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# Ngar-wu Wanyarra

## Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Health Conference 2019

Riverlinks Eastbank, 70 Welsford St, Shepparton

Department of  
Rural Health



# PROGRAM WEDNESDAY 16 OCTOBER 2019

8:00- 8:30am	<b>CONFERENCE REGISTRATION RIVERLINKS EASTBANK FOYER</b>	
8:30am	<b>OPENING CEREMONY - UNCLE WILLIAM COOPER STATUE QUEENS GARDENS FOLLOWED BY AUDITORIUM AT RIVERLINKS EASTBANK</b>	
9:00am	<b>Welcome from Greater Shepparton City Council</b>	<b>Cr. Kim O'Keefe</b> Mayor - Welcome from Greater Shepparton City Council
9:05am	<b>Welcome from The University of Melbourne</b>	<b>Professor Lisa Bourke</b> Director - University Department of Rural Health The University of Melbourne
9:10am	<b>Welcome from Murray PHN (Primary Health Network)</b>	<b>Mr Matt Jones</b> CEO - Murray PHN (Primary Health Network)
9:15am	<b>Keynote Address</b>	<b>Ms Patricia Anderson AO</b> Chair for The Lowitja Institute
10:00am	<b>Specialist Certificate in Empowering Health in Aboriginal Communities</b>	<b>Ms Gwenda Freeman</b> Associate Lecturer in Aboriginal Health Education The University of Melbourne
10.20am	<b>MORNING TEA</b>	
	<b>AUDITORIUM</b>	<b>FUNCTION ROOM</b>
10:40am	<b>Developing Health and Wellbeing Through Intergenerational Learning and Cultural Understanding</b> <b>Ms Rosemary Bunge</b> Secondary School Nurse <b>Ms Rebecca Crawely</b> Aboriginal Languages Program Teacher <b>Miss Amaya Harris</b> Year 10 Student DET Bright P12 College	<b>Collaborating for Quality Aboriginal Health Education in Victorian Universities</b> <b>Ms Kerrie Thomsen</b> Treasurer <b>Ms Colleen Kelly</b> Committee Member <b>Ms Lin Oke</b> Executive Advisor Weenthunga Health Network
11:05am	<b>Using Art and Story to navigate a path between Indigenous and Western ways of Healing</b> <b>Ms Rena Shein</b> Artist and Art Therapist <b>Uncle John Kelly</b> Cultural Advisor <b>Aunty Vicky Taylor</b> Teacher Dalaigur Pre-school	<b>Bari- Aboriginal Youth Program</b> <b>Ms Susan Parker Pavlovic</b> Associate Lecturer, Aboriginal Health <b>Ms Emma Walke</b> Academic Lead, Aboriginal Health University Centre for Rural Health The University of Sydney
11:25am	<b>Healing the past by nurturing the future: Opportunities for supporting healing from complex trauma during the perinatal period</b> <b>Associate Professor Catherine Chamberlain</b> La Trobe University	<b>Closing the Gap for Aboriginal Eye Health in East Gippsland - East Gippsland Aboriginal Eye Health Partnership</b> <b>Ms Jaquie Nethercote</b> Partnership Facilitator East Gippsland Primary Care Partnership <b>Mr Joshua Tuiono</b> Aboriginal Health Worker Gippsland and East Gippsland Aboriginal Co-operative
11:50am	<b>Implementation of 'Closing the Gap' in Early Childhood: Shepparton Case Study</b> <b>Ms Emma George</b> Lecturer in Occupational Therapy PhD Candidate, Southgate Institute of Health, Society and Equity <b>Dr Tamara Mackean</b> Senior Research Fellow, Southgate Institute for Health, Society and Equity, and Conjoint Associate Professor (UNSW) at the George Institute for Global Health Flinders University	<b>Gunyanggurta Yanabil - "Trusted Visitor" Aboriginal Volunteer Project at Barwon Health</b> <b>Ms Renee Owen</b> Aboriginal Programs Manager <b>Ms Libby Lesock</b> Policy & Projects Officer, Aboriginal Health Unit Barwon Health
12:15pm	<b>The Relationship between Health Literacy and Breastfeeding Practices for Australian Aboriginal Women: A Systematic Literature Review</b> <b>Ms Shannon Drake</b> Manager of Clinical Services Rumbalara Aboriginal Co-operative	<b>'More Indigenous Nurses for the Goulburn Valley Region'</b> <b>Ms Helen Everist</b> Nursing Tutor <b>Ms Amanda Firebrace</b> Nursing Student Support Academy of Sports, Health and Education (ASHE) The University of Melbourne

	AUDITORIUM	FUNCTION ROOM
12:35pm	<b>First Nations Relational Research &amp; Principles of Childrearing</b> <b>Dr Mishel McMahon</b> Lecturer – Social Work La Trobe University	<b>How exploring and building business can improve health outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women</b> <b>Ms Corina Muir</b> Accelerator Coordinator  <b>Ms Giselle Diego</b> Melbourne Accelerator Lead  <b>Ms Mary-Anne Scully</b> Regional Victoria Accelerator Lead Global Sisters
1:00pm	<b>Lunch</b>	
1:50pm	<b>Evaluating the Prevention and Early Intervention Coordination (PEIC) Project</b> <b>Dr Bill Genat</b> Senior Honorary Fellow The University of Melbourne  <b>Ms Belinda Payne</b> Prevention and Early Intervention Coordinator Gunditjmara Aboriginal Co-operative Limited	<b>Making an evidence-based western psychotherapy relevant for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander clients: The development of arts-based compassion focused therapy</b>  <b>Professor James Bennett-Levy</b> University Centre for Rural Health The University of Sydney
2:15pm	<b>Strengthening systematic electronic health records within Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services (ACCHSs): Preliminary observations from a three site case study</b> <b>Dr Bill Genat</b> Senior Honorary Fellow, The University of Melbourne  <b>Ms Jenny John</b> Prevention and Early Intervention Coordinator Rumbalara Aboriginal Co-operative  <b>Ms Belinda Payne</b> Prevention and Early Intervention Coordinator Gunditjmara Aboriginal Co-operative Limited	<b>How to heal a broken heart – The importance of culture, communication and clinical interactions</b>  <b>Ms Vicki Wade</b> Senior Cultural Advisor Rheumatic Heart Disease Australia  <b>Dr Jason Agostino</b> GP at Gurriny Yealamucka Health Service and Lecturer at Australian National University
2:40pm	<b>Afternoon Tea</b>	
3:00pm	<b>AUDITORIUM</b>	
	<b>R U Appy? Keeping well in a digital world</b> <b>Mr David Edwards</b> Digital Mental Health Aboriginal Researcher University Centre for Rural Health The University of Sydney	
3:45pm	<b>Keynote Address</b> <b>Counting our Mob – Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and official statistics</b> <b>Dr Kalinda Griffiths</b> Scientia Fellow University of NSW	
4:45pm	<b>Closing comments</b> <b>Professor Lisa Bourke</b> Director - University Department of Rural Health The University of Melbourne	
5:00pm	<b>Conference close</b>	
6:00 – 9:00	<b>Conference Dinner The Function Room, Riverlinks Eastbank. Entertainment by Mr Archie Roach</b>	

#### The cost of this event is:

**\$100 Conference** – Non-Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people (morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea will be included)

**\$70 Conference** – Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander (morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea will be included)

**\$30 Conference Dinner** – Subsidised if attending conference

**\$50 Conference Dinner** – Not attending conference

Please register online <https://www.trybooking.com/507730>

by midday Wednesday 9th October 2019.


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