

2014-15 public report form submitted by Merri Community Health Services Limited to the Workplace Gender Equality Agency

Organisation and contact details

Organisation registration	Legal name	Merri Community Health Services Limited
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	ANZSIC	8790 Other Social Assistance Services
Organisation details	Trading name/s	Merri Community Health Services
	ASX code (if relevant)	
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	Organisation phone number	(03) 9387 6711
Reporting structure	Number of employees covered in this report submission	357
	Other organisations reported on in this report	

Workplace profile

Manager

Manager occupational categories	Reporting level to CEO	Employment status	No. of employees		
			F	M	Total employees
CEO/Head of Business in Australia	0	Full-time permanent	0	1	1
		Full-time contract	0	0	0
		Part-time permanent	0	0	0
		Part-time contract	0	0	0
		Casual	0	0	0
Key management personnel	-1	Full-time permanent	3	1	4
		Full-time contract	0	0	0
		Part-time permanent	0	0	0
		Part-time contract	0	0	0
		Casual	0	0	0
Other executives/General managers	-2	Full-time permanent	1	1	2
		Full-time contract	0	0	0
		Part-time permanent	0	0	0
		Part-time contract	0	0	0
		Casual	0	0	0
Senior Managers	-2	Full-time permanent	7	2	9
		Full-time contract	0	0	0
		Part-time permanent	4	0	4
		Part-time contract	0	0	0
		Casual	0	0	0
Other managers	-3	Full-time permanent	1	0	1
		Full-time contract	0	0	0
		Part-time permanent	0	0	0
		Part-time contract	0	0	0
		Casual	0	0	0
Grand total: all managers			16	5	21

Non-manager

Non-manager occupational categories	Employment status	No. of employees (excluding graduates and apprentices)		No. of graduates (if applicable)		No. of apprentices (if applicable)		Total employees
		F	M	F	M	F	M	
Professionals	Full-time permanent	44	7	0	0	0	0	51
	Full-time contract	29	5	0	1	0	0	35
	Part-time permanent	59	3	0	0	0	0	62
	Part-time contract	30	5	0	0	0	0	35
	Casual	6	1	0	0	0	0	7
Technicians and trade	Full-time permanent	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Full-time contract	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Part-time permanent	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Part-time contract	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Casual	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Community and personal service	Full-time permanent	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
	Full-time contract	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Part-time permanent	27	4	0	0	0	0	31
	Part-time contract	5	1	0	0	0	0	6
	Casual	55	1	0	0	0	0	56
Clerical and administrative	Full-time permanent	14	0	0	0	0	0	14
	Full-time contract	3	1	0	0	0	0	4
	Part-time permanent	17	0	0	0	0	0	17
	Part-time contract	5	0	0	0	0	0	5
	Casual	7	3	0	0	0	0	10
Sales	Full-time permanent	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Full-time contract	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Part-time permanent	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Non-manager occupational categories	Employment status	No. of employees (excluding graduates and apprentices)		No. of graduates (if applicable)		No. of apprentices (if applicable)		Total employees
		F	M	F	M	F	M	
	Part-time contract	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Casual	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Machinery operators and drivers	Full-time permanent	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Full-time contract	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Part-time permanent	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
	Part-time contract	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Casual	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Labourers	Full-time permanent	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Full-time contract	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Part-time permanent	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Part-time contract	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Casual	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Others	Full-time permanent	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Full-time contract	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Part-time permanent	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Part-time contract	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Casual	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grand total: all non-managers		303	32	0	1	0	0	336

Reporting questionnaire

Gender equality indicator 1: Gender composition of workforce

Note: Additional help can be accessed by hovering your cursor over question text.

1 Do you have formal policies or formal strategies in place that SPECIFICALLY SUPPORT GENDER EQUALITY in relation to:

1.1 Recruitment?

- Yes (you can select policy and/or strategy options)
- Standalone policy
 - Policy is contained within another policy
 - Standalone strategy
 - Strategy is contained within another strategy
- No
- No, currently under development
- No, insufficient human resources staff
- No, don't have expertise
- No, not a priority

1.2 Retention?

- Yes (you can select policy and/or strategy options)
- Standalone policy
 - Policy is contained within another policy
 - Standalone strategy
 - Strategy is contained within another strategy
- No
- No, currently under development
- No, insufficient human resources staff
- No, don't have expertise
- No, not a priority

1.3 Performance management processes?

- Yes (you can select policy and/or strategy options)
- Standalone policy
 - Policy is contained within another policy
 - Standalone strategy
 - Strategy is contained within another strategy
- No
- No, currently under development
- No, insufficient human resources staff
- No, don't have expertise
- No, not a priority

1.4 Promotions?

- Yes (you can select policy and/or strategy options)
- Standalone policy
 - Policy is contained within another policy
 - Standalone strategy
 - Strategy is contained within another strategy
- No
- No, currently under development
- No, insufficient human resources staff
- No, don't have expertise
- No, not a priority

1.5 Talent identification/identification of high potentials?

- Yes (you can select policy and/or strategy options)
- Standalone policy
 - Policy is contained within another policy
 - Standalone strategy
 - Strategy is contained within another strategy
- No
- No, currently under development
 - No, insufficient human resources staff
 - No, don't have expertise
 - No, not a priority

1.6 Succession planning?

- Yes (you can select policy and/or strategy options)
- Standalone policy
 - Policy is contained within another policy
 - Standalone strategy
 - Strategy is contained within another strategy
- No
- No, currently under development
 - No, insufficient human resources staff
 - No, don't have expertise
 - No, not a priority

1.7 Training and development?

- Yes (you can select policy and/or strategy options)
- Standalone policy
 - Policy is contained within another policy
 - Standalone strategy
 - Strategy is contained within another strategy
- No
- No, currently under development
 - No, insufficient human resources staff
 - No, don't have expertise
 - No, not a priority

1.8 Resignations?

- Yes (you can select policy and/or strategy options)
- Standalone policy
 - Policy is contained within another policy
 - Standalone strategy
 - Strategy is contained within another strategy
- No
- No, currently under development
 - No, insufficient human resources staff
 - No, don't have expertise
 - No, not a priority

1.9 Key performance indicators for managers relating to gender equality?

- Yes (you can select policy and/or strategy options)
- Standalone policy
 - Policy is contained within another policy
 - Standalone strategy
 - Strategy is contained within another strategy
- No
- No, currently under development
 - No, insufficient human resources staff
 - No, don't have expertise
 - No, not a priority

1.10 Gender equality overall?

- Yes (you can select policy and/or strategy options)
 - Standalone policy
 - Policy is contained within another policy
 - Standalone strategy
 - Strategy is contained within another strategy
- No
- No, currently under development
- No, insufficient human resources staff
- No, don't have expertise
- No, not a priority

1.11 You may provide details of other formal policies or formal strategies that specifically support gender equality that may be in place:

We are a Rainbow Tick Accreditation organization through Gay & Lesbian Victoria. All our staff have undertaken Inclusive Practice Training and we have a plan in place to ensure we target all new and over time all existing staff into a more extensive 3.5 hour Living GLBTIQ training session. We also have a GLBTIQ working party that runs internal audits and discusses ways in which we can further promote inclusiveness and incorporate into business as usual processes. We have also rolled our training on CALD Diversity and ATSI. We have also had our Population Health Team undertake a gender equity audit and we have put together an action plan for implementing the recommendations to move towards best practice across the organisation.

1.12 Should you wish to provide additional information on any of your responses under Gender equality indicator 1, please do so below:

NA

Gender equality indicator 2: Gender composition of governing bodies

2 Does your organisation, or any organisation you are reporting on, have a governing body/board?

- Yes
- No

2.1 Please complete the table below. List the names of organisations on whose governing bodies/boards you are reporting. For each organisation, enter the gender composition (in numbers, not percentages) of that governing body/board; and where in place, include what percentage target has been set relating to the representation of women, and the year the target is to be reached.

IMPORTANT NOTE: where an organisation name has been entered in the table, you must enter the gender composition NUMBERS of that governing body/board. If no target has been set for that particular governing body/board, please enter the number 0 in the '% Target' column and leave the 'Year to be reached' column blank. Otherwise, please enter a number from 0-100 in the '% Target' column and a date in the format of YYYY in the 'Year to be reached' column.

	Organisation name	Gender and NUMBER (NOT percentage) of chairperson/s		Gender and NUMBER (NOT percentage) of other board members		% target for representation of women on each board	Year to be reached
		F	M	F	M		
		(enter a percentage number from 0-100)					
1	Merri	0	1	3	5	0	

	Organisation name	Gender and NUMBER (NOT percentage) of chairperson/s		Gender and NUMBER (NOT percentage) of other board members		% target for representation of women on each board	Year to be reached
		F	M	F	M	(enter a percentage number from 0-100)	(in YYYY format; if no target has been set, leave blank)
	Community Health Services						
2							
3							
4							
5							
6							
7							
8							
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12							
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20							
21							
22							
23							
24							

	Organisation name	Gender and NUMBER (NOT percentage) of chairperson/s		Gender and NUMBER (NOT percentage) of other board members		% target for representation of women on each board	Year to be reached
		F	M	F	M	(enter a percentage number from 0-100)	(in YYYY format; if no target has been set, leave blank)
25							
26							
27							
28							
29							
30							

2.1a If you have reported a large number of governing body/board members (over 17) for any organisation listed as having a governing body/board in the table in question 2.1, please tick the box confirming this is an accurate NUMBER, and NOT a PERCENTAGE.

Yes, the data provided in question 2.1 reflect numbers not percentages.

2.2 For any governing bodies/boards where a target relating to the representation of women has not been set, you may specify why below:

Governing body has gender balance (e.g. 40% women/40% men/20% either)

Currently under development

Insufficient human resources staff

Don't have expertise

Do not have control over board appointments (provide details why):

Board appointments are done via community membership nomination and vote, MCHS does not have the constitutional right to make board appointments with exception of 3 specialist recruitment appointments.

Not a priority

Other (provide details):

2.3 Do you have a formal selection policy or formal selection strategy for governing body/board members for ALL organisations covered in this report?

Yes

Standalone policy

Policy is contained within another policy

Standalone strategy

Strategy is contained within another strategy

No

No, in place for some governing bodies

No, currently under development

No, insufficient human resources staff

No, do not have control over board appointments (provide details why):

No, don't have expertise

No, not a priority

No, other (provide details):

2.4 Partnership structures only: (do NOT answer this question if your organisation is an incorporated entity (i.e. Pty Ltd, Ltd or Inc)). For partnerships, please enter the total number of female and male equity partners (excluding the managing partner) in the following table. Details of your managing partner should be included separately in the CEO row of your workplace profile. If you have a separate governing body/board of directors, please enter its composition in question 2.1.

	Full-time females	Part-time females	Full-time males	Part-time males
Equity partners who ARE key management personnel (KMPs) (excluding your managing partner)				
Equity partners who are NOT key management personnel (KMPs)				

2.5 Should you wish to provide additional information on any of your responses under Gender equality indicator 2, please do so below:

Gender equality indicator 3: Equal remuneration between women and men

3 Do you have a formal policy or strategy on remuneration generally?

- Yes
 - Standalone policy
 - Policy is contained within another policy
 - Standalone strategy
 - Strategy is contained within another strategy
- No
 - No, currently under development
 - No, insufficient human resources staff
 - No, included in workplace agreement
 - No, don't have expertise
 - No, salaries set by awards or industrial agreements
 - No, non-award employees paid market rate
 - No, not a priority
 - No, other (provide details):

3.1 Are specific gender pay equity objectives included in your formal policy or formal strategy?

- Yes (provide details in questions 3.2 and/or 3.3 below)
- No
 - No, currently under development
 - No, insufficient human resources staff
 - No, don't have expertise
 - No, salaries set by awards or industrial agreements
 - No, non-award employees are paid market rate
 - No, not a priority
 - No, other (provide details):

3.2 You have answered yes to question 3.1. Please indicate whether your formal policy or formal strategy includes the following gender pay equity objectives (more than one option can be selected):

- To achieve gender pay equity

- To ensure no gender bias occurs at any point in the remuneration review process (for example at commencement, at salary, out-of-cycle pay reviews, and performance pay reviews)
- To be transparent about pay scales and/or salary bands
- To ensure managers are held accountable for pay equity outcomes
- To implement and/or maintain a transparent and rigorous performance assessment process
- Other (details provided in question 3.3 below)

3.3 Provide details of other gender pay equity objectives that are included in your formal policy or formal strategy including timeframes for achieving these objectives:

The majority of our remuneration decisions are set by multi-enterprise agreements with the exception of the CEO appointment and where the organisation has implemented its remuneration strategy for individuals that are remunerated above agreement salaries and therefore our remuneration strategy covers this and decisions to progress individuals to the next pay point on an EBA with clear accountabilities that these are done fair, equitable and having no regard to protected attributes.

4 Has a gender remuneration gap analysis been undertaken?

- Yes. When was the most recent gender remuneration gap analysis undertaken?
- Within last 12 months
 - Within last 1-2 years
 - More than 2 years ago but less than 4 years ago
 - Other (provide details):
- No
- No, currently under development
- No, insufficient human resources staff
- No, don't have expertise
- No, salaries for ALL employees (including managers) are set by awards or industrial agreements, AND there is no room for discretion in pay changes (for example because pay increases occur only when there is a change in tenure or qualifications)
- No, salaries for SOME or ALL employees (including managers) are set by awards or industrial agreements and there IS room for discretion in pay changes (because pay increases can occur with some discretion such as performance assessments)
- No, non-award employees are paid market rate
- No, not a priority
- No, other (provide details):

4.2 Should you wish to provide additional information on any of your responses under Gender equality indicator 3, please do so below:

Gender equality indicator 4: Flexible working and support for employees with family and caring responsibilities

5 Do you provide employer funded paid parental leave for PRIMARY CARERS, in addition to any government funded parental leave scheme for primary carers?

- Yes
- No
- No, currently being considered
- No, insufficient human resources staff
- No, government scheme is sufficient
- No, don't know how to implement
- No, not a priority
- No, other (provide details):

5.1 Please indicate the number of weeks of employer funded parental leave that are provided for primary carers.
10

- 5.2 How is employer funded paid parental leave provided to the primary carer?
- By paying the gap between the employee's salary and the government's paid parental leave scheme
 - By paying the employee's full salary (in addition to the government's paid scheme), regardless of the period of time over which it is paid. For example, full pay for 12 weeks or half pay for 24 weeks
 - As a lump sum payment (paid pre- or post- parental leave, or a combination)

- 6 Do you provide employer funded paid parental leave for SECONDARY CARERS, in addition to any government funded parental leave scheme for secondary carers?
- Yes, one week or greater
 - Yes, less than one week
 - No
 - No, currently being considered
 - No, insufficient human resources staff
 - No, government scheme is sufficient
 - No, don't know how to implement
 - No, not a priority
 - No, other (provide details):

6.1 Please indicate the number of weeks of employer funded parental leave that are provided for secondary carers.
1

7 How many female and male managers, and female and male non-managers, have utilised parental leave (paid and/or unpaid) during the past reporting period?

	Primary carer's leave		Secondary carer's leave	
	Female	Male	Female	Male
Managers	1	0	1	0
Non-managers	16	1	0	4

8 What proportion of your total workforce has access to employer funded paid parental leave?

	Primary carer's leave	Secondary carer's leave
%	100	100

9 Do you have a formal policy or formal strategy on flexible working arrangements?

- Yes
 - Standalone policy
 - Policy is contained within another policy
 - Standalone strategy
 - Strategy is contained within another strategy
- No
- No, currently under development
- No, insufficient human resources staff
- No, included in workplace agreement
- No, don't have expertise
- No, don't offer flexible arrangements
- No, not a priority
- No, other (provide details):

10 Do you have a formal policy or formal strategy to support employees with family and caring responsibilities?

- Yes
- Standalone policy
 - Policy is contained within another policy
 - Standalone strategy
 - Strategy is contained within another strategy
- No
- No, currently under development
 - No, insufficient human resources staff
 - No, included in workplace agreement
 - No, don't have expertise
 - No, don't offer flexible arrangements
 - No, not a priority
 - No, other (provide details):

11 Do you have any non-leave based measures to support employees with family and caring responsibilities?

- Yes
- No
- No, currently under development
 - No, insufficient human resources staff
 - No, don't have expertise
 - No, not a priority
 - No, other (provide details):

11.1 To understand where these measures are available, do you have other worksites in addition to your head office?

- Yes
- No

11.2 Please indicate what measures are in place and in which worksites they are available (if you do not have multiple worksites, you would select 'Head office only'):

- Employer subsidised childcare
 - Head office only
 - Other worksites only
 - Head office and some other worksites
 - All worksites including head office
- On-site childcare
 - Head office only
 - Other worksites only
 - Head office and some other worksites
 - All worksites including head office
- Breastfeeding facilities
 - Head office only
 - Other worksites only
 - Head office and some other worksites
 - All worksites including head office
- Childcare referral services
 - Head office only
 - Other worksites only
 - Head office and some other worksites
 - All worksites including head office
- Internal support network for parents
 - Head office only
 - Other worksites only
 - Head office and some other worksites

- All worksites including head office
- Return to work bonus
 - Head office only
 - Other worksites only
 - Head office and some other worksites
 - All worksites including head office
- Information packs to support new parents and/or those with elder care responsibilities
 - Head office only
 - Other worksites only
 - Head office and some other worksites
 - All worksites including head office
- Referral services to support employees with family and/or caring responsibilities
 - Head office only
 - Other worksites only
 - Head office and some other worksites
 - All worksites including head office
- Targeted communication mechanisms, for example intranet/forums
 - Head office only
 - Other worksites only
 - Head office and some other worksites
 - All worksites including head office
- None of the above, please complete question 11.3 below

11.3 Please provide details of any other non-leave based measures that are in place and at which worksites they are available:

Keeping in Touch Agreements between the line manager and the employee ensuring they remain engaged and abreast of what is happening within the organisation. Flexibility in work from home arrangements, negotiating a plan/roster and changes as needed to support a balance between their work and family commitments.

12 Do you have a formal policy or formal strategy to support employees who are experiencing family or domestic violence?

- Yes
 - Standalone policy
 - Policy is contained within another policy
 - Standalone strategy
 - Strategy is contained within another strategy
- No
- No, currently under development
- No, insufficient human resources staff
- No, included in workplace agreement
- No, not aware of the need
- No, don't have expertise
- No, not a priority
- No, other (provide details):

13 Other than a policy or strategy, do you have any measures to support employees who are experiencing family or domestic violence?

Yes - please indicate the type of measures in place (more than one option can be selected):

- Employee assistance program
- Access to leave
- Training of human resources (or other) staff
- Referral to support services
- Other (provide details):
- No
- No, currently under development
- No, insufficient human resources staff

- No, not aware of the need
- No, don't have expertise
- No, not a priority
- No, other (provide details):

14 Please tick the checkboxes in the table below to indicate which employment terms, conditions or practices are available to your employees (please note that not ticking a box indicates that a particular employment term, condition or practice is not in place):

	Managers				Non-managers			
	Female		Male		Female		Male	
	Formal	Informal	Formal	Informal	Formal	Informal	Formal	Informal
Flexible hours of work	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>						
Compressed working weeks	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>						
Time-in-lieu	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>						
Telecommuting	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>						
Part-time work	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>						
Job sharing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>						
Carer's leave	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>						
Purchased leave	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>						
Unpaid leave	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>						

14.1 If there are any other employment terms, conditions or practices that are available to your employees, you may provide details of those below:
NA

14.2 Where employment terms, conditions or practices are not available to your employees for any of the categories listed above, you may specify why below:

- Currently under development
- Insufficient human resources staff
- Don't have expertise
- Not a priority
- Other (provide details):

14.3 Should you wish to provide additional information on any of your responses under Gender equality indicator 4, please do so below:
NA

Gender equality indicator 5: Consultation with employees on issues concerning gender equality in the workplace

15 Have you consulted with employees on issues concerning gender equality in your workplace?

- Yes
- No
- No, not needed (provide details why):
- No, insufficient human resources staff

- No, don't have expertise
- No, not a priority
- No, other (provide details):

15.1 How did you consult with employees on issues concerning gender equality in your workplace (more than one option can be selected)?

- Survey
- Consultative committee or group
- Focus groups
- Exit interviews
- Performance discussions
- Other (provide details):

15.2 What categories of employees did you consult?

- All staff
- Women only
- Men only
- Human resources managers
- Management
- Employee representative group(s)
- Diversity committee or equivalent
- Women and men who have resigned while on parental leave
- Other (provide details):

15.3 Should you wish to provide additional information on any of your responses under Gender equality indicator 5, please do so below:

NA

Gender equality indicator 6: Sex-based harassment and discrimination

16 Do you have a formal policy or formal strategy on sex-based harassment and discrimination prevention?

- Yes
 - Standalone policy
 - Policy is contained within another policy
 - Standalone strategy
 - Strategy is contained within another strategy
- No
- No, currently under development
- No, insufficient human resources staff
- No, included in workplace agreement
- No, don't have expertise
- No, not a priority
- No, other (provide details):

16.1 Do you include a grievance process in any sex-based harassment and discrimination prevention policy or strategy?

- Yes
- No
- No, currently under development
- No, insufficient human resources staff
- No, don't have expertise
- No, not a priority
- No, other (provide details):

17 Does your workplace provide training for all managers on sex-based harassment and discrimination prevention?

Yes - please indicate how often this training is provided ('At induction' AND one of the other options can be selected):

- At induction
- At least annually
- Every one-to-two years
- Every three years or more
- Varies across business units
- Other (provide details):

- No
- No, currently under development
- No, insufficient human resources staff
- No, don't have expertise
- No, not a priority
- No, other (provide details):

17.1 Should you wish to provide additional information on any of your responses under Gender equality indicator 6, please do so below:
NA

Other

18 Should you wish to provide details of any initiatives that you feel are particularly outstanding, or that have resulted in improved gender equality outcomes in your workplace, please enter this information below. (As with all of the questions in this questionnaire, any information you provide here will appear in your public report.)

NA

Notification and access

List of employee organisations

ASU, ANMF, HSU, VHPA, and HWU

CEO sign off confirmation

Name of CEO or equivalent

Nigel Fidgeon

Confirmation CEO has signed the report

Yes

CEO Signature:

Date:
