

## Key Highlights 2016

### Culture & Healing

- commenced development of landmark legislation to recognise and protect NSW Aboriginal languages
- supported Aboriginal language revival in six communities with *Our Languages, Our Way* grants
- formed a partnership with the Healing Foundation to co-design six *OCHRE* Healing Forums in conjunction with interested Aboriginal communities
- supported 121 NAIDOC Week community cultural events and activities across NSW with \$200,000 in grants
- led the development of the NSW Government's response to the Legislative Council inquiry into reparations for Stolen Generations

### Leadership in government

- released *Growing NSW's first economy*, the NSW Government's framework for promoting Aboriginal economic prosperity
- published multiple research reports including two reports on Aboriginal identification, a NSW Aboriginal policy scan, policy options and challenges for the NSW Aboriginal population, and income management
- published *OCHRE: Three years on*, complemented by oral stories from the chairpersons of the Regional Alliances about participation in Local Decision Making

### Growing NSW's first economy

- negotiated the Aboriginal Business Development and Support Industry Based Agreement with the Indigenous Chamber of Commerce
- finalised a Bill of Aboriginal Land Rights Act amendments to introduce the Local Aboriginal Land Council Improvement and Early Intervention Framework
- consulted with local communities and commenced procurement for the Aboriginal Centre for Excellence in Western Sydney
- developed, with the Department of Industry (Lands), the Aboriginal Land Agreement Negotiation Framework

### Strengthening governance and capacity

- held the Local Decision Making Partnership and Collaboration Conference
- provided resources for seven Regional Alliances to strengthen their governance and to better enable them to take part in decision making

### Strengthening our foundations

- established the Aboriginal Affairs Leadership Forum
- delivered vicarious trauma training and counselling to all staff