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Thirrili Ltd and SANE Announce New Partnership to Support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples.

SANE and Thirrili Ltd are proud to announce a groundbreaking partnership aimed at enhancing support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, families and communities who are bereaved by suicide or impacted by trauma following a critical incident. This partnership will establish a culturally governed and culturally safe online postvention Yarning Space, designed to provide tailored support in a culturally sensitive way.

We have commenced the co-design process for our culturally governed and culturally safe online platform, which will be launched in the near future. The newly created online postvention Yarning Space will offer a safe and supportive environment where Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, families and communities can share their experiences, connect with others, and access culturally appropriate resources. Thirrili Ltd and SANE is committed to prioritising cultural governance and safety in their service delivery models.

By combining SANE expertise in mental health support and Thirrili Ltd's deep understanding of cultural contexts, this collaboration aims to create a more inclusive and responsive support system for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

"I believe it's incumbent on the Boards and CEOs of all mainstream mental health and suicide prevention organisations to be looking at how they are supporting Aboriginal-governed and led organisations to deliver culturally safe support services in recognition of the vital importance of self-determination to closing the gap efforts."

Rachel Green, Sane Chief Executive Officer

“I am proud to be doing just that by applying SANE’s resources and knowledge to support Thirrili to grow its capacity, reach and service offerings as a digital mental health organisation in a way that respects its governance and leadership,” Rachel said.

“Thirrili Ltd provides culturally governed prevention and postvention support to our communities. The partnership with SANE enhances our capacity to offer comprehensive and culturally sensitive services, ensuring that our people receive the care and support they need during difficult times.” Tania Brown, Thirrili interim Chief Executive Officer.

About Thirrili: Thirrili is a proud Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisation that is led by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander ways of knowing, being and doing. As an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Controlled Organisation, we recognise the strengths of our communities and our strong responsibility to support communities in the aftermath of suicide or unexpected fatal incidents. We uphold protective boundaries for individuals, families and communities that allow self-determination in their ways of bereavement and healing.

Thirrili – Funded by the National Indigenous Australians Agency.

About SANE: SANE is the leading national mental health organisation for people with persistent, recurring, or complex mental health issues and trauma. It provides a range of free digital and telehealth services to support them and their families. Led by the voices of its community, SANE drives change to improve the lives of those living with complex mental health and end stigma and discrimination. Find out more at www.sane.org

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