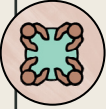




Culture at heart



**Community-led
& endorsed**



Place-based



**Holistic &
intersectional**



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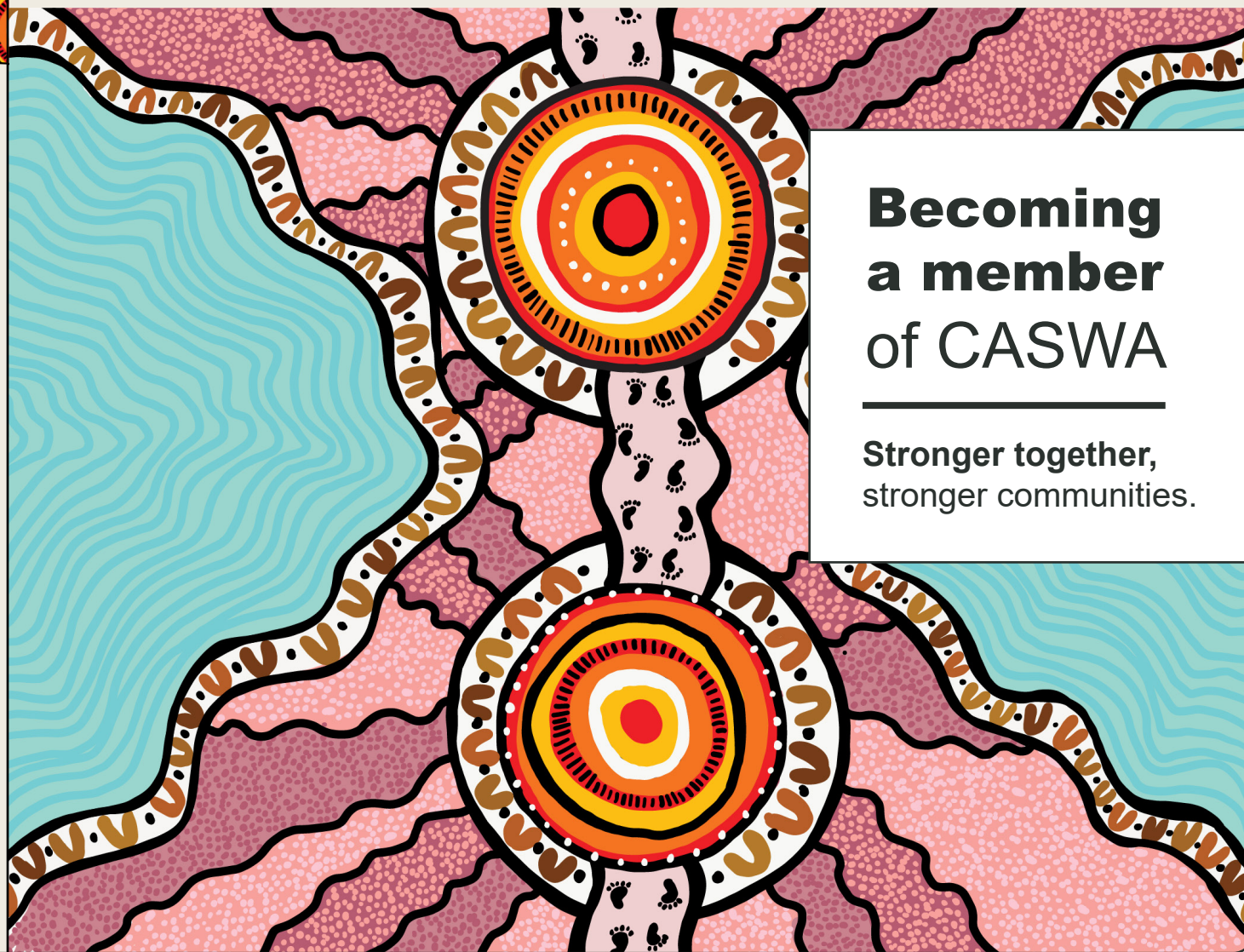
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Why should your organisation become a member of CASWA?

Becoming a member of the Council of Aboriginal Services Western Australia (CASWA) is crucial for strengthening the collective voice and influence of Indigenous communities. Membership provides ACCOs with access to a network of support, advocacy, and resources that are tailored to the unique needs and aspirations of Aboriginal peoples. It enables organisations to stay informed about policy changes, funding opportunities, and best practices, ensuring they are better equipped to deliver culturally responsive and effective services. Additionally, a united front through a peak body amplifies the ability of ACCOs to advocate for systemic change, ensuring that Indigenous voices are heard at the highest levels of decision-making. This collaboration is essential for advancing self-determination, promoting cultural preservation, and achieving better outcomes for Aboriginal communities.

Becoming a member of CASWA

**Stronger together,
stronger communities.**



About CASWA

CASWA was established to represent all ACCOs equally, emerging and established, large and small, through an inclusive, representative, independent and unifying voice. The aim of CASWA is to strengthen and increase the capacity of WA ACCOs involved in service delivery to Aboriginal people in WA. It will mobilise the collective strengths of the sector to create change, working in partnership with other peak bodies, governments and others. CASWA serves as a crucial bridge between ACCOs and government bodies, ensuring that the voices of Aboriginal communities are heard in policy-making spaces. We advocate on your behalf, keeping your organisation informed and engaged with legislative and funding developments.

OUR VISION: ACCOs in WA are united by a strong and collective voice, that enables them to deliver place-based, community-led and culturally appropriate services to achieve better outcomes for Aboriginal people and their communities.

OUR MISSION: CASWA leads and supports ACCOs to deliver services that have a positive impact on outcomes and build the strength and empowerment of Aboriginal people and their communities across WA.



Becoming a Member

Becoming a Member of CASWA is free and easy. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get into contact, CASWA loves to have a yarn and a cuppa!

To access our application and to view other resources, including the CASWA Constitution, visit our website at caswa.org.au.

Once we receive your application, we will:

- The application is checked against ORIC records, the ACNC, & ABN lookup.
- To determine the governance arrangement of the organisation, the organisations rule book is examined to ensure that Membership of their organisation is either 100% or majority Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people.
- Once the vetting process is completed by CASWA, all Eligible Memberships are sent to current Directors of the Board for their consideration and decision.

'Closing the Gap'

Artwork by Rickesha Burdett

Rickesha Burdett is a Noongar woman from the Menang Region of Western Australia.

Artwork story:

This artwork represents the Aboriginal community and their leaders. They are working with Aboriginal Health service providers in closing the gap through providing more services to strengthen the Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations with a new Peak body for social services.

The two meeting places in the centre represent the community and their leaders. The footprints represent the continuous journey to bettering the health outcomes for Aboriginal people.

The earthy pink dots represent country. The blue waves represent health services within the communities who work with the Aboriginal people that surround them. The services are coming together in this story to continue closing the gap.

What will CASWA do?

- We will aspire to deliver and facilitate ACCO sector capability building to strengthen their financial sustainability, governance, and impact.
- We will share information, resources, opportunities across the WA ACCO sector to promote empowerment and self-determination.
- We will create opportunities for the ACCO sector to come together to share and learn.
- We will participate in decision-making processes at state and national levels to shape policy.
- We will develop strategies to improve and increase the commissioning and procurements of ACCOs.
- We will advocate for Aboriginal data sovereignty, to ensure ACCOs maintain ownership and control of the data they collect, and that it is used in a culturally safe and respectful way.