

MEDIA RELEASE

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MDAS General Meeting Confirms Board Elections

Mallee District Aboriginal Services (MDAS) advises that a General Meeting was held on Saturday 14 February 2026, where members confirmed the election of Aunty Tanya Smith and Nikita Hart as Directors. They are also joined by newly appointed Director Jock Peterson.

The meeting follows a recent governance dispute that has been subject to legal proceedings. As this remains a live matter, the current Board is working diligently to resolve the issues in a lawful and orderly manner. We will provide updates every step of the way so our community remains informed.

Chair Nikita Hart said the Board's message moving forward is clear: transparency, communication, accountability and quality.

"Our community and members will be kept informed. MDAS belongs to its people and is community controlled. We are committed to transparency, strong communication, accountability and delivering quality for our community as we work through the current matter.

We are proud to serve Mildura, Swan Hill and Kerang our beautiful, strong communities. We invite all our Aboriginal community to join us on this journey as we strengthen MDAS together and continue building an organisation our people can be proud of."

The newly elected Board is committed to strengthening governance, restoring confidence and bringing MDAS home to the people and communities it belongs to.

"I am honoured to be a part of leading this journey and remain focused on serving our communities with integrity, respect and kindness" Ms Hart said

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Aboriginal communities, throughout the Mallee Region.*