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Local Aboriginal Art at The Heart of Sydney North Health Network's Reconciliation Action Plan

Sydney North Health Network (SNHN) has announced its commitment to the development of its first ever Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP).

Announced in NAIDOC Week during the unveiling of a custom commissioned Aboriginal artwork piece by local Wiradjuri artist, Kris Khamis, the Reconciliation Action Plan demonstrates SNHN's commitment to the national reconciliation movement both as an organisation and within the local community.

The RAP will also support SNHN's existing First Nations Youth Cultural and Social Programs, Sydney North First Nations Collaborative and The Ryde Aboriginal Women's Group as well as guide the development of future health and community programs.

SNHN Indigenous Health Coordinator, Melanie Gould, said, "SNHN has commissioned this beautiful piece of local Aboriginal artwork by Kris Khamis to demonstrate SNHN's appreciation for Australia's Aboriginal heritage, and to mark the creation of our Reconciliation Action Plan. This framework will allow SNHN to further support the empowerment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in our community."

Local Wiradjuri artist, Kris Khamis created the custom piece of artwork. Khamis was invited to reveal the artwork at a recent celebratory event at the SNHN office in Chatswood where staff had the opportunity to ask questions about his work over morning tea.

The artwork represents the land in the Sydney North. Khamis took inspiration for the artwork from native Australian plants and animals. It is digitally produced with the use of an iPad and took several months to complete.

To find out more about SNHN's First Nations Youth Cultural and Social Programs, Sydney North First Nations Collaborative and The Ryde Aboriginal Women's group please contact Melanie Gould mgould@snhn.org.au.

ABOUT: Kris Khamis (Artist) @kreative_vibez
Kris Khamis is a proud Wiradjuri artist, designer, illustrator and photographer.

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