10. EXAMPLES OF TASKS
Some things others have done:
• a sorry letter
• a painting
• volunteer work for the person harmed or the community
• paying back money for damages or costs
• getting some support like mentoring or counselling
• attending programs at Gugan Gulwan, Yurauna Centre, Winunga Nimitija, PCYC etc

11. MONITORING OF RJ AGREEMENT
The IGP will support you with any tasks you sign up to and make sure you stay on track to get it done by the due date.
The IGP will keep the convenor up to date on how you are going.
The IGP or convenor is required to report your participation in RJ to the agency that referred the matter.

The RJU acknowledges the Ngunnawal people as the traditional custodians of the Canberra region. The region was also an important meeting place and is significant to other Aboriginal groups. The RJU acknowledges and respects the Ngunnawal people for their continuing culture.
1. INDIGENOUS GUIDANCE PARTNER
The Indigenous Guidance Partner (IGP) is a support person to assist you and your mob through the Restorative Justice (RJ) process from start to finish.

The IGP is your point of contact for RJ and can:
• be with you at RJ meetings
• help you get to your RJ meetings
• sit with you when meeting the convenor
• prepare you for a conference
• be with you at both face to face and indirect conferences
• assist you with getting your agreement done
• support you at Court

2. WHAT IS RJ?
It’s an opportunity to have a yarn about what happened, hear how people have been hurt by what happened and a chance for you to step up to try to make things better.

3. WHAT HAPPENS IN THE RJ PROCESS?
You will meet the convenor as well as others that might take part. The convenor will ask you about:
• what happened?
• who has been affected by what happened?
• how you can make things better?

The IGP will support you through the whole process.

4. WHO CAN TAKE PART?
• You and your mob, like your family
• The person harmed and their mob
• Other people like a teacher, coach, witness or police officer

5. THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW
• It is voluntary and you don’t have to do it
• It is voluntary for the person harmed
• You can talk to a lawyer about taking part
• The convenor will make sure that everyone who participates is doing it for the right reasons
• The convenor will make sure that it is safe for everyone who takes part
• If you step up and do RJ, a court may reduce your sentence (but does not have to)
• If you don’t want to do RJ or pull out, the court cannot look badly on you when sentencing you
• You don’t have to sign any agreement if you don’t want to

6. HOW DOES THE RJ CONFERENCE WORK?
You might do a face to face conference where you will sit in a circle with the person harmed and the convenor asks you to yarn about what happened. Your supporters will be with you and so will the IGP.

Or it could be an indirect conference. This is when a face to face conference can’t go ahead. The convenor will act as the go between to support you and the person harmed exchange stories and try to come to an agreement.

7. WHAT IS AN RJ AGREEMENT?
If you take part in a conference, you and the person harmed might come up with ways to make things better.
Agreements must:
• be fair and reasonable
• not be degrading or humiliating
• not distress you or anyone else
• take no longer than six months to complete
• be something that you think you can do
• be in writing and signed by you and the person harmed

8. WHY SHOULD YOU DO IT?
There are many good reasons for you to take part. You:
• can tell your side of the story
• step up for what happened
• say sorry for your part in the matter
• help the person harmed feel better
• feel better about yourself
• hear how others have been hurt by what happened
• work out a way to make things better
• move on and put your life back on track
• make plans to not get into trouble again

9. BEFORE YOU SIGN AN AGREEMENT
You need to make sure you:
• are able and willing to do what is in it
• understand what you are signing up to – if not ask the IGP
• know when it is needed to be done by