 511 944 0497 584 166

Maternity AHLO
0439 531 362



In accordance with Victorian Government Legislation, we will respect and maintain your privacy and confidentiality at all times. This includes not giving your personal information or current health status to family or other community members without your consent.

For further information regarding patient privacy, please refer to:
<https://www.bendigohealth.org.au/my-information/>


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We would like to acknowledge the Djaara people, the traditional owners of Dja Dja Wurrung country and pay our respects to elders past, present and emerging.