

One of Skye's favourite days at work was taking the girls from McGarry House to Minerva Pool, a sacred place traditionally connected to Aboriginal women and children. Watching the girls enjoy themselves, connect with Country and grow in confidence was a powerful experience for Skye. It captures something very special about the way she approaches her work and the genuine joy she finds in seeing young people celebrate who they are.

Skye has been at the forefront of creating meaningful opportunities for the Aboriginal young women at McGarry House to explore their cultural heritage, strengthen their identity and develop a sense of cultural pride.

For Skye, celebrating culture is not something reserved for NAIDOC Week. Whether she is sourcing Aboriginal clothing and cultural resources, inviting cultural consultants into the home or creating opportunities for the girls to connect with Country, she puts considerable thought and care into making these experiences meaningful.

Importantly, she ensures the girls have a voice in how their cultural needs are understood and supported, recognising that each young person's cultural journey is their own. Her enthusiasm has also brought her colleagues along on this journey. Through Acknowledgements of Country, shared cultural experiences and everyday conversations, Skye encourages her team to think more deeply about Aboriginal culture and its place in the care they provide.

Her colleagues speak warmly about her ability to bring people together, build respectful relationships and create spaces where culture is celebrated and stories are shared with pride.

What makes Skye's contribution so special is that it comes so naturally from her genuine care for the girls. Through her initiative and enthusiasm, she reminds us that some of the most meaningful moments in a young person's life can come from simply being given the opportunity to discover, connect with and celebrate who they are.

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