

## Media Release

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### One stop shop for all Aboriginal Specific Services

#### Aboriginal Services Online Directory Launch

Catalyst Foundation (formerly Seniors Information Service) in partnership with Turkindi Inc. (The Indigenous Information Network of SA) today launched the Aboriginal Services Online Directory ([www.aboriginalservicesdirectory.com.au](http://www.aboriginalservicesdirectory.com.au)). The Aboriginal Services Directory will provide up-to-date listings of Aboriginal Organisations, Aboriginal Businesses (owned or part owned) and non-Aboriginal Organisations and businesses providing social and community services to Aboriginal people. Currently, over 160 organisations are listed on the Aboriginal Services Online Directory.

Jenny Hughes, Chief Executive of Catalyst Foundation said "The Aboriginal Services Directory will benefit Aboriginal people and the wider SA community to find services and organisations including Aboriginal led organisations who are providing services to Aboriginal people in South Australia.

The Directory was launched today by Katrine Hildyard, MP Member for Reynell, Jenny Hughes, Chief Executive Catalyst Foundation and Ivan Copley, Chairperson Turkindi Inc. at Nunkuwarrin Yunti.

Mark Elliott, the Aboriginal Project Officer with the Catalyst Foundation, said that working on the development of the website had been a challenge at times however the outcome has been well worth it. "After more than 20 years working in support service roles I know how much a directory like this is needed" he said.

Jenny Hughes said "Catalyst Foundation is the leading provider of community information in South Australia focussing in areas such as home support, aged care services, disability, housing, independent living, digital literacy, retirement living and connecting people to services. The new Aboriginal Services Online Directory will support Aboriginal people and communities in South Australia by providing a one stop shop to locate the services they need to access. It will also assist Aboriginal service providers to support Aboriginal people in SA by being easily accessible and known. We hope the Aboriginal Services Online Directory will also facilitate the collaboration and networking of Aboriginal service providers and the wider community services sector."

"We believe the Aboriginal Services Online Directory project will address many of the current barriers Aboriginal communities and individuals face when trying to access services and support. Catalyst Foundation's collaboration with Turkindi Inc. further highlights our commitment to being an inclusive organisation working with all communities and people who require assistance" said Jenny Hughes.

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