

## New directors join national board of the Healing Foundation

The Healing Foundation, the national Indigenous organisation with a focus on community led healing solutions, recently appointed four new members to its board.

Chair of the Healing Foundation, Charles Passi and Board members Noeleen Lopes and Steve Larkin, welcome these new members:

### Aden Ridgeway

Aden, a proud Gumbayngirr man, is the first Indigenous person to be elected as a Parliamentary Leader when he held the position of Deputy Leader for the Australian Democrats during 2001-02. He is currently a partner at consultancy firm Cox Inall Ridgeway, a specialist Indigenous consultancy service.

### Stephanie Harvey

Stephanie is the CEO of Indigenous Community Volunteers (ICV) and a proud Bidjara woman from Queensland.

### Russell Taylor

Russell, a Kamilaroi man, has been the Principal at the Australian Institute for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies since March 2009.

### Leann Wilson

Leann has Aboriginal, Bidjara and Kara/Kara, and South Sea Islander heritage. Leann has recently been made a fellow of Bond University and helped establish Regional Economic Solutions.

'I am happy to welcome such a skilled group to the Healing Foundation Board' said Chair Charles Passi. 'This Board brings with it a diverse set of skills and expertise. I look forward to us working together to assist the Healing Foundation to continue to grow as a strong and sustainable organisation.'

*The Healing Foundation supports culturally strong, locally run healing programs around Australia. These programs support members of the Stolen Generations, grow our kids strong, assist communities to build strength and skill up workers.*

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