

ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER

The NRL, through its Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP), is committed to greater promotion and opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples within the game.

The NRL has reached Elevate status for the 2018-2022 RAP, being the first national sporting organisation to do so. The latest Reconciliation Action Plan aims to build on the success of the previous Stretch RAP, in order to work towards a more equitable and respectful society towards Indigenous culture and communities.

THE NUMBERS

People of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander background represented

12%
NRL
PLAYERS



17%
COMMUNITY LEVEL
PLAYERS

24%
Australian
Kangaroos

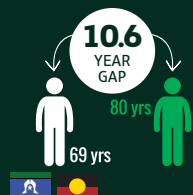
THE ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER POPULATION



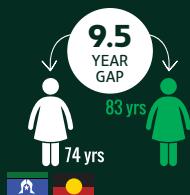
WHERE ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER PEOPLE LIVE



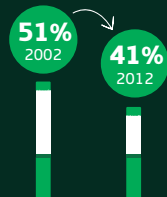
In 2010-12, the average life expectancy of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people was



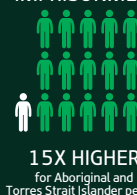
TEN YEARS LESS than that of non-Indigenous Australians



SMOKING RATES



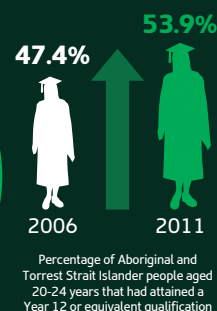
NATIONAL RATE OF IMPRISONMENT



PROPORTION OF UNEMPLOYED PEOPLE (between 15-64yrs) 2012-2013



In 2011, health services employed **14.6%** of employed Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Making them the largest source of employment for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.





PROGRAMS & EVENTS

The NRL has developed and implemented a range of programs and events to promote and celebrate the inclusion of people from an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander background within the game. These include:

The NRL All Stars Festival

celebrates the game's Indigenous players and fans and highlights their achievements on and off the football field. A week-long festival, the event culminates in a football exhibition between the Indigenous All Stars and their opponents.

The NRL Indigenous Round

includes a range of activities across NRL matches that highlight the significant contribution that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people make in rugby league, both on and off field. Throughout the round, the NRL also highlights key social issues that impact on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

The NRL School to Work Program

is an education and employment program that targets Indigenous students in year 11 and 12 and provides them with work experience, mentoring and leadership opportunities that they would not otherwise have access to. With a 98% success rate, School to Work helps 500 students every year develop and achieve their personal goals and career aspirations throughout their HSC and beyond. For more information visit [NRL School to Work](#).

Other events include the NRL Indigenous Players Camp and NRL Indigenous Youth Leadership Summit. The NRL also provides support for Murri and Koori carnivals in regional and remote areas.

RULES & CODES

The NRL's codes of conduct require all participants (players, parents, coaches, referees, volunteers, spectators and officials) to maintain high standards of personal conduct and to be respectful at all times toward people of different race, colour and ethnicity.

There are a number of rules, policies and codes that apply across rugby league to assist in delivering a safe, positive and inclusive environment to everyone involved in the game. The NRL's Reconciliation Action Plan also highlights a range of activities that are created in order to help improve relationships, respect and opportunities for Indigenous Australians within the game and improve their overall quality of life.

For more information about the NRL's Member Protection Policy, and National Code of Conduct go to the [Rights and responsibilities](#) section.

