

Tranby 2026 Update

Established in 1957, Tranby Aboriginal Co-operative is Australia's oldest Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisation (ACCO). For almost 70 years, Tranby has been an important place of self-determination, education and social activism for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Located on Gadigal Country (Glebe, Sydney), Tranby has continued to grow and transform over its history, evolving from a hub of social action and adult education into a nationally recognised provider of community-led learning and leadership programs. While the courses and programs have developed and evolved in response to community need, Tranby's purpose remains the same: to make positive change happen for Mob.



Tranby Aboriginal Co-operative Campus on Gadigal Country (Glebe, Sydney).

As a Registered Training Organisation (RTO), Tranby proudly delivers nationally accredited courses designed by, and for, First Nations peoples. Our courses are grounded in community priorities, cultural knowledge and lived experience, creating pathways for Mob to lead, learn and thrive.

Tranby currently offers four qualifications for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander adults. Our courses have evolved over time in response to community priorities:

Qualification	Description	Features
11354NAT Diploma of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Advocacy	Provides skills to work in legal environments and understand human rights	Owned exclusively by Tranby; originated from Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody (RCIADIC) Recommendation 212
11026NAT Diploma of Applied Aboriginal Studies	Enhances knowledge of Aboriginal cultures, history, and contemporary issues	Owned exclusively by Tranby
BSB41021 Certificate IV in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Governance	Builds skills to participate in governance and leadership within First Nations organisations	Nationally accredited
CHC42121 Certificate IV in Community Development	Develops capacity to design and deliver community-led programs and initiatives	Nationally accredited

Community Programs

Tranby also delivers community-based programs that support leadership, empowerment and cultural governance.

Tranby's flagship program **Yanlangami: Strong Women, Strong Communities** emerged from women's yarning circles in 2020, where community identified the need for more culturally safe spaces for women. The program reflects culturally grounded, place-based leadership development and has been recognised in the *Wiyi Yani U Thangani (Women's Voices) Implementation Framework (2022)* as a best-practice example of gender-responsive governance. An independent evaluation by the Jumbunna Institute (2023) found that the program contributes to significant personal and professional growth, with a high degree of positive change reported by participants. In 2026, Yanlangami is in its six years, with more than 200 First Nations women have graduated from the Changemaker program, and over 80 women serving as Aboriginal Advisory Council (AAC) members, providing strong cultural governance and oversight. Yanlangami's governance model has also been recognised by the Australian Indigenous Governance Institute (AIGI) as a national Cultural Governance Framework.



Yanalangami in-person Changemaker Program on Yawuru Country, 2024.



Yanalangami National Online Changemaker Graduation, 2023.

Tranby is also home to nationally significant cultural and historical resources that support community engagement, knowledge sharing and cultural preservation through the **National Indigenous Oral History Story Centre and Keeping Place**. Through the Oral History program, Tranby records audio-visual stories at our on-site recording studio, and through transportable oral history recording equipment that allows stories to be recorded on-Country and on community terms.



Tranby Aboriginal Co-operative Oral History Recording Studio.

These stories are stored in Tranby's **Digital Dilly Bag**, a sovereign data hub located on freehold land. Developed in response to community need for safe and culturally appropriate data storage, the Digital Dilly Bag aligns with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) by ensuring First Nations peoples maintain full agency and sovereignty over their data.

Tranby also hosts a research library and archive featuring books written by, and about, First Nations peoples. The collection includes the personal library of Dr Charles Perkins AO, gifted to Tranby by his family, along with a curated collection of First Nations artworks and artefacts of national significance.

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