

## **Meridian's Mental Health Services Achieve Accreditation!**

Meridian has been awarded full accreditation against the National Standards for Mental Health Services!

The National Standards for Mental Health Services (NSMHS) are owned by the Australian Government Department of Health and were developed in 2010 as part of the National Mental Health Strategy. The Standards are outcome oriented and reflect a strong values base, related to human rights, dignity and empowerment.

The Standards focus on demonstrating a high quality of mental service delivery, policy direction compliance, communication and consent, and monitoring and governance procedures.

Quality Innovation Performance (QIP) is an organisation that is approved by the Australian Government Department of Health to accredit mental health services under the NSMH. QIP supported Meridian through the accreditation process and ensured that we were compliant with all of the required Standards.

Meridian's NSMHS Accreditation is valid for three years. We are committed to upholding a high quality of mental health service delivery through our Meridian Wellbeing, Community Engagement and Client Services, for our LGBTIQ+ and HIV+ communities.

Key words from the audit report highlight our wonderful mix of "passion, compassion, respect, skill, professionalism and values-based work" and ultimately our unwavering commitment to positive health outcomes for our communities.

Meridian would like to thank all of our staff, community stakeholders, service users and QIP, who participated in the assessment process and helped us to achieve accreditation. We are extremely proud to be recognised as a high quality, peer led, community-based, mental health service for our LGBTIQ+ and HIV+ communities.

**Thank you for being part of this success with us!**



If you would like more information about Meridian's Client and Wellbeing Services, or about our NSMHS Accreditation, please contact Meridian's Chief Executive Officer, Philippa Moss, on 0418 191 967 or at [philippa.moss@meridianact.org.au](mailto:philippa.moss@meridianact.org.au).