



Close the Gap for Vision by 2020

National Conference 2019

Strengthen & Sustain



Mutitjulu Community Art Mural

Conference Guide

Thursday 14 March - Friday 15 March 2019

Alice Springs Convention Centre - Alice Springs, Northern Territory

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The Mutitjulu Community Art Mural, created by street artist Andrew Bourke in collaboration with Mutitjulu Community Aboriginal corporation (MCAC), Mutitjulu Art Centre, Mutitjulu community, Indigenous Hip Hop Projects and Indigenous Eye Health, capturing the community's Dreamtime legend story of the Kuniya and Liru.

Welcome

Indigenous Eye Health (IEH) at the University of Melbourne and co-host Aboriginal Medical Services Alliance Northern Territory (AMSANT) are pleased to welcome you to the Close the Gap for Vision by 2020: *Strengthen & Sustain* – National Conference 2019 at the Alice Springs Convention Centre on Thursday 14 and Friday 15 March 2019.

The 2019 conference will provide opportunity to highlight the very real advances being made in Aboriginal and Torres Strait eye health by many people and organisations across Australia. It will explore successes and opportunities to strengthen eye care and initiatives and challenges to sustain progress towards the goal of equitable eye care by 2020.

We hope that the two day conference will provide a chance to connect with some new people involved in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander eye care, and share your story and experiences.

We are delighted to welcome over 200 delegates including people from local communities, Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisations, non-government organisations, professional bodies, and government departments across the country.

We look forward to you joining us to learn and share within the unique beauty and cultural significance of Central Australia!

Best wishes

Melbourne Laureate Professor Hugh R Taylor AC, Harold Mitchell Chair of Indigenous Eye Health, The University of Melbourne



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Welcome Reception

The Welcome Reception will be held at the Alice Springs Convention Centre on the evening of Thursday 14 March.



Milpa the Trachoma Goanna will also be making an appearance during the Welcome Reception!

The Courtyard, Alice Springs Convention Centre

Date: Thursday 14 March 2019

Time: 17.00 - 18.30

Includes: Canapés and Drinks

Cost: Included in Day 1 and full conference registration

Dress Code: Smart casual

This is an outdoor event

Conference Dinner & Leaky Pipe Awards



The Conference Dinner will be held at the DoubleTree by Hilton on the evening of Friday 15 March.

The dinner provides an opportunity for delegates to continue their exchanges and we will also be announcing the winners of the 2019 Leaky Pipe Awards.

Entertainment will be provided by the one and only Constantina Bush. Originally from Katherine NT, Constantina now travels the world performing on the cabaret/burlesque circuit.

The 'Helipad', DoubleTree by Hilton

Date: Friday 15 March 2019

Time: 18.00 - 21.00

Includes: Dinner and Drinks

Cost: Included in Day 2 and full conference registration

Dress Code: Smart casual

This is an outdoor event



Constantina Bush and the Bushettes in 2009. Constantina Bush is one of Australia's premier Indigenous showgirls.

Welcome to Arrernte Country Kumalie Riley, Arrernte Elder - followed by Tinkerbee Dance Performance

Kumalie is an Arrernte Elder and artist with many years of experience teaching Arrernte language in local Alice Springs primary schools and in adult education. She has contributed to widely-acclaimed publications such as the Eastern and Central Arrernte to English Dictionary, and the Eastern and Central Arrernte Picture Dictionary.

Tinkerbee dancers are made of young Arrernte group of men and women that started off as empowering young Arrernte men and women through a traditional performance and practice project. This program was to develop their confidence enabling them to better engage with both local and national communities and be a proud group of young home-grown future leaders. The dance that the men will be performing is connected to the caterpillar dreaming, the women will perform the welcome dance.



John Paterson Aboriginal Medical Services Alliance Northern Territory

Born and bred Territorian, John's family is affiliated with the Ngalakan tribe, located in the Roper River region. John was appointed as the CEO of AMSANT in June 2006 and immediately outlined his priorities for the organisation in the coming years.

"My goal is to strengthen and enhance our community controlled health services in the NT so we can improve both the quality and duration of life for Aboriginal people," John says. "I'm particularly keen to help improve the mental health of the people in our region, with a holistic approach to primary health care".

John hopes to build on the AMSANT's strong history of advocacy and to continue lobbying the territory and federal governments to acknowledge the on-going success of the Aboriginal community controlled health sector.



Hon Ken Wyatt AM MP Minister for Indigenous Health

Ken Wyatt was elected in 2010 as the Federal Member for Hasluck, an electorate South East of Perth, making history as the first Indigenous Member of the House of Representatives. In September 2013 Ken became the first Member for Hasluck re-elected for a second term. Since his election to Parliament in 2010, Ken has worked tirelessly to be a strong advocate for his electorate and to help build a stronger local community.

In 2015 Ken again made history as the first Indigenous member of the Federal Executive after being sworn in as the Assistant Minister for Health. Ken is responsible for Aged Care service delivery and implementation, as well as for Dementia.

Before entering politics Ken worked in community roles in the fields of Health and Education including the District Director for the Swan Education District, Director of Aboriginal Health in New South Wales and Western Australia.

Not only has Ken had an extensive career in health and education, he has also made an enormous contribution to the wider community in training and mentoring young people. This was recognised in 1996 when Ken was awarded the Order of Australia in the Queen's Birthday Honours list. Later, in 2000, Ken was awarded a Centenary of Federation Medal for 'his efforts and contribution to improving the quality of life for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and mainstream Australian society in education and health.'

Ken brings his knowledge in the areas of Health and Education to his role as Minister for Senior Australians and Aged Care and Minister for Indigenous Health, as well as a lifetime of experiences in raising a family and being part of the local Perth community.



Caroline Edwards Australian Government Department of Health

Caroline Edwards is Deputy Secretary, Health Systems Policy and Primary Care, of the Australian Government Department of Health. Caroline's responsibilities include overall strategic policy, hospitals funding, primary care and mental health, health economics and research and Indigenous health. Immediately prior to joining the department Caroline was Deputy Secretary of the Health and Aged Care Group (HACG) in the Department of Human Services.

Caroline has spent most of her career in social policy, particularly Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs with experience in land rights and native title, housing and remote programme delivery. She spent 10 years living in the Northern Territory where she worked for Aboriginal Legal Aid, as a Judicial Registrar in the Northern Territory Magistrates Court and in the Federal Court where she mediated and case-managed native title and other cases as delegate of a judge.

Caroline is committed to leadership development in the Australian Public Service as well as to fostering diversity and innovation. Caroline holds a Bachelor of Laws with first class Honours from Monash University.



Shaun Tatipata The Fred Hollows Foundation

Shaun Tatipata is a descendant of the Wuthathi people with family connections on his mother's side to the Ngarrindjeri nation. Born and raised on Larrakia country, Shaun remains in Darwin with his wife (Belinda) and two sons (Tavis and Kaleb). Shaun has worked in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health for over 18 years and is currently the Manager at The Fred Hollows Foundation's Indigenous Australia Program.





Donna Ah Chee Central Australian Aboriginal Congress

Donna is a Bundgalung woman from the far north coast of New South Wales who has lived in Alice Springs for over 30 years. She is CEO of Central Australian Aboriginal Congress (Congress), an Aboriginal community-controlled primary health care service employing over 400 staff to deliver integrated services to Alice Springs and six nearby remote communities.

Donna is the Chairperson of the Aboriginal Medical Services Alliance of the NT (AMSANT), Aboriginal Benefit Account Advisory Committee (ABAAC) and the NT Child and Families Tripartite Forum. She sits on the board of the National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO), where she previously served as CEO, the Australian National Advisory Council on Alcohol and Drugs (ANACAD), Menzies School of Health and Research and the NT Primary Health Network (NT PHN).

Donna is an expert member of the National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Health Implementation Plan Advisory Group (IPAG), member of the NT Aboriginal Health Forum (NTAHF) and she represents Congress on the Alice Springs Peoples' Alcohol Action Coalition (PAAC).



Hon Warren Snowdon MP Northern Territory

Warren Snowdon is the Federal Labor Member for Lingiari (2001 until today) and was previously the member for Northern Territory (1987-96 and 1998-2001). He was first elected 31 years ago and has lived in Central Australia for the last 35 years. Warren prior to that lived in Darwin as a high school teacher having moved there in 1976.

Warren is currently Shadow Assistant Minister for Indigenous Health, Shadow Assistant Minister for Northern Australia, Shadow Assistant Minister for External Territories.

Warren held numerous ministerial portfolios during the Rudd/Gillard governments. In November 2007 he was appointed as the Minister for Defence Science and Personnel. Warren filled this position until June 2009 when he was appointed Minister for Indigenous Health, Rural and Regional Health and Regional Services Delivery.

After the 2010 election Warren was appointed the Minister for Veterans' Affairs, Minister for Defence Science and Personnel, Minister for Indigenous Health and Minister Assisting the Prime Minister on the Centenary of ANZAC. He is active on Parliamentary Committees and is currently the Deputy Chair of the Joint Standing Committee for Northern Australia and the Deputy Chair of the House of Representative Indigenous Affairs Committee. Additionally, he sits on the Joint Standing Committee on Constitutional Recognition, National Capital and External Territories Committee, Joint Standing Committee for Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade and the Privileges and Members Interests Committee.



William Tilmouth Senior Aboriginal Community Member

William Tilmouth was born in Alice Springs and is of Arrernte descent. A member of the stolen generations, William was taken to Croker Island where he lived and attended school with many other children sent there as a result of Government policy of that era. In 1967 he was moved off the mission to Darwin, and in 1969 returned to Alice Springs. He attended the Aboriginal Community College in Adelaide in 1974 and worked in many jobs in South Australia. He returned to Alice Springs in 1980.

William has worked in various Government and Aboriginal organisations and was elected to the Central Australian ATSIC Regional Chair in the 1980s. William is now the Chairperson of the Central Australian Aboriginal Congress, an Aboriginal community controlled primary health care service located in the heart of Alice Springs and also provides primary health care services in partnership with local leaders in six surrounding remote Aboriginal communities.



Ngangkari – Traditional Healers of Central Australia NPY Women's Council Aboriginal Corporation

For thousands of years the ngangkari have nurtured the physical, emotional, and social well-being of their people. These traditional healers are esteemed for their unique ability to protect and heal both individuals and communities from harm.

Additionally, the ngangkari provide advice to Indigenous and non-Indigenous people outside their communities, using their extensive knowledge of culture and family.

The NPY Women's Council program employs male and female ngangkari to work in communities in the region, as well as hospitals, nursing homes, gaols, hostels, and health services in regional centres. The ngangkari say western and Anangu practitioners have different but equally valuable skills and knowledge, and both are needed to address the significant problems Anangu face. They believe that collaboration and mutual respect between western health services and ngangkari lead to the best outcomes for Anangu.



Dr Kristopher Rallah-Baker Ophthalmologist & Australian Indigenous Doctors Association

Dr Kris Rallah-Baker is a proud Yuggera/Warangu/Biri-Gubba/Wiradjuri man who grew up on Country in Brisbane with his parents and three brothers, two of whom went on to become dentists. Upon completion of Year 12, Kris was accepted to medical school at the University of Newcastle and on finishing his Bachelor of Medicine returned to Queensland to undertake his internship and residency at the Gold Coast and Princess Alexandra Hospitals.

Kris later undertook the Vocational Training Programme with the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Ophthalmologists. Dr. Rallah-Baker is Australia's first Indigenous ophthalmologist, founding member of the Australian Indigenous Doctors Association, current President of the Australian Indigenous Doctors Association, AMA Federal Councillor, Director on the Federal Board of the Royal Flying Doctors Service and sits on RANZCO's Federal Selection Board, Indigenous Committee and Reconciliation Action Plan Committee. Kris has published in the area of refractive surgery and outside of work he is an accomplished pianist, cabinet maker and artist.



Day 1, Thursday 14 March 2019

8.00 - 13.30	Conference Registration	The Ghan Foyer
Conference Workshops * for full Workshop details refer to pages 6-7		
9.00 - 10.30	1. Eye Spy MBS Item 12325, and Beyond Donna von Blanckensee, Chronic Disease Program Development 2. Working Better with Outreach Services Karen Hale-Robertson, CheckUP 3. Eye Care 101 Mitchell Anjou, Indigenous Eye Health, The University of Melbourne 4. Health Promotion for Aboriginal Communities Sue Bertossa, Flinders University	Ellery Room A Ellery Room B Ellery Room C Ellery Room D
10.30 - 11.00	Morning Tea	MacDonnell Room A + B
11.00 - 12.30	5. Working Together to Improve Eye Health through Regional Implementation Dr Tessa Saunders, Indigenous Eye Health, The University of Melbourne 6. Indigenous Leadership TBC 7. Cultural Responsiveness in Action Donna Murray, Indigenous Allied Health Australia 8. Retinal Photography in Primary Health Care Practice Neville Turner, Australian College of Optometry	Ellery Room A Ellery Room B Ellery Room C Ellery Room D
11.00 - 13.00	9. Tjanpi Desert Weavers: Basket Weaving (Cost \$60 per delegate) Ngaanyatjarra Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (NPY) Women's Council	MacDonnell Room A + B
12.30 - 13.30	Lunch Poster Viewings & Trade Table Displays	MacDonnell Room A + B
Opening Session: Day 1 Chair: Professor Hugh Taylor, Indigenous Eye Health, The University of Melbourne		
13.30 - 14.00	Welcome to Arrernte Country Kumalie Riley, Arrernte Elder followed by Tinkerbee Dance Performance	
14.00 - 14.15	Welcome Address Professor Hugh Taylor, Indigenous Eye Health, The University of Melbourne	
14.15 - 14.30	Opening Address Conference Co-Host John Paterson, Aboriginal Medical Services Alliance Northern Territory	
14.30 - 14.45	Video Message Hon Ken Wyatt MP, Minister for Indigenous Health	
14.45 - 15.00	Where to from here on Indigenous Eye Health Caroline Edwards, Australian Government Department of Health	
15.00 - 15.30	Afternoon Tea Poster Viewings & Trade Table Displays	MacDonnell Room A + B
Session 1: Strengthen Chair: Christopher Lee, Diabetes Australia		
15.30 - 15.45	FRED Talk: Beyond 2000.....& 20 Shaun Tatipata, The Fred Hollows Foundation	
15.45 - 16.45 Presentations 10 minutes each	1. Strengthening Eye Care Delivery in Central Australia Dr Tim Henderson, Alice Springs Hospital 2. Supporting and Delivering Retinal Cameras and Training in Primary Health Care Services Colina Waddell, Brien Holden Vision Institute Foundation 3. Working Towards a Nationally Consistent Spectacles Subsidy in New South Wales Jennelle Schroder, Vision Australia 4. Safe Bathrooms and Environmental Health - Managing Trachoma Prevention Matthew Lester, Health Department of Western Australia & William Clements, Nirumbuk Aboriginal Corporation 5. Ophthalmology for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People in Rural communities Claire O'Neill, NSW Rural Doctors Network	
16.45 - 17.00	Day 1 - Delegate Wrap up and Close	
17.00 - 18.30	Welcome Reception	The Courtyard, Alice Springs Convention Centre, 93 Barrett Drive, Alice Springs (please note this is an outdoor event)



Day 2, Friday 15 March 2019

8.00 - 9.00	Conference Registration	The Ghan Foyer
Opening Session: Day 2 Chair: Eric Turner, The Fred Hollows Foundation		
9.00 - 9.10	Welcome & Conference Opening Day Two	
9.10 - 9.25	Donna Ah Chee, Central Australia Aboriginal Congress	
9.25 - 9.45	Opening Address Hon Warren Snowdon MP, Northern Territory	
9.45 - 10.00	Seeing Clearly William Tilmouth, Senior Aboriginal Community Member	
10.00 - 10.30	Ngangkari - Traditional Healers of Central Australia NPY Women's Council Aboriginal Corporation	
10.30 - 11.00	Morning Tea	Poster Viewings & Trade Table Displays MacDonnell Room A + B
Session 2: 'Sharing your Story' Chair: Nick Schubert, Indigenous Eye Health, The University of Melbourne		
<i>* for full Table Top Presentation details refer to pages 8-9</i>		
11.00 - 12.15	<i>Table Top Presentations: Delegates choose 6 topics within this session. Each presentation will be 10 minutes</i>	
TT.01	Establishing an Ophthalmology Clinic at the Victorian Aboriginal Health Service (VAHS)	TT.11 Exploring Non-clinical Support Roles and Functions in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Eye Health
TT.02	Evaluating a Nurse and Aboriginal Health Worker Diabetic Retinal Photo Triaging Model	TT.12 Trachoma in the Torres Strait: A Public Health Conundrum
TT.03	Clearer Futures: Highlighting the Strategies and Skills Aboriginal Health Workers have and are Developing to Ensure Better Eye Care Outcomes	TT.13 Patient and Provider Perspectives on Cataract Surgery Intensives
TT.04	Student Optometry Placements in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Services- Perspectives from a Tertiary Institution	TT.14 Training & Tools for Independence
TT.05	Who's Looking At You	TT.15 The Victorian Aboriginal Spectacles Subsidy Scheme- 'Strengthening and Sustaining Access'
TT.06	Visual Characteristics of Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children	TT.16 Optometry and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Eye Care in 2040
TT.07	Eye Health Coordination in Queensland's West	TT.17 Working and Yarning Together: A Collaboration to Support the Knowledge Needs of the Health Workforce
TT.08	Eye Doctor Mob at the Top End	TT.18 Music to our Eyes
TT.09	Working Together to Detect Diabetic Retinopathy with Retinal Photography in Primary Health	TT.19 Informed Consent: Trachoma iTalk
TT.10	MBS in 10 Minutes	TT.20 Outreach Optometry at Congress: The Strength in Partnerships
12.15 - 12.30	Conference Delegate Group Photo 📷	MacDonnell Room A + B
12.30 - 13.30	Lunch	Poster Viewings & Trade Table Displays
Session 3: Sustain Chair: Dr Guy Gillor, Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Ophthalmologists		
13.30 - 13.45	Sustainable Change and Self Determination Dr Kristopher Rallah-Baker, Ophthalmologist & Australian Indigenous Doctors Association (AIDA)	
13.45 - 15.15	Presentations 10 minutes each, followed by Q&A	
1.	'Strong Eyes, Strong Communities': A Five Year Plan for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Eye Health Judith Abbott, Vision 2020 Australia	4. Sustaining Partnerships in the Elimination of Trachoma Sue Beynon, NT Department of Education
2.	Preparing GPs to Participate in Indigenous Eye Care Dr Andrew Rowan, Central Australia Aboriginal Congress	5. Growth and Sustainability of Eye Health Services through the Support of a Holistic Framework Celia McCarthy, Institute for Urban Indigenous Health
3.	Making Entry-Level Optometry Training Culturally Safe Sian Lewis, Optometry Council of Australia and New Zealand and Joleen Ryan, Deakin University	6. Stay Focused on Refractive Error Anna Morse, Brien Holden Vision Institute Foundation
		7. New Regional Hub in the Kimberley Associate Professor Angus Turner, Lions Outback Vision
15.15 - 15.30	Afternoon Tea	Poster Viewings & Trade Table Displays MacDonnell Room A + B
15.30 - 16.15	Panel Discussion: Workforce - 'What needs to be done?' Facilitator: Donna Murray, Indigenous Allied Health Australia	
	Chair: Lyn Brodie, Optometry Australia	
	- Anne-Marie Banfield, Windamara Aboriginal Corporation - Kerry-Ann Woods, Lions Outback Vision - Dr Kristopher Rallah-Baker, Ophthalmologist & AIDA	- Lauren Hutchinson, Eyewear Specs - Shaun Tatipata, The Fred Hollows Foundation
16.15 - 16.30	Day 2 - Delegate Wrap up and Close	'Eyes in Action' Photography Competition Announcement
18.00 - 21.00	Conference Dinner & Leaky Pipe Awards	The 'Helipad', DoubleTree by Hilton, 82 Barrett Drive, Alice Springs With Entertainment from 'Constantina Bush' (please note this is an outdoor event)



Details of Conference Workshops from Day 1 (9.00-10.30)

1. Eye Spy MBS Item 12325, and Beyond

FACILITATOR: Donna von Blanckensee, Chronic Disease Program Development

Increase profit without compromising care. This session looks at what MBS item numbers are available to support patient care.

Starting with Retinal Photography and expanding to chronic disease management and health promotion we will explore 'who' 'what' 'where' 'when' and 'how' of MBS and patient care.

ELLERY ROOM A

2. Working Better with Outreach Services

FACILITATOR: Karen Hale-Robertson, CheckUP

PRESENTERS: Claire O'Neill, NSW Rural Doctors Network and Steph Brake & Alex Brown, TAZREACH, Tasmania

This workshop will explore how fundholders are planning and funding their eye health outreach programs to support 'plugging the leaky pipe' – especially in eye care pathways across refractive error, cataract and DR screening and treatment.

The workshop will provide information on how outreach services are being used to meet the eye care needs of local/regional communities.

Some areas to be covered here include the Needs Assessment process, the identification of service providers and supporting the links between primary activity through to treatment.

ELLERY ROOM B

3. Eye Care 101

FACILITATOR: Mitchell Anjou, Indigenous Eye Health, The University of Melbourne

Interested in learning a little bit more about eyes and eye care? This workshop will provide an overview of eyes and vision and the eye care system including the key causes of vision loss for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and the current initiatives and resources available to support provision and coordination of Indigenous eye care.

Learn how the inclusion of simple eye assessments and understanding where and how to get assistance can help reduce unnecessary vision loss from trachoma, refractive error, cataract and diabetes and help close the gap for vision.

ELLERY ROOM C

4. Health Promotion for Aboriginal Communities

FACILITATOR: Sue Bertossa, Flinders University

This interactive workshop will focus on assessing and refining individual, organisational and community approaches to health promotion.

Participants will be introduced to the Flinders Health Promotion Planning tool, which is designed to guide health behaviour change within individuals and across communities. A range of exemplars will be used to demonstrate the application of the 8-step tool to the Aboriginal context.

ELLERY ROOM D



Details of Conference Workshops from Day 1 (11.00-12.30)

5. Working Together to Improve Eye Health Through Regional Implementation: Challenges, Successes and Next Steps

FACILITATOR: Dr Tessa Saunders, Indigenous Eye Health, The University of Melbourne

PRESENTERS: Faye Clarke, Ballarat and District Aboriginal Co-operative & Camilla Bullen, The Fred Hollows Foundation

This workshop will provide participants with an understanding of how regional stakeholders are working to improve local pathways of eye care for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities across Australia.

It will look at the different models in place across regions, the challenges and successes experienced at the local level, and provide an opportunity to develop strategies and make recommendations to strengthen and sustain regional implementation in the future.

ELLERY ROOM A

6. Indigenous Leadership

FACILITATOR: TBC

ELLERY ROOM B

7. Cultural Responsiveness in Action

FACILITATOR: Donna Murray, Indigenous Allied Health Australia (IAHA)

In this interactive workshop, participants will be introduced to key capabilities within the IAHA Cultural Responsiveness Framework, which is focused on providing clear and thorough responses to our core question: *“What do we need to know, be and do in order to be culturally responsive?”*

Cultural responsiveness has cultural safety at its core. Cultural responsiveness is what is needed to transform systems; how individual health practitioners work to deliver and maintain culturally safe and effective care. It is about the approaches we take in engaging with people and how we act to embed what we learn in practice.

ELLERY ROOM C

8. Retinal Photography in Primary Health Care Practice

FACILITATOR: Neville Turner, Australian College of Optometry

In this workshop, participants will enhance their skills and knowledge of retinal photography in primary health care. The workshop will cover three components necessary to increase diabetic retinal screening rates and prevent unnecessary blindness from diabetes: capturing images and other things required in MBS 12325; triaging retinal photos and referral decisions; and making retinal photography part of everyday life in a clinic.

ELLERY ROOM D

9. Tjanpi Desert Weavers: Basket Weaving

FACILITATOR: Tjanpi Desert Weavers

COST: \$60 per delegate

Tjanpi Desert Weavers is a social enterprise of the Ngaanyatjarra Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (NPY) Women's Council created to enable women in remote central deserts to earn their own income from fibre art. The workshop will allow you to come and sit with women from Tjanpi Desert Weavers and learn how to make a grass basket 'bush' way.

You will enjoy swapping stories and learning language with these renowned Indigenous fibre artists from Central Australia. All materials provided.

TIME: 11.00 - 13.00

MACDONNELL ROOM A + B



Details of Table Top Presentations from Day 2, Session 2: 'Sharing your Story' (11.00-12.15)

- TT.01 Establishing an Ophthalmology Clinic at the Victorian Aboriginal Health Service (VAHS)**
Presenter: An Ly, Victorian Royal Eye and Ear Hospital
 In late 2017, an opportunity was identified to establish an Ophthalmology Outreach Clinic to be run at the Victorian Aboriginal Health Service (VAHS). This service would be provided by clinical staff from the Eye and Ear Hospital. It was anticipated that by providing this service in a culturally safe environment, more Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people might attend the clinic to have their eyes examined and conditions treated.
- TT.02 Evaluating a Nurse and Aboriginal Health Worker Diabetic Retinal Photo Triaging Model**
Presenters: Bianca Cochrane-Owers, Brewarrina Aboriginal Medical Service and Jane Hager, NSW Rural Doctors Network
 Learnings and insights gleaned from the implementation of an innovative service delivery project, a nurse and Aboriginal Health Worker diabetic retinal triaging model, and the wider applicability of this model.
- TT.03 Clearer Futures: Highlighting the Strategies and Skills Aboriginal Health Workers have and are Developing to Ensure Better Eye Care Outcomes**
Presenter: Anne-Marie Banfield, Winda-Mara Aboriginal Corporation
 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health workers with support of their peak bodies are working towards better outcomes for ATSI clients, with many territories and states working closely with their local ACCHO and other key stakeholders on regional specific resources that are cultural sensitive and appropriate. VACCHO and other key bodies are providing training, support and upskilling to ensure that ATSI health worker are confident and competent in providing eye health support which supports are clearer and brighter future for all our clients.
- TT.04 Student Optometry Placements in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Services - Perspectives from a Tertiary Institution**
Presenter: Dr Shelley Hopkins, Queensland University of Technology
 Developing a workforce of capable graduate optometrists passionate about delivering quality eye care in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health services is important. Queensland University of Technology has a long-standing history in prioritising optometry student placements within these health services.
- TT.05 Who's Looking At You**
Presenters: Joshua Tuiono and Vel Radford, Gippsland & East Gippsland Aboriginal Co-Operative
 Gippsland & East Gippsland Aboriginal Co-Operative (GEGAC) is an Aboriginal community controlled organisation with a medical clinic that provides services to 2144 people. This population includes 84 people with diabetes, many of whom have complex comorbidities. Community needs and gaps in service provision were examined and through collaborative efforts with the regional eye stakeholder group, a retinal screening day was organised to encourage community engagement and uptake for better eye health outcomes.
- TT.06 Visual Characteristics of Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children**
Presenter: Rebecca Cox, Queensland University of Technology
 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children had similar rates of eye problems compared to non-Indigenous children attending the same rural school, however, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children were less likely to attend routine eye examinations. Without interventions such as primary school vision screenings and increased health promotion regarding the importance of routine eye examinations, many of these eye problems will remain undetected, impacting on children's vision and education.
- TT.07 Eye Health Coordination in Queensland's West**
Presenters: Lachlan Rich and Tony Coburn, CheckUp
 Provision of eye health to people in 32 communities in the Central West and North West Queensland Hospital and Health Service regions is complex. Eye health mapping reports for each of the regions based on structured interviews with service hosts and providers was carried out, a collaborative initiative of CheckUP, the Fred Hollows Foundation and the Western Queensland PHN.
- TT.08 Eye Doctor Mob at the Top End**
Presenter: Sanditha Wickramasinghe, Royal Darwin Hospital
 An outline of the outreach ophthalmology services of the Top End of Northern Territory from 1st January 2018 to 30th November 2018, which covers visits to Katherine Regional Hospital (KRH), Gove District Hospital (GDH) and 26 other communities. Our work encompassed patient consultations, administering Intravitreal injections and performing surgeries (cataract and pterygium).
- TT.09 Working Together to Detect Diabetic Retinopathy with Retinal Photography in Primary Health**
Presenters: Dean Heycox, Katungal Aboriginal Community and Medical Services Corp and Christina Ly, Brien Holden Vision Institute Foundation
 The retinal camera has been integrated into the Katungal Aboriginal Community and Medical Services Corp- Nooma health service. The pathway and integration of the retinal camera into services, how barriers were overcome, including a change in patient management systems and impact on Medicare claiming. Benefits included staff upskill, patient education and monitoring.
- TT.10 MBS in 10 Minutes**
Presenter: Donna vonBlanckensee, Chronic Disease Program Development
 With a focus on chronic disease management we will explore MBS and what item goes where. Developing frameworks that support client care.



Details of Table Top Presentations from Day 2, Session 2: 'Sharing your Story' (11.00-12.15)

- TT.11 Exploring Non-clinical Support Roles and Functions in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Eye Health**
Presenters: Aryati Yashadhana, Brien Holden Vision Institute Foundation and Jennifer Merryweather, The Fred Hollows Foundation
 In the context of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander eye care, higher ophthalmic attendance rates and improved patient experiences are associated with the presence of support staff. However, research suggests that poor access to socioeconomic, linguistic, cultural, emotional and administrative support continues to create barriers to equitable eye care.
- TT.12 Trachoma in the Torres Strait: A Public Health Conundrum**
Presenter: Kate Lynch, The University of Queensland, Queensland Health
 Trachoma is caused by ocular infection with specific serovars of *Chlamydia trachomatis* (Ct), and repeated infections can lead to blindness. Recent surveys have identified active trachoma (TF), diagnosed using the World Health Organization simplified five sign grading system, is present at endemic levels in the Torres Strait. These findings are in stark contrast with the experience of local clinicians who do not consider trachoma to be a public health problem.
- TT.13 Patient and Provider Perspectives on Cataract Surgery Intensives**
Presenters: Eric Turner and Camilla Bullen, The Fred Hollows Foundation
 This presentation will provide a better understanding, from the perspectives of patients and services providers, on the quality and outcomes of intensives. It will also identify lessons learned and areas for improvement in the delivery of cataract surgery and eye care more broadly for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.
- TT.14 Training & Tools for Independence**
Presenters: Kristine Davis and Jacqueline Johnson, Guide Dogs NT/SA
 If you work with individuals who are blind or have low vision, providing information is essential to their independence and quality of life. Blindness and vision impairment can make learning and performing many tasks more challenging. Guide Dogs NT staff customise programs to maximise a client's independence based on each person's individual situation, needs, and goals.
- TT.15 The Victorian Aboriginal Spectacle Scheme – 'Strengthening and Sustaining Access'**
Presenter: Piers Carozzi, Australian College of Optometry.
 The Victorian Aboriginal Spectacles Subsidy Scheme (VASSS) is a Victorian State Government initiative that aims to improve access to high quality visual aids (eg; glasses/spectacles) for Aboriginal Victorians, delivered in conjunction with the Victorian eyecare services. The ACO will provide an interactive session to demonstrate the impact that the VASSS has in contributing to a holistic model of eyecare, and showcase a best practice, culturally appropriate model that continues to contribute to closing the gap in eye health between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal Victorians.
- TT.16 Optometry and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Eye Care in 2040**
Presenters: Sarah Davies and Skye Cappuccio, Optometry Australia
 In 2018, Optometry Australia undertook the Optometry 2040 project, aiming to identify likely and preferred futures for optometry, optometrists, and community eye health. Using proven techniques and in partnership with futures studies experts, Optometry Australia consulted optometrists across the country, and key stakeholders who influence the sector, to identify plausible and preferred futures and the pathways to realising them.
- TT.17 Working and Yarning Together: A Collaboration to Support the Knowledge Needs of the Health Workforce**
Presenter: Sam Burrow, Australian Indigenous HealthInfoNet
 In late 2016, the HealthInfoNet and The Fred Hollows Foundation began collaborating to bring together the latest evidence and information about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander eye health through the HealthInfoNet's Eye Health Portal (www.eyehhealth.org.au). Together, these organisations are working to enhance knowledge exchange within the eye health sector.
- TT.18 Music to our Eyes**
Presenters: Graham Bidstrup and Amy-Lee Shields, Uncle Jimmy Thumbs Up
 Uncle Jimmy Thumbs Up! has been delivering education into remote Indigenous communities since 2007. Using music as the engagement tool the Thumbs Up! team encourage the participants (usually school children) to write song lyrics about a chosen topic. In 2015, this engagement method was used to increase awareness of Trachoma and to reinforce the simple methods to help stop the spread of the germ.
- TT.19 Informed Consent: Trachoma iTalk**
Presenter: Renee Ragonesi, Centre for Disease Control
 Obtaining consent with a language and cultural barrier is a difficulty that all non-Indigenous people face when working within Aboriginal communities. The Trachoma team wanted to ensure that we were gaining consent for trachoma treatment. A short information video was created in 6 languages including Arrernt, Pitjantjatjara, Warlpiri, Pintubi-Luritja, Anmatyerr and English and trialled in 2018.
- TT.20 Outreach Optometry at Congress: The Strength in Partnerships**
Presenter: Heather Wilson and Lisa Braedon, Central Australian Aboriginal Congress
 A collaborative, trusting and respectful relationship between Congress and the Brien Holden Vision Institute Foundation, feedback surveys by Health clinic managers, and optometrists, trip reports from Congress eye coordinator and other local staff.



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1. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Eye Health - Challenges in Coordination and Case Management

Authors: Richelle Tabbada, Linda Robson and Justyna (Ola) Rzeszowska

The importance of an outreach service coordinated by the ophthalmology clinic at Alice Springs hospital in providing essential health services, education and awareness for the ongoing care of patients.

2. A Review of Aboriginal Patients Attending Two Eye Clinics in 2018 WA

Authors: Kerry Woods, Dr Angus Turner and Sinead Denny

Discusses how the support of an Aboriginal Eye Health Coordinator improves attendance when compared to normal attendance rates in the clinic. This role focuses on supporting the patient to attend appointments by removing barriers and supporting the patient through their health journey. The investment of this support for clinic may improve attendance at Clinics in future. The eye health coordinator can spend the time locating patients, organizing transport and attending the appointment which is not possible with general health workers at the AMS who are spread between all other clinics and duties.

3. Check Today, See Tomorrow: Local Adaptation of Health Promotion Materials

Authors: Nick Schubert, Mitchell Anjou, Carol Wynne, Rosamond Gilden, Tessa Saunders, Philip Roberts and Hugh Taylor

Outlines how a small grant received from the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) supported Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisations to adapt the national diabetes eye care resources, Check Today See Tomorrow, to support local control and ownership.

4. Embedding Optometry in Aboriginal Health Services - Learnings and Future Directions

Authors: Genevieve Napper, Gary Cerie, Jose Estevez, Dean Milner, Anna Morse, Lisa Penrose, Vicki Sheehan and Lauren Hutchinson

A review of success factors, learnings and challenges in a selection of current optometry services in Aboriginal communities, whilst outlining some of the opportunities to address service gaps including workforce (Indigenous and non-Indigenous) and funding issues. It aims to provide a forum for discussion with delegates regarding future directions to strengthen and further embed optometry services within Aboriginal medical services to meet the needs of communities.

5. From There to Here - A Story of Strengthening and Sustaining over 20 years

Authors: Maureen O'Keefe, Neville Turner, Piers Carozzi, Colette Davis, Nilmini John

From establishing an eye clinic at the Victorian Aboriginal Health Service in 1997 to the present day, the Australian College of Optometry journey has been one of strengthening and sustaining their practice towards meeting the eyecare needs of Aboriginal people. Through partnership, through talking and listening, through providing culturally appropriate care, through flexible models of care, the ACO is committed to help close the gap in Aboriginal eye care.

6. Lions Outback Vision Diabetic Retinopathy Screening Project - A Review WA

Authors: Sinead Denny and Dr Angus Turner

Share the results of how a statewide Diabetic Eye Health Coordinator can contribute to an increase in the quantity and quality of referrals as well as coverage and integration of retinal screening into primary health services.

7. Northern Territory Trachoma Intensives

Author: Renee Ragonesi

Outlines how a successful method used by the Northern Territory Trachoma Program has achieved higher coverage of trachoma screening and treatment as it works towards trachoma elimination.

8. Rate & Severity of Diabetic Retinopathy in End Stage Renal Disease in Central Australian Aboriginal People

Authors: Tania Roulston, Tim Henderson, Ebony Liu, Basant Pawar, Victoria Orpin, Jose Estevez & Jamie Craig

This project aims to determine the incidence of diabetic retinopathy & associated vision-threatening complications in persons undergoing dialysis. We will touch upon the complexities of getting this project off the ground, the importance of addressing community need & value adding to service delivery, the logistics of getting dialysis patients involved in clinical research & provide a precis of project findings to date.

9. Sustainable Elimination of Trachoma by 2020 and Beyond Depends on Collaboration and Partnerships

Authors: Fiona Lange, Emma Stanford, Tina De Melo, Angee Ross, Yash Srivastava and Hugh Taylor

Australia is committed to eliminating blinding trachoma by 2020 using the four-part SAFE Strategy, yet more work is needed on the sustainable aspects (F and E). With just 1 year 9 months and 15 days to go – a coordinated intersectoral multi-level approach is underway.

10. Understanding the Relationship Between 'Health Hardware', Facial Cleanliness and Trachoma in the Domestic Setting of Remote Aboriginal Communities

Author: Tammy Abbott

Trachoma Health Promotion Study, Papunya and Mutitjulu Focus Groups (October-November 2018)



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