For further information about the ACLO Program please contact the ACLO State Coordinator on (02) 9768 0743 or the ACLO Program Support Officer on (02) 9768 0744.
Key Areas:

- Establish open lines of communication between police and Aboriginal people.
- Provide advice to the Aboriginal communities about the functions of NSW Police Force.
- Identify barriers that prevent open communication and consultation between Aboriginal people and Police.
- Foster partnerships between Police and Aboriginal communities.
- Encourage Aboriginal people to work with Police to address crime and violence in the Aboriginal community.
- Promote strong partnerships between Aboriginal communities and NSW Police Force to develop programs that address issues due to Aboriginal disadvantage.
- Provide a link between Police and the Aboriginal community through the application of the NSW Police Force Aboriginal Strategic Direction.
- Actively encourage Aboriginal community members to interact with Police by ensuring the Police Aboriginal Consultative Committee (PACC) is promoted widely.

Recommendation 231 of the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody Report:

Police Services to actively pursue improvements in its relationship with Aboriginal people – Different jurisdictions pursue their chosen initiatives for improving relations between police and Aboriginal people in the form of police aides, police liaison officers and in other ways; experimenting and adjusting in the light of the experience of other services and applying what seems to work best in particular circumstances.

Principal Duties

The Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer (ACLO) is a member of the Local Area Command, Crime Management Team with the responsibility for providing advice and support to Police in the management of Aboriginal issues across the Local Area Command (LAC).

ACLOs assists in developing, implementing, monitoring and reviewing programs that bring about positive outcomes between Police and Aboriginal people which are in line with NSW Police Force policy.

The ACLO works closely with Aboriginal communities, Aboriginal community organisations and other service providers in their day to day activities.

The ACLO encourages positive working relationships and partnerships between the NSW Police Force and Aboriginal people as well as promoting an awareness of Aboriginal issues to Police.