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Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Health Conference 2019

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WELCOME

We have great pleasure in welcoming you to our 5th Annual Ngar-wu Wanyarra Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Health Conference 2019 on behalf of the Aboriginal team at The University of Melbourne, Department of Rural Health.

Our aim for the conference is to facilitate the exchange of information on key issues in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' health and wellbeing through the delivery of high impact keynote addresses by national leaders from within the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community.

The conference provides a forum for the presentation of cutting-edge program initiatives and research findings in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health and wellbeing by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health practitioners and their colleagues.

We acknowledge the work and dedication of our keynote speakers, presenters, co-authors and researchers who have contributed, and without their support, our conference would not be the success that it is today.

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We extend our gratitude to our conference sponsors Murray PHN and Greater Shepparton City Council.

CONFERENCE MC



Ms Leah Lindrea- Morrison

Aboriginal Partnerships & Community Engagement Officer, Department of Rural Health, The University of Melbourne

Leah has the lead role in organising the annual Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Conference. She is a Yorta Yorta woman, who grew up in the Shepparton area.

Leah's role is Aboriginal Partnerships & Community Engagement Officer at The University of Melbourne, Department of Rural Health. Leah sits on the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Reference group, Breast Cancer Network Australia and is on the Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Reference Group.



Gwenda Freeman

Associate Lecture in Aboriginal Health Education, Department of Rural Health, The University of Melbourne

Gwenda is a Yorta Yorta woman and will be our MC in the Function Room for the 2019 Ngar-wu Wanyarra Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Conference.

Gwenda is a member of the Aboriginal Health team, and her role supports local Aboriginal students who are studying health subjects, and lectures in Aboriginal health, particularly to the rurally based medical students.

Gwenda is a member of NATSIHWA, CATSINAM, and a Fellow of the ACHSM.

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



Ms Patricia Anderson AO

Chair for the Lowitja Institute

Ms Pat Anderson is an Alywarre woman known nationally and internationally as a powerful advocate for the health of Australia's First Peoples. She has extensive experience in Aboriginal health, including community development, policy formation and research ethics.

Ms Anderson has spoken before the United Nations Working Group on Indigenous People, has been the CEO of Danila Dilba Health Service in Darwin, Chair of the National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation, Chair of the Aboriginal Medical Services Alliance Northern Territory (AMSANT), and was the Chair of the CRC for Aboriginal Health from 2003 to 2009. She has published many essays, papers and articles, including co-authoring with Rex Wild QC of Little Children Are Sacred, a report on the abuse of Aboriginal children in the Northern Territory.

In 2007, Ms Anderson was awarded the Public Health Association of Australia's Sidney Sax Public Health Medal in recognition of her achievements; she was awarded the Human Rights Community Individual Award (Tony Fitzgerald Memorial Award) in 2012 and the Human Rights Medal in 2016 by the Australian Human Rights Commission. In 2013, she received an honorary doctorate from Flinders University and in 2017 Edith Cowan University conferred on Ms Anderson a Doctor of Medical Science honoris causa. In 2015, Ms Anderson won the public policy category in the Australian Financial Review and was featured in Westpac 100 Women of Influence Awards. She served as co-chair of the Prime Minister's Referendum Council and she is the current chair of the Remote Area Health Corporation.

Ms Anderson was appointed Officer of the Order of Australia (AO) in 2014 for her distinguished service to the Indigenous community as a social justice advocate, particularly through promoting improved health, and educational and protection outcomes for children. In 2018, the national NAIDOC Committee recognised her life-long contribution with the Lifetime Achievement Award.



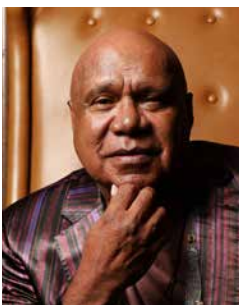
Dr Kalinda Griffiths

Scientia Fellow, Centre for Big Data Research in Health, University of NSW

Counting our mob –Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and official statistics

Kalinda is an early career Scientia Fellow at the Centre for Big Data Research in Health at UNSW and a Science and Technology Superstar of STEM. She holds honorary fellowships at Menzies School of Health Research and the University of Sydney and is also deputy editor of the Health Promotion Journal of Australia. Kalinda is an epidemiologist who has worked in the research sector for over 20 years. Her interest is in empirically addressing complex health disparities in populations through existing data. Her research currently addresses issues of quality and the utilisation of data pertaining to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Her areas of focus include the governance of existing data utilisation and the measurement of health disparities, with particular interest in cancer treatment and outcomes.

DINNER ENTERTAINMENT



Archie Roach

Archie Roach is a beloved and much admired Australian artist whose iconic song, 'Took the Children Away', was recently added to the National Film and Sound Archive's Sounds of Australia collection. As a member of the stolen generations, he has also become a powerful voice for Indigenous Australians and is one of this country's greatest storytellers.

Archie's career has spanned three decades. He has released 10 albums including a 4-CD box set, 'Creation', a retrospective of his first four albums. His work has been recognised locally and internationally, in mainstream and Indigenous circles. He has shared the stage with some of the world's most iconic artists including Leonard Cohen, Rodriguez, Bob Dylan, Tracy Chapman, Billy Bragg, Paul Simon and Joan Armatrading.

His music speaks the stories of his people, of this land and of the human condition. His voice - uniquely Australian and undeniably universal - continues to resonate for us all.

PROGRAM WEDNESDAY 16 OCTOBER 2019

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| 8:00- 8:30am | CONFERENCE REGISTRATION RIVERLINKS EASTBANK FOYER | |
| 8:30am | WILLIAM COOPER STATUE, QUEENS GARDENS | |
| 8:30am | Gulpa Gaka Woka (Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony) | |
| 9:00am | OPENING CEREMONY - AUDITORIUM | |
| 9:00am | Welcome from The University of Melbourne | Professor Lisa Bourke Director - University Department of Rural Health The University of Melbourne |
| 9:05am | Welcome from Greater Shepparton City Council | Cr. Kim O'Keeffe Mayor - Welcome from Greater Shepparton City Council |
| 9:10am | Welcome from Murray PHN (Primary Health Network) | Mr Matt Jones CEO - Murray PHN (Primary Health Network) |
| 9:15am | Keynote Address | Ms Patricia Anderson AO Chair for The Lowitja Institute |
| 10:00am | Specialist Certificate in Empowering Health in Aboriginal Communities | Ms Gwenda Freeman Associate Lecturer in Aboriginal Health Education The University of Melbourne |
| 10:20am | Healing the past by nurturing the future: Opportunities for supporting healing from complex trauma during the perinatal period | Associate Professor Catherine Chamberlain La Trobe University |
| 10:55am | MORNING TEA | |
| | AUDITORIUM | FUNCTION ROOM |
| 11:15am | Developing Health and Wellbeing Through Intergenerational Learning and Cultural Understanding Ms Rosemary Bunge Secondary School Nurse Ms Rebecca Crawely Aboriginal Languages Program Teacher Miss Amaya Harris Year 10 Student DET Bright P12 College | Collaborating for Quality Aboriginal Health Education in Victorian Universities Ms Kerrie Thomsen Treasurer Ms Colleen Kelly Committee Member Ms Lin Oke Executive Advisor Weenthunga Health Network |
| 11:40am | Using Art and Story to navigate a path between Indigenous and Western ways of Healing Ms Rena Shein Artist and Art Therapist Uncle John Kelly Cultural Advisor Aunty Vicky Taylor Teacher Dalaigur Pre-school | Bari - Aboriginal Youth Program Ms Susan Parker Pavlovic Associate Lecturer, Aboriginal Health Ms Emma Walke Academic Lead, Aboriginal Health University Centre for Rural Health The University of Sydney |
| 12:00pm | First Nations Relational Research & Principles of Childrearing Dr Mishel McMahon Lecturer – Social Work La Trobe University | Closing the Gap for Aboriginal Eye Health in East Gippsland - East Gippsland Aboriginal Eye Health Partnership Ms Jaquie Nethercote Partnership Facilitator East Gippsland Primary Care Partnership Mr Joshua Tuiono Aboriginal Health Worker Gippsland and East Gippsland Aboriginal Co-operative |
| 12:30pm | The Relationship between Health Literacy and Breastfeeding Practices for Australian Aboriginal Women: A Systematic Literature Review Ms Shannon Drake Manager of Clinical Services Rumbalara Aboriginal Co-operative | More Indigenous Nurses for the Goulburn Valley Region Ms Helen Everist Nursing Tutor Ms Leonie Dwyer Manager Academy of Sports, Health & Education (ASHE) The University of Melbourne |

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| 12:50pm | LUNCH | |
| 1:40pm | Evaluating the Prevention and Early Intervention Coordination (PEIC) Project Dr Bill Genat Senior Honorary Fellow The University of Melbourne Ms Belinda Payne Victorian Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (VACCHO) | Making an evidence-based western psychotherapy relevant for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander clients: The development of arts-based compassion focused therapy Professor James Bennett-Levy University Centre for Rural Health The University of Sydney |
| 2:05pm | Strengthening systematic electronic health records within Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services (ACCHSs): Preliminary observations from a three site case study Dr Bill Genat Senior Honorary Fellow, The University of Melbourne Ms Jenny John Prevention and Early Intervention Coordinator Rumbalara Aboriginal Co-operative Ms Belinda Payne Victorian Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (VACCHO) | How to heal a broken heart – The importance of culture, communication and clinical interactions Ms Vicki Wade Senior Cultural Advisor Rheumatic Heart Disease Australia Dr Jason Agostino GP at Gurriny Yealamucka Health Service and Lecturer at Australian National University |
| 2:30pm | AFTERNOON TEA | |
| | AUDITORIUM | |
| 2:50pm | R U Appy? Keeping well in a digital world Mr David Edwards Digital Mental Health Aboriginal Researcher University Centre for Rural Health The University of Sydney | |
| 3:45pm | Keynote Address Counting our Mob – Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and official statistics Dr Kalinda Griffiths Scientia Fellow University of NSW | |
| 4:45pm | Closing comments Professor Lisa Bourke Director - University Department of Rural Health The University of Melbourne | |
| 5:00pm | Dhungala Kaiela Batja Malnigan Dancers - Meaning (Murray, Goulburn Brother Boys Dancers) | |
| | SHEPPARTON ART MUSEUM | |
| 5:15 - 6:45pm | REFRESHMENTS AND NETWORKING | |
| | AUDITORIUM | |
| 6:45 - 9:00pm | CONFERENCE DINNER RIVERLINKS EASTBANK. ENTERTAINMENT BY MR ARCHIE ROACH | |

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SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES



Ms Gwenda Freeman

Associate Lecturer in Aboriginal Health Education, Department of Rural Health, The University of Melbourne

Specialist Certificate in Empowering Health in Aboriginal Communities

Gwenda is of Yorta Yorta descent and is passionate about Rural and has worked in Rural Health, Aboriginal health and education for most of her career, mainly in the management area, with organisations and services in Victoria, Queensland and Northern Territory.

Gwenda holds a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and Philosophy (BA), and a Master of Business Administration (MBA), and a Diploma of Community Services. Her memberships include Fellow of the ACHSM (Australasian College of Health Service Managers), NRHA (and Friends Committee), and Associate/Affiliate memberships of NATSIHWA and CATSINAM.



Associate Professor Catherine Chamberlain

Researcher and Midwife, La Trobe University

Healing the past by nurturing the future: Opportunities for supporting healing from complex trauma during the perinatal period

Catherine Chamberlain is an Australian National Health and Medical Research Council Career Development Fellow and Associate Professor at the Judith Lumley Centre, La Trobe University. Catherine is a Registered Midwife and Public Health researcher with over 25 years' experience in maternal health, and has worked in remote, rural and urban settings across health service, government and university sectors. A descendant of the Trawlwoolway people (Tasmania), her research aims to improve health equity during the perinatal period. She is currently Principal Investigator for a large multi-disciplinary project – Healing the past by nurturing the future – which aims to co-design perinatal awareness, recognition, assessment and support strategies for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander parents experiencing complex childhood trauma.



Ms Rosemary Bunge

Secondary School Nurse, Department of Education and Training, Bright P-12 College

Developing Health and Wellbeing Through Intergenerational Learning and Cultural Understanding

Rosemary's interest in Aboriginal culture and the value of sharing culture began as a child when she spent a number of years living on Pitjantjatjara lands at Amata and Indulkana in remote South Australia. Now as a secondary school nurse she realizes the importance of sharing this not only with young people at school but also with older generations. Intergenerational learning has provided a wonderful opportunity to not only share culture widely in our community but the opportunity for young and old alike to feel valued, and in doing so improving our mental health.

Rosemary has worked as a secondary school nurse in a health promotion/primary health care role for 18 years. This community connection of taking Bright P-12 College Aboriginal Language students to share with the aged about what they are learning gives the students confidence, self-belief and a great grounding in empathy.



Ms Rebecca Crawley

Aboriginal Languages Program Teacher, Department of Education and Training, Bright P-12 College

Developing Health and Wellbeing Through Intergenerational Learning and Cultural Understanding

Rebecca's interest in Aboriginal culture and the value she places on learning and sharing, has enabled her to successfully marry her skills and beliefs through her contribution to Bright P-12 College's Aboriginal Languages Program.

Rebecca previously was a teacher in Wadeye, NT and held positions of responsibility in both the Thamarrurr Youth Indigenous Corporation and Dhudhuroa Waywuru Nations Aboriginal Corporation. This experience has enabled Rebecca to apply these values in projects that offer hope to ensure all people, especially young people, are provided with the support and opportunity to be in control of their lives.



Ms Amaya Harris

Year 10 Student, Bright P-12 College

Developing Health and Wellbeing Through Intergenerational Learning and Cultural Understanding

My name is Amaya Harris and I am from the Wadeye Community in the Northern Territory. Wadeye is part of the Thamarrurr Region and is 420 km southwest of Darwin. It is the largest indigenous community in Australia and is made up of over 20 different clans. I have been in Bright for the past 3 years as part of the Thamarrurr Youth Indigenous Corporation's Leadership program, currently completing Year 10 at the Bright P-12 College.

Whilst part of this program sees me attend school in a different community/culture to what I'm used to, I am also learning to become a young leader and role model to others in my community of Wadeye. This is something that I am very proud to be part of.

I would like to finish my schooling here so I can complete my VCE and go to university. I am not too sure what I want to study at university, but I would like to work in a job that focuses on language. I really enjoy my language classes at school and see myself being involved in a similar language program in the future.



Ms Kerrie Thomsen

Treasurer, Weenthunga Health Network

Collaborating for Quality Aboriginal Health Education in Victorian Universities

Kerrie Thomsen is a descendant of Alice Thomsen and she belongs to the Butchulla Peoples from the Wide Bay region in South East QLD. Kerrie's career in Occupational Therapy spans 30 years with a strong focus on advocacy within her profession.

She holds senior consulting roles for NDIS and Aged Care and an Academic Lecturing role with the Australian Catholic University in Melbourne. Kerrie wants to improve the health of First Peoples through her work teaching Students and new Graduates in preparing for their professional roles.



Ms Colleen Kelly

Committee Member, Weenthunga Health Network

Collaborating for Quality Aboriginal Health Education in Victorian Universities

Colleen Kelly is an Australian First Nations woman connected to the Yamatji peoples of Western Australia. She is currently a Lecturer in Nursing at Monash University in Melbourne and a committee member of Weenthunga Health Network. Colleen is a Registered Nurse with Post Graduate qualifications in Emergency Nursing, Indigenous Leadership and has a Master in Advanced Clinical Nursing. She is particularly interested in influencing nursing curriculum to privilege the perspectives of Australian First Nations peoples.



Ms Lin Oke

Executive Advisor, Weenthunga Health Network

Collaborating for Quality Aboriginal Health Education in Victorian Universities

Lin Oke is a non-Indigenous OT and neurophysiologist with a lifelong commitment to working with Indigenous colleagues. Lin worked as an OT and as a lecturer and was instrumental in establishing the Koori Occupational Therapy Scheme and the Weenthunga Health Network in Victoria, Allied Health Professions Australia and Indigenous Allied Health Australia nationally.



Ms Rena Shein

Artist and Art Therapist, Dalaigur Preschool

Using Art & Story to navigate a path between Indigenous and Western ways of Healing

Rena Shein is a non-Aboriginal artist from Sydney whose practice guided her to a Master of Art Therapy from WSU. Her clinical placement led her to work with the Dhungutti community in Kempsey, NSW where she sought a way to work therapeutically within Community where Art Therapy could speak with ethical awareness to multicultural issues within a culture-based practice. Rena's interests lie in finding strength-based approaches between Western healing psychotherapeutic modalities, Aboriginal knowledge systems and practices and Contemporary Art.



Mr John Kelly

Cultural Advisor, Dalaigur Preschool

Using Art & Story to navigate a path between Indigenous and Western ways of Healing

Uncle John Kelly is a Dunghutti Elder and artist from Kempsey, NSW. His achievements in the art world include The Bunyip, a painting hanging in NSW Parliament House, a tribute series of charcoal drawings exhibited alongside Nelson Mandela's own drawings, as well as creating the first Aboriginal Art design for the Deadly Awards at Sydney Opera House.

Uncle John uses his art to impart his strong sense of culture and traditional knowledge, working with children of all ages, mentoring young men in Traditional craft practices and engaging the community in the preservation and celebration of Culture.



Ms Vicky Taylor

Teacher, Dalaigur Preschool

Using Art & Story to navigate a path between Indigenous and Western ways of Healing

Aunty Vicky Taylor is a 53-year-old proud Dunghutti Woman who is classed as an Elder by the Dunghutti Community of Kempsey, NSW. An Early Childhood Educator at the Aboriginal Centre, Dalaigur Preschool, Aunty Vicki learned Dunghutti Language from Aunty Esther Quinlan sharing this learning throughout the Preschool and Community. Aunty Vicki was recently invited to give a Welcome to Country and Acknowledge the Dunghutti People at the Kempsey Show, the first time such acknowledgment has taken place. Aunty Vicki is a keen sportswoman. As captain of the Oz-tag League and player for the Mclay Valley Mustangs, a team of 80% Aboriginal players, she encourages health and fitness in the Community.



Ms Susan Parker Pavlovic

Associate Lecturer, Aboriginal Health, University Centre for Rural Health, The University of Sydney

Bari - Aboriginal Youth Program

I am a Yaegl woman from Maclean in Northern NSW and have over 18 years' experience working in Aboriginal health, across both government and non-government organisations. I joined the UCRH in July 2018 striving to build increased levels of cultural safety and awareness when working with Medical and Allied health students across the Northern Rivers areas. My passion is working together with Community members and service providers to achieve better health outcomes for our mobs.



Ms Emma Walke

Academic Lead, Aboriginal Health, University Centre for Rural Health, The University of Sydney

Bari - Aboriginal Youth Program

Emma is a Bundjalung woman from Northern NSW, her family from Cabbage Tree Island/Ballina area. Emma is the Academic Lead for Aboriginal Health Education at the University Centre for Rural Health, University of Sydney based in Lismore which involves working with medical and allied health students visiting the Northern Rivers area from around Australia to understand the Aboriginal health environment, effects of past government policy and the current health status of Aboriginal people. Working with people to help them to identify their own attitudes and behaviours when working with Aboriginal people is a passion, and her way of being part of a better future.



Dr Mishel McMahon

Lecturer – Social Work, La Trobe University

First Nations Relational Research & Principles of Childrearing

Mishel is a Yorta Yorta woman and grew up in a large rural family. As an adult Mishel has been a sole parent of four children, and now has three grandchildren. She completed her undergraduate degree of Bachelor of Human Services and Honours in Social Work in 2012 at La Trobe. Mishel has worked at Mildura Aboriginal Co-operative, Bendigo & District Aboriginal Co-operative BDAC, Dja Dja Wurrung Clans Aboriginal Corporation and as Indigenous Academic Enrichment Advisor at Jimbeyer Boondjhil and Ngarrapna at La Trobe. Mishel began her PhD by undertaking research that revealed principles of First Nations childrearing whilst completing a Masterclass in Indigenous Methodologies through QUT. Mishel recently won the Premier's Research Awards for Aboriginal Research and now works as Social Work lecturer at Shepparton La Trobe, campus.



Ms Jaquie Nethercote

Partnership Facilitator, East Gippsland Primary Care Partnership

Closing the Gap for Aboriginal Eye Health in East Gippsland - East Gippsland Aboriginal Eye Health Partnership

Partnership facilitator at the East Gippsland Primary Care Partnership. Jaquie has worked in the health sector for over 10 years with a focus on promotion of healthy lifestyles.



Mr Joshua Tuiono

Aboriginal Health Worker, Gippsland and East Gippsland Aboriginal Co-operative

Closing the Gap for Aboriginal Eye Health in East Gippsland - East Gippsland Aboriginal Eye Health Partnership

I'm a proud Gunai /Monaro and Muthi Muthi man who works as the Dental Co-ordinator here in Bairnsdale at the Gippsland & East Gippsland Aboriginal Co-operative (GEGAC). I have worked in the health sector for the past 8 years, the first 7 years at Redfern AMS as an Aboriginal Health Worker and a Dental Assistant/ Oral Health Educator. I moved back home to Bairnsdale April last year as I felt it was time to finally give back to my community.



Ms Shannon Drake

Manager of Clinical Services, Rumbalara Aboriginal Cooperative

The Relationship between Health Literacy and Breastfeeding Practices for Australian Aboriginal Women: A Systematic Literature Review

Shannon Drake, a proud Wamba Wamba/Jaara woman has worked tirelessly in Aboriginal health for over 18 years. She is fully aware of the trauma, oppression and disparity faced by Aboriginal people and is committed to improving the health outcomes of her people. As a proud Aboriginal woman with a Bachelor of Nursing, working at Rumbalara for over 18 years and a Master of Public Health graduate, she believes it's imperative to instil values of an egalitarian health paradigm to create self-determination and empowerment. Shannon's greatest passion is inspiring Aboriginal people to emerge and embrace cultural practices whilst being autonomous. The fundamental principle to advance the social and health disparity faced by Aboriginal people is assuring that they are the key stakeholders in their own futures.



Ms Helen Everest

Nursing Tutor, Academy of Sports, Health and Education (ASHE), The University of Melbourne

More Indigenous Nurses for the Goulburn Valley Region

Helen is a Nurse, and holds a Bachelor of Nursing, a Diploma in Applied Science (Nursing – Community Health), plus a Graduate Certificate in Diabetes Education. She loves supporting others to learn, and so holds a Certificate IV in Training and Assessment.

Helen has worked at Rumbalara Health Service (Rumbalara Aboriginal Co-Operative) - a total of 23 years with the local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community. She is currently working at the University of Melbourne, Department of Rural Health, as Nursing Tutor based at ASHE providing Clinical Support to ASHE students.



Ms Leonie Dwyer

Manager, Academy of Sports, Health and Education (ASHE), The University of Melbourne

More Indigenous Nurses for the Goulburn Valley Region

Leonie is a proud Yorta Yorta woman and Manager of The Academy of Sport, Health and Education (ASHE). ASHE has been operating for 15 years and making a real difference to not only regional and rural students but many whom come from interstate. ASHE is very unique place culture, education, employment, accommodation and support embedded with Yorta Yorta curriculum. Leonie leads of team of 18 , 16 of whom are ATSI. ASHE is underpinned by community values within a holistic model where Culture and Wellbeing are at the forefront. The Academy of Sport, Health and Education is an initiative of The Rumbalara Football Netball Club whom work in partnership with The University of Melbourne and Training Partner Goulburn Ovens Institute of TAFE. Leonie is mum to 3 teenage boys, completed a Diploma of Management and Leadership and has over 25 years' experience working in community with ATSI youth, voluntary Board positions and very passionate about Sport being a great tool for reconciliation.



Dr Bill Genat

Senior Honorary Fellow, The University of Melbourne

Evaluating the Prevention and Early Intervention Coordination (PEIC) Project

Dr. Bill Genat is an Honorary Senior Fellow at the Melbourne School of Population and Global Health and works with the Public Health Research Unit at the Victorian Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (VACCHO) on the integration of systematic data collection within nutrition, smoking cessation, maternal and child health, sexual and reproductive health and harm reduction programs. He is a joint author of Aboriginal Healthworkers: Primary Health Care at the Margins, UWA Press: Perth, WA. 2006 and Action Research in Health, Pearson Merrill Prentice Hall: Upper Saddle River, NJ. 2004.



Ms Belinda Payne

Victorian Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (VACCHO)

Evaluating the Prevention and Early Intervention Coordination (PEIC) Project

Belinda has previously been working for the four ACCHOS (Gunditjmara, Kirrae, Winda-Mara and Dhauwurd Wurrung) across the South West of Victoria to increase health assessments, improve cancer screening and drive increase in claiming of MBS items as well as a myriad of other KPI's.

My mob is Yorta-Yorta, I am second generation stolen. Mum was stolen from Mooroopna and raised in an orphanage in Melbourne. I am learning more every day and will continue to find out more. My Uncle Roy in Melbourne has done a lot of recognized work for Stolen Generation and community in the Western Suburbs in Melbourne. This means the mob here Gunditjmara, are my "adopted mob". I am grateful that they have accepted us in the community and will work to make sure I do what I can to make the health of my mob a priority.



Professor James Bennett-Levy

University Centre for Rural Health, The University of Sydney

Making an evidence-based western psychotherapy relevant for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander clients: The development of arts-based compassion focused therapy

James Bennett-Levy is Professor in Mental Health and Psychological Wellbeing at the University of Sydney's University Centre for Rural Health, and is also Director of the R U Appy digital social and emotional wellbeing (d-SEWB) project. He has a particular interest in co-developing therapeutic approaches and training programs that resonate for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. He has co-published papers with Aboriginal researchers in the areas of cognitive behavioural therapy training and d-SEWB training. More recently, he has been working with Aboriginal clinical psychology colleague, Natalie Roxburgh, to develop an arts-based adaptation of a recently developed western psychotherapy, compassion focused therapy.



Ms Jenny John

Prevention & Early Intervention Coordination (PEIC) Project, Rumbalara Aboriginal Cooperative

Strengthening systematic electronic health records within Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services (ACCHSs): Preliminary observations from a three site case study

Jenny is the Prevention and Early intervention Coordinator at Rumbalara Aboriginal Cooperative. She has a passion for better health for Aboriginal communities and is striving to contribute towards closing the gap. She has a Master's degree in Public Health with a focus on Health Promotion.



Ms Vicki Wade

Senior Cultural Advisor, Rheumatic Heart Disease Australia

How to heal a broken heart - The importance of culture, communication and clinical interactions

Ms Vicki Wade, a Noongar woman from Western Australia, is RHD Australia's Senior Cultural Advisor. She has close to 40 years' experience working in health in many roles including Nurse Educator, Clinical Nurse Consultant in cardiology, Manager of a state wide Aboriginal vascular health program, Area Director of Aboriginal health, Researcher and Cultural Leader of the Heart Foundation. Vicki is a strong advocate for her people, she sits on the National Close the Gap steering committee and is a board member of the Congress of Aboriginal Nurses and Midwives.



Dr Jason Agostino

GP at Gurriny Yealamucka Health Service and Lecturer at Australian National University

How to heal a broken heart - The importance of culture, communication and clinical interactions

Dr Jason Agostino is a GP and epidemiologist who has worked mainly in the field of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health. He undertakes clinical work at Gurriny Yealamucka, an Aboriginal community-controlled health service in the community of Yarrabah in far north Queensland. Through his training as an epidemiologist he has worked at the National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO) and the National Health Performance Authority. At the ANU his research focuses on improving prevention of cardiovascular disease among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.



Mr David Edwards

Digital Mental Health Aboriginal Researcher, University Centre for Rural Health, The University of Sydney

R U Appy?: Keeping well in a digital world

David Edwards is a Worimi man who lives in the Bundjalung lands of northern NSW. David works from Sydney University's University for Rural health in Lismore NSW as a trainer in Indigenous digital wellbeing resources and Indigenous-led health research. David's background in environmental management and helping communities look after country has developed his passion to now work with community on their own health and wellbeing aspirations and marry the concepts of healthy minds, healthy people and healthy country.



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