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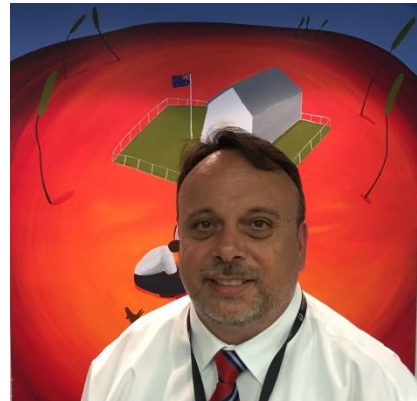
The National Congress of Australia's First Peoples announces Gary Oliver as its new CEO

The National Congress of Australia's First Peoples is delighted to announce the appointment of Mr Gary Oliver as its new CEO.

Gary was previously the CEO of the Aboriginal Legal Service (ALS) NSW /ACT and was Chairperson of the ALS and a member of National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Services 2008 – 2010.

Gary is a long term member of Congress and has served as a Special Delegate in Chamber three. He has a strong track record of promoting and participating in Congress.

Gary is of Kuku-yalangi descent from Cape York in Queensland and is a proud father of four and a grandfather of two.



Throughout his working career Gary has held professional appointments at Executive and Senior Management levels in NSW government agencies including the NSW Department of Families and Community Services and Aboriginal Affairs NSW. In Queensland, he has contributed to the Department of Housing and Public Works, and Liquor Licensing.

Gary has worked in-house and as a consultant to non-government bodies including the National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisations (NACCHO), Aboriginal Land Councils, Murdi Paaki in western NSW and the Aboriginal Medical Service in Ipswich.

Gary was a Board Member of Save the Children Australia; Chair of Two Ways Together Regional Engagement Groups in Northern NSW and the Hunter Region; a Member of the Koori Advisory Committee; an ambassador for Grandmothers against Removal; an Executive Member of the Department of Premier and Cabinet, and the NSW Regional Co-ordination Management Group North Coast.

Gary was the recipient of the Queensland Premier's Award for Leadership in the Mount Isa alcohol and violence reduction initiatives in 2002. In 2006 Gary won the NSW Premier's Award for being a team member in the Aboriginal Community Development Program. Gary is a proud recipient of the Australian Army's Defense Medal, and an advocate for Aboriginal people, families and communities.

Gary's appointment signals a new chapter for the National Congress of Australia First Peoples. Gary's experience in the public sector and commercial world will be invaluable in the renewal of the National Congress of Australia's First Peoples. Congress is pleased to have Gary join its leadership team.

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