

A utility vehicle, possibly a Land Rover, is parked on a dirt road in a remote community. The vehicle has a tiger mascot on the front and the word 'TRACHOMA' written on its side with colorful circular patterns. A person is standing near the back of the vehicle, and there are some boxes and equipment on the ground. In the background, there are trees and a small building.

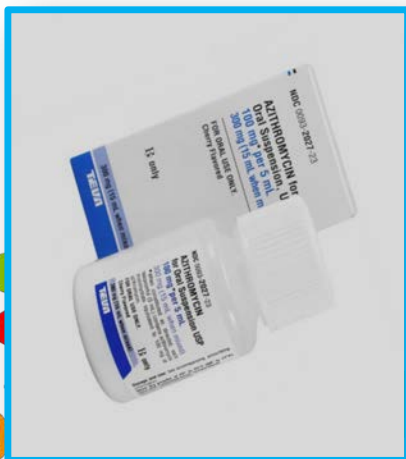
Reversing SAFE – Working with remote communities to promote environments that prevent trachoma

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What we have been doing...



\$20.8m to continue screening
2017-2021



The jurisdictional
trachoma programs
delivered a total of 4711
doses of azithromycin in
2018

Ad hoc & often one off hand washing
sessions at primary schools



2019 Trachoma Report – Kirby Institute

- In the Executive Summary there are:

- 6 lines on screening
- 12 lines on antibiotic distribution
- 2 lines on health promotion
- 0 lines on community engagement

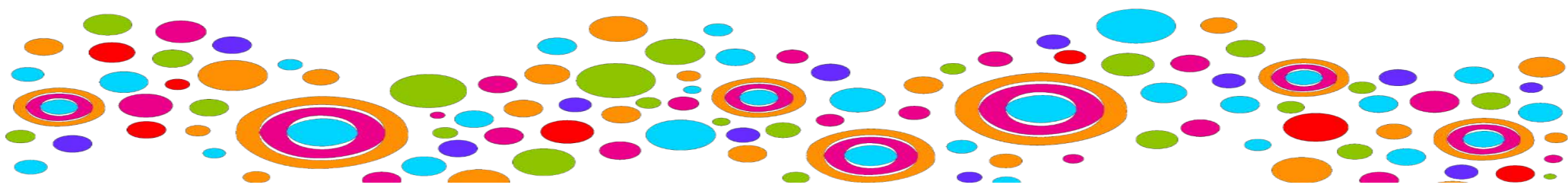
Something is not working!

In 2018, the national screening and treatment programme reported that the current areas of [health hygiene promotion](#) and [community engagement](#) [achieve trachoma elimination](#).

The 2019 report states that across NT, SA, WA and QLD, the overall prevalence of trachoma among children 5-9 years in 2019 was 4.5%, an [increase](#) from 3.9% in 2018. At the regional level, the prevalence of trachoma in children aged 5-9 years in at-risk communities ranged from 0% to 18.3%.

Why we focus on EFAS instead of SAFE

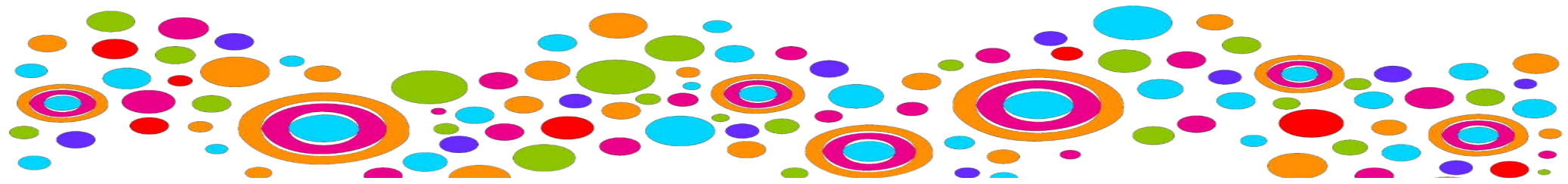




Quick Overview...

- The #endingtrachoma project works with 41 at risk trachoma remote communities across WA
- We build the capacity of Aboriginal EH Workers to perform healthy housing projects that focus on the INSIDE of homes
 - To date we have focused on the ability to wash
 - Bathroom & laundry audits
 - Behaviour change and healthy messaging training
- We work with local communities to identify local trachoma prevention priorities and include these in a CEHAP
- Work with communities and partners to implement clinical EH referrals
- Develop prevention focused resources





CEHAPs, Training & Demonstration Projects

- Our aim is to build capacity of local EHWs (live in community)
- Assist to develop community led EH plans that integrate trachoma/hygiene promotion
- Community led demonstration projects that are based on local need
- Plan in partnership with PHUs, AMSs, community organisations, EH contractors
- Examples:
 - Safe bathroom and laundry audits
 - Trades to follow &/referrals
 - Development of local resources (e.g. short film to promote 1300 referral hotline; 6 steps to stopping germs video; WA Trachoma Storybook)
 - Support for local community led projects such as You Gotta Wash Your Face

Bathroom & Laundry Audits

- Up Skill AEWHs to conduct an audit & provide healthy messages
 - Identify issues that affect the ability to wash
 - Either local fix or refer to the Housing Agency
 - Conduct WITH Housing Officer and where possible the trades follow
- Provide shower roses, light bulbs, hygiene kits, healthy messages, towel hooks, mirrors at child height, towels & soap



Hygiene Kits

The contents align with the
6 Steps to Stopping Germs message
- soap, towels, tissues, toothbrush
& toothpaste



An example of the results



Community 1: 16 audits (100% entry rate)

AEHW outputs

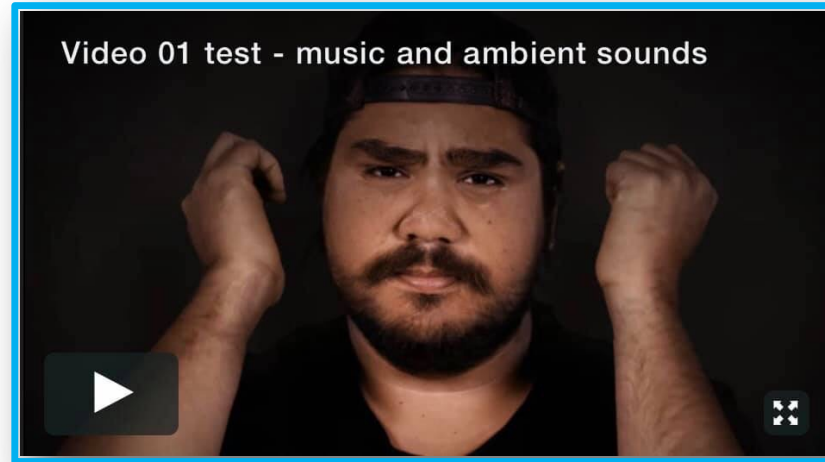
- 34 bars of soap placed in bathrooms
- 14 mirrors installed
- 15 towel hooks
- 9 stickers
- 12 chats with householders about washing hands and face

Community 2: 46 audits (92% entry rate)

Contractor outputs

- The ability to wash 25 issues
- Water usage 35 issues
- Drainage 28 issues
- 88 plumbing issues for the 46 houses checked with 4 houses missed due to not being occupied or people away

Health Promotion Messages & Resources



THE ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH TRACHOMA PROJECT WA (EHTP)

Led by the Public Health Advocacy Institute of WA, with WA Regional Public Health Units and Aboriginal Environmental Health workforce. Supported by Rotary Australia through project EndTrachoma by 2020

Trachoma, the potentially blinding infectious eye disease, is preventable by enabling strong hygiene practices.

In WA, trachoma at risk regions remain in the Kimberley, Pilbara, Midwest and Goldfield.

Australia is the last high income country where this disease still persists.



The EHTP will reduce the **incidence** of trachoma in Aboriginal communities in WA

Works with **local** Aboriginal communities to develop environmental health action plans

Ensures **functional** wash spaces with local Aboriginal Environmental Health Practitioners



EndTrachoma by 2020
Building Healthy Communities

Rotary's R100 Australia-wide project continues to resource educational and environmental health initiatives towards the elimination of trachoma in Australia.

BUNNINGS warehouse

With Bunnings, our program in 2018-19 delivered over 6000 acrylic mirrors and 2200 towel hooks through EHTP.

Mirrors and bathroom hooks are important tools that allow hygiene practices to occur, in safe and self-determining ways.

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#endingtrachoma trailers

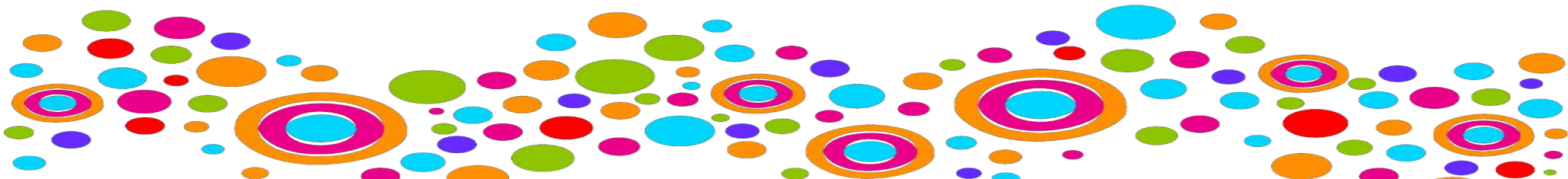


Community events follow healthy home audits to reinforce the importance of washing hands and faces



Washer Dryer Trailer

- 2 washer dryer combo units, BBQ, WHB, jumping castle
- Generator & waste water storage
- Now located in the Goldfields
- An instructional video & designed an online order form
- Primary uses:
 - Tool within the environmental health clinical referral process
 - Sorry Camps, Out Camps
 - Communities with few functional washing machines
 - Partner events



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Also comes with BBQ, WHB & Jumping Castle

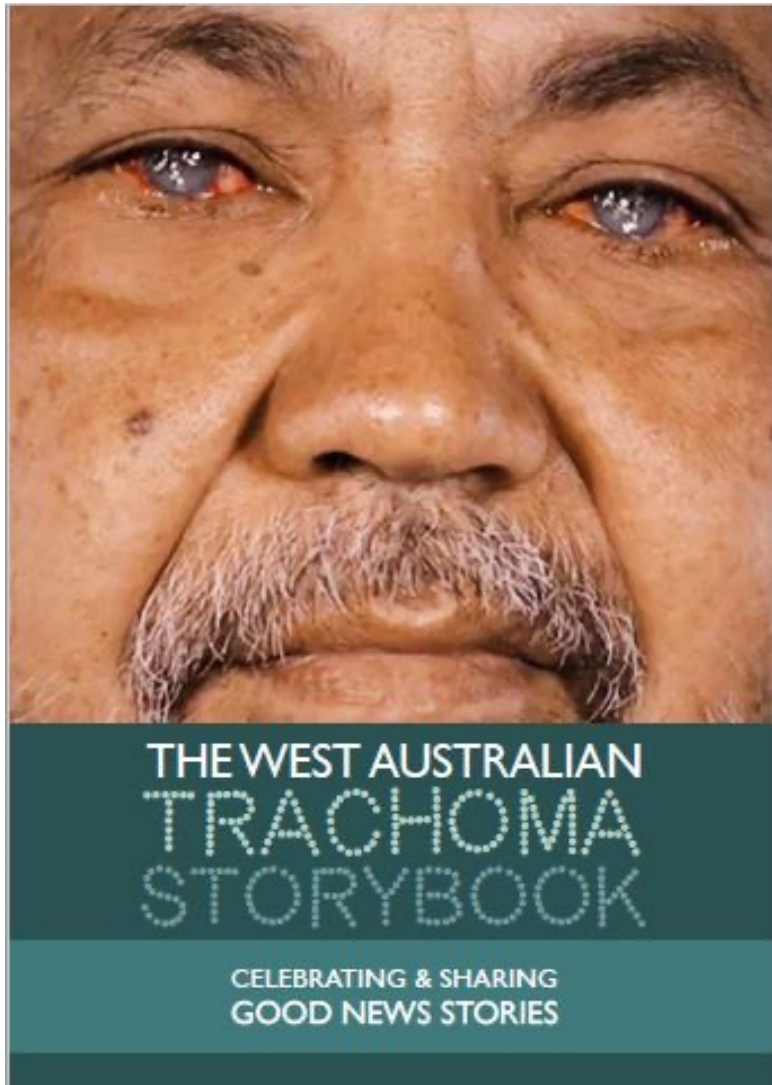


Important for EH Clinical Referrals





WA Trachoma Storybook



Showcases 13 positive stories about how WA communities are reducing trachoma through health promotion and environmental health interventions

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