



PARTNERSHIPS WITH ICV

Are you a non-Indigenous organisation wishing to partner with ICV? Here is some basic information about how we operate, what we do, and what we don't do.

- **ICV works 'with' Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. ICV does not do things 'to' or 'for' Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.**
- **ICV works by the principle of invitation. Our projects are community driven rather than volunteer-driven. We search for volunteers to work on ICV projects, not projects for our volunteers.**
- **A good way to start working with us is to work first with communities and then get them to apply to us for support.**
- **ICV cuts through the red tape and gump. We don't believe in unnecessary paperwork and/or empty agreements that look good on paper but don't result in anything.**
- **ICV works with other organisations in genuine partnerships. We don't retrofit into programs or initiatives.**
- **ICV is not a funding agency. We don't provide funding. We provide qualified, trained, and vetted volunteers.**
- **ICV staff and volunteers engage with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with honesty, integrity, and trust at all times.**
- **ICV takes a positive approach in working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to provide opportunities for them to develop their community and human capacity.**
- **ICV develops reciprocal obligations with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities to build sustainable partnerships.**

Indigenous Community Volunteers (ICV) exists to provide opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to develop community and human capacity in order to improve their quality-of-life, health, social and economic wellbeing and social inclusion within Australian society. We achieve this by enabling Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to work in partnership with the broader Australian community, governments and the private sector through volunteering.

Working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People

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