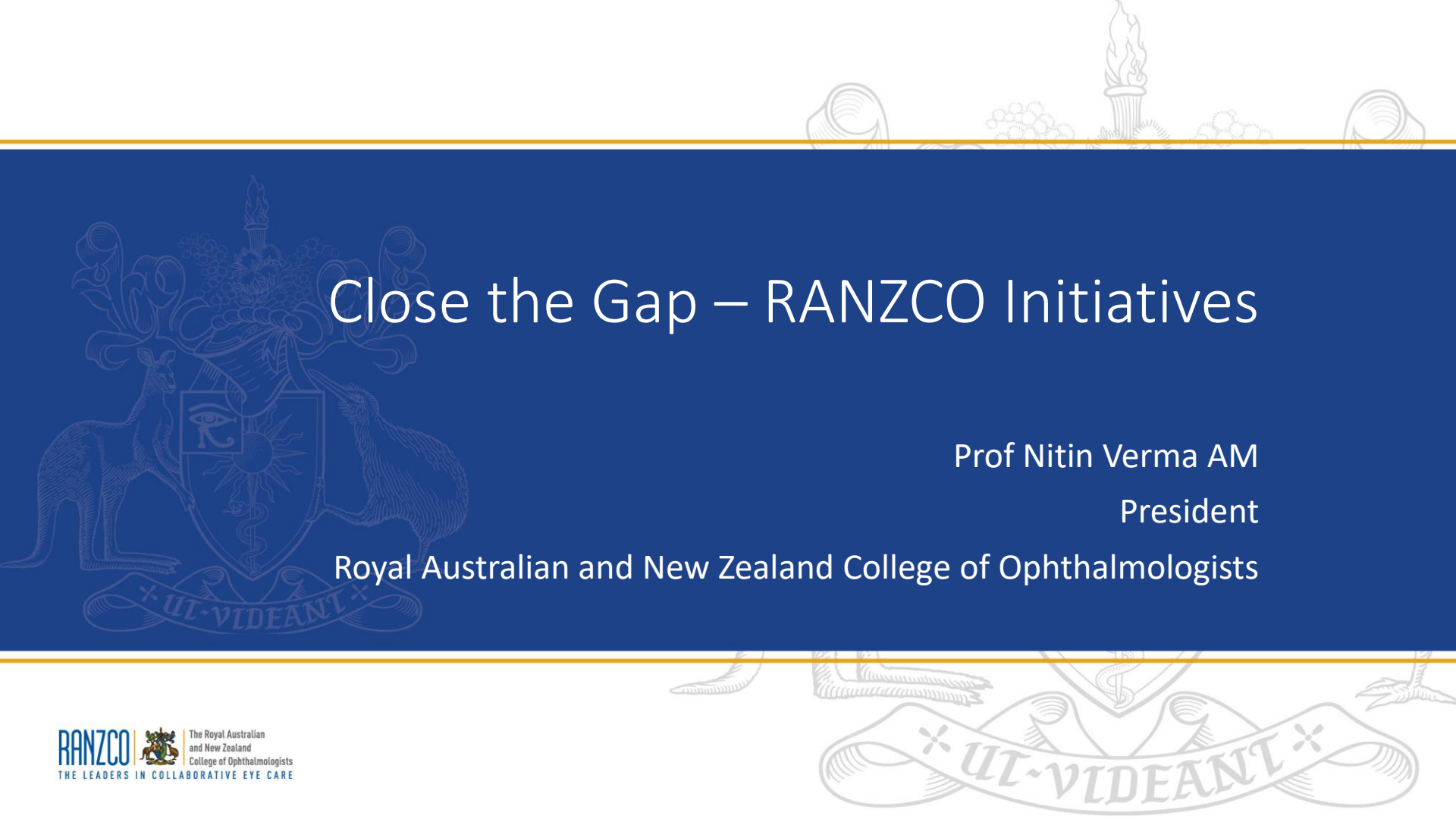




Close the Gap – RANZCO Initiatives

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Agenda

- The Gap for Vision
- About RANZCO
- RANZCO Reconciliation Action Plan
- RANZCO Initiatives and Activities to Close the Gap
- Opportunities and Challenges

The Gap for Vision

Key recommendations:

- Access
- Coordination
- Workforce
- Monitoring and Evaluation
- Governance
- Funding

The Roadmap to Close the Gap for Vision



Full Report

The Gap is closing, but still exists

Figure 4.9: Trends in cataract surgery rates, by Indigenous status, 2008-10 to 2016-18

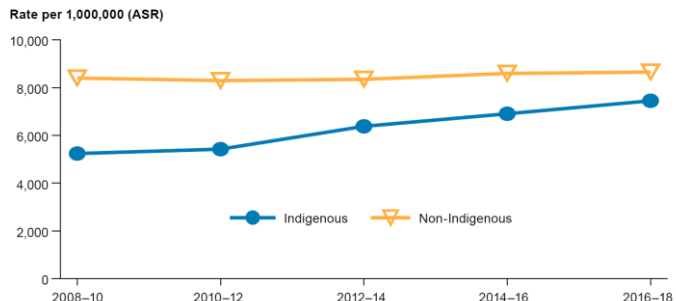


Figure 3.4: Trends in eye examinations, by Indigenous status, 2008-09 to 2018-19

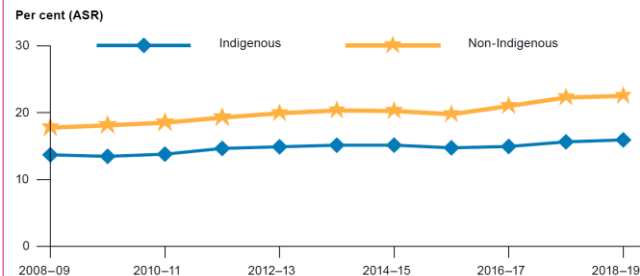
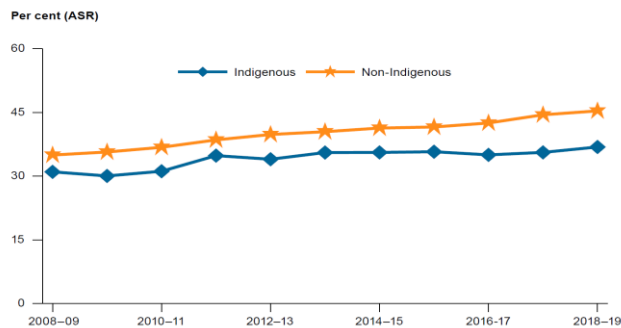


Figure 6.1: Proportion who had a diabetes test who also had an eye examination, by Indigenous status, 2008-09 to 2018-19



RANZCO – The Leaders in Collaborative Eye Care

RANZCO Strategic Plan 2021-2023

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THE LEADERS IN COLLABORATIVE EYE CARE

PURPOSE

To provide lifelong education and support for members in their dedication to ophthalmology and eye health

OUR VISION

Excellence and equity in eye care

OUR MISSION

To lead eye care by setting and improving standards, providing lifelong education, promoting research and innovation and advocating on behalf of patients, their communities and our membership

OUR VALUES

Scholarship, Service, Integrity and Professionalism

A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

Through education, research, evaluation and innovation

EDUCATION

- Lifelong education and training of Fellows, Members and Trainees
- Optimise the CPD experience
- Utilise latest technologies and validated principles for training and education
- Promote broader community understanding of ophthalmology

MEMBERS

- Create a collegial environment for members
- Provide engaging congresses, meetings and forums
- Develop and enhance digital interactions for Members
- Enforce the Code of Conduct
- Strengthen key partnerships

ADVOCACY

- Set eye health standards
- Influence policy at federal, state and hospital level
- Advocate for improved Indigenous eye health outcomes in Australia and New Zealand
- Advocate for equity of access to ophthalmic services
- Highlight improvements in eye care

DELIVERY

Governance, Resources, Communications, Information Technology and Finance

RANZCO Reconciliation Action Plan

The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Ophthalmologists

RECONCILIATION ACTION PLAN

November 2019–November 2021

- Relationships
- Respect
- Opportunities



RANZCO Initiatives and Activities

Position statements and submissions

Partnership with government and communities

Strong Eyes Strong Communities

RANZCO Initiatives and Activities – Cont'd

Selection

Scholarships

Sponsorship for AIDA conference and participation

Billing rights for 5th year trainees in regional and remote areas

RANZCO Initiatives and Activities – Cont'd

Outreach Service

Network of Ophthalmology Services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples across urban areas

Future of EyeCare Symposium

Opportunities – Collaborative Efforts

- Commitment from Australian Government
- National Agreement on Closing the Gap
- Strong Eyes, Strong Communities—*a five year plan for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander eye health and vision 2019–2024*

Challenges

- Social and cultural determinants of health
- Funding
- Fragmented patient journey
- Strengthening the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander workforce
- The gap is wider than what we think.....



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