

# 2019 CONFERENCE PROGRAM



**THE LOWITJA INSTITUTE**  
**INTERNATIONAL INDIGENOUS**  
**HEALTH AND WELLBEING**  
**CONFERENCE 2019**

18–20 JUNE, DARWIN, AUSTRALIA

THINKING  
SPEAKING  
BEING

FIRST NATIONS SOLUTIONS  
FOR GLOBAL CHANGE

# WHO WE ARE



Australia's National Institute for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Research



The Lowitja Institute is Australia's national institute for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health research. It is an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisation working for the health and wellbeing of Australia's First Peoples through high impact quality research, knowledge translation, and by supporting a new generation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health researchers.

Established in January 2010, the Lowitja Institute operates on key principles of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander

control of the research agenda, a broader understanding of health that incorporates wellbeing, and the need for the work to have a clear and positive impact.

The Lowitja Institute hosts the Lowitja Institute Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health CRC funded by the Cooperative Research Centres Programme of the Australian Government Department of Industry, Innovation and Science.

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## **Our Patron, Dr Lowitja O'Donoghue AC CBE DSG**



Photo of Dr O'Donoghue by  
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Dr Lowitja O'Donoghue was born in 1932 at Indulkana, in north-west corner South Australia, to a Pitjantjatjara mother and an Irish father. At the age of two, she and two of her sisters were taken away from their mother on behalf of South Australia's Aboriginal Protection Board.

In 1954, Dr O'Donoghue became the first Aboriginal trainee nurse at the Royal Adelaide Hospital where she became charge sister. Following a period in India in the mid-1960s, she returned to Australia and resumed what became a distinguished career of advocacy and achievement for the rights of Australia's First Peoples. Among her many awards, she was the first Aboriginal woman to be awarded an Order of Australia (AO) in 1976, was made a Companion of the Order of Australia (AC) in 1999, a Commander of the Order of the British Empire (CBE) in 1983, and Australian of the Year in 1984, during which time she became the first Aboriginal person to address the United Nations General Assembly. She was named a National Living Treasure in 1998.

Dr O'Donoghue holds a number of honorary fellowships and doctorates and a professorial fellowship. She was the inaugural Chair of the Cooperative Research Centre for Aboriginal and Tropical Health (1996–2003). In 2010, she gifted her name to the Lowitja Institute.

Through a chance meeting, she was reunited with her mother, Lily, in the mid-1960s.

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The background of the entire page is a photograph of a large audience seated in a modern auditorium. The audience is diverse in age and ethnicity, and they are all looking towards the front of the room. The ceiling of the auditorium is a striking feature, composed of large, angular wooden panels that create a complex, geometric pattern. The lighting is warm and focused on the audience.

# THINKING SPEAKING BEING

## FIRST NATIONS SOLUTIONS FOR GLOBAL CHANGE

### ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF COUNTRY

The Lowitja Institute respectfully acknowledges the Larrakia Nation, the Traditional Owners of the land on which this conference is held.

The Lowitja Institute is grateful for the opportunity to meet in this place and for their generous welcome.

There will be a Welcoming Ceremony  
on Monday 17 June 2019



# WELCOME

## Welcome to the Lowitja Institute International Indigenous Health and Wellbeing Conference 2019.

Our aspiration is that the event will be a place where respectful, provocative conversations can take place about what concerns us today, and what our vision and ambitions are for future generations.

We would like these conversations to explore new ways of thinking, speaking and being in the world, serve who we are, promote new ideas, and take a planetary approach. We want to facilitate opportunities for deep thought, for learning from each other, and for planning future action.

As an Indigenous space, we want the conference to be an environment where we come together to support each other, where we welcome our non-Indigenous colleagues, and where discussions can be had in safety.

In this United Nations International Year of Indigenous Languages, the conference theme — Thinking, Speaking, Being: First Nations solutions for global change — highlights the importance of language in enabling empowerment, cultural strength, wellbeing, and identity.

The theme also reminds delegates and presenters to consider the global implications of their work, to highlight the role of First Nations people in leading change, and to showcase Indigenous solutions. It frames First Nations people as the guardians and stewards of the solutions for many of the complex issues and mega trends that affect them.

I extend my personal thanks to keynote speakers, panellists, presenters and their co-authors for their contribution to this comprehensive scientific program. Thank you too to the Organising, Scientific and Cultural committees, and to the Lowitja Institute conference working party for their untiring work.

I also extend my gratitude to the conference sponsors. Successful organisations are concerned about equity, about the environment, and demonstrate their social responsibility. We welcome their partnership with this event.

By holding this conference in Darwin, the Lowitja Institute honours its origins, which date to 1997, when the Cooperative Research Centre for Aboriginal and Tropical Health was established. As many will know the Lowitja Institute CRC finishes on 30 June and the Lowitja Institute itself continues from 1 July 2019.

Above all, Indigenous leaders the world over simultaneously honour and are responsible to our ancestors, while being true to ourselves in the present, and investing in our future. We are thriving, not just surviving.



**Pat Anderson AO**  
Chairperson  
The Lowitja Institute

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# PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

## WELCOMING CEREMONY MON 17 JUNE 2019

OUTSIDE DARWIN CONVENTION CENTRE

5:00-5:50PM REGISTRATION DESK OPEN

### DAY 1

TUE 18 JUNE 2019

THINKING

8:00	REGISTRATION DESK OPEN
8:30– 10:15am	<b>OPENING PLENARY</b> AUDITORIUM Welcome to Country Conference Opening Welcome Remarks Conference Goals
9:30am	<b>KEYNOTE SPEAKER</b> AUDITORIUM Peter Yu
10:15am	<b>MORNING TEA</b> HALL 1
11:00am	<b>CONCURRENT SESSION A</b> VARIOUS MEETING ROOMS
12:30pm	<b>LUNCH</b> HALL 1
1:30– 2:30pm	<b>PANEL DISCUSSION</b> AUDITORIUM
2:30pm	<b>CONCURRENT SESSION B</b> VARIOUS MEETING ROOMS
3:30pm	<b>AFTERNOON TEA</b> HALL 1
4:00– 5:00pm	<b>CONCURRENT SESSION C</b> VARIOUS MEETING ROOMS
5:15– 7:15pm	<b>OPENING DAY RECEPTION</b> OUTSIDE DARWIN CONVENTION CENTRE

### DAY 2

WED 19 JUNE 2019

SPEAKING

8:00	REGISTRATION DESK OPEN
8:30– 10:30am	<b>OPENING PLENARY</b> AUDITORIUM
8:45am	<b>KEYNOTE SPEAKER</b> AUDITORIUM Mr Bruce Pascoe
9:30am	<b>KEYNOTE SPEAKER</b> AUDITORIUM Professor Tahu Kukatai
10:30am	<b>MORNING TEA</b> HALL 1
11:00am	<b>CONCURRENT SESSION D</b> VARIOUS MEETING ROOMS
12:30pm	<b>LUNCH</b> HALL 1
1:30– 2:30pm	<b>PANEL DISCUSSION</b> AUDITORIUM
2:30pm	<b>CONCURRENT SESSION E</b> VARIOUS MEETING ROOMS
4:00pm	<b>AFTERNOON TEA</b> HALL 1
4:30– 5:30pm	<b>KEYNOTE SPEAKER</b> AUDITORIUM Dr Julia Kim
7:00– 11:00pm	<b>CONFERENCE GALA DINNER</b> HALLS 3 & 4

### DAY 3

THU 20 JUNE 2019

BEING

8:00	REGISTRATION DESK OPEN
8:45– 10:30am	<b>OPENING PLENARY</b> AUDITORIUM
	<b>KEYNOTE SPEAKER</b> AUDITORIUM Mr Bruce Blankenfeld
	<b>KEYNOTE SPEAKER</b> AUDITORIUM Dr Abhay Bang
10:30am	<b>MORNING TEA</b> HALL 1
11:00am	<b>CONCURRENT SESSION F</b> VARIOUS MEETING ROOMS
12:30pm	<b>LUNCH</b> HALL 1
1:30– 2:30pm	<b>PANEL DISCUSSION</b> AUDITORIUM
2:30pm	<b>CONCURRENT SESSION G</b> VARIOUS MEETING ROOMS
4:00pm	<b>AFTERNOON TEA</b> HALL 1
4:30– 5:30pm	<b>AWARDS CEREMONY</b> AUDITORIUM
5:30pm	<b>CONFERENCE END</b> AUDITORIUM

Please note that the program may change due to unforeseen circumstances. However, an up-to-the-minute, interactive electronic version will be available from our website: [www.conference2019.lowitja.org.au](http://www.conference2019.lowitja.org.au)



# WELCOMING CEREMONY

MONDAY 17 JUNE 2019 • 6:00PM

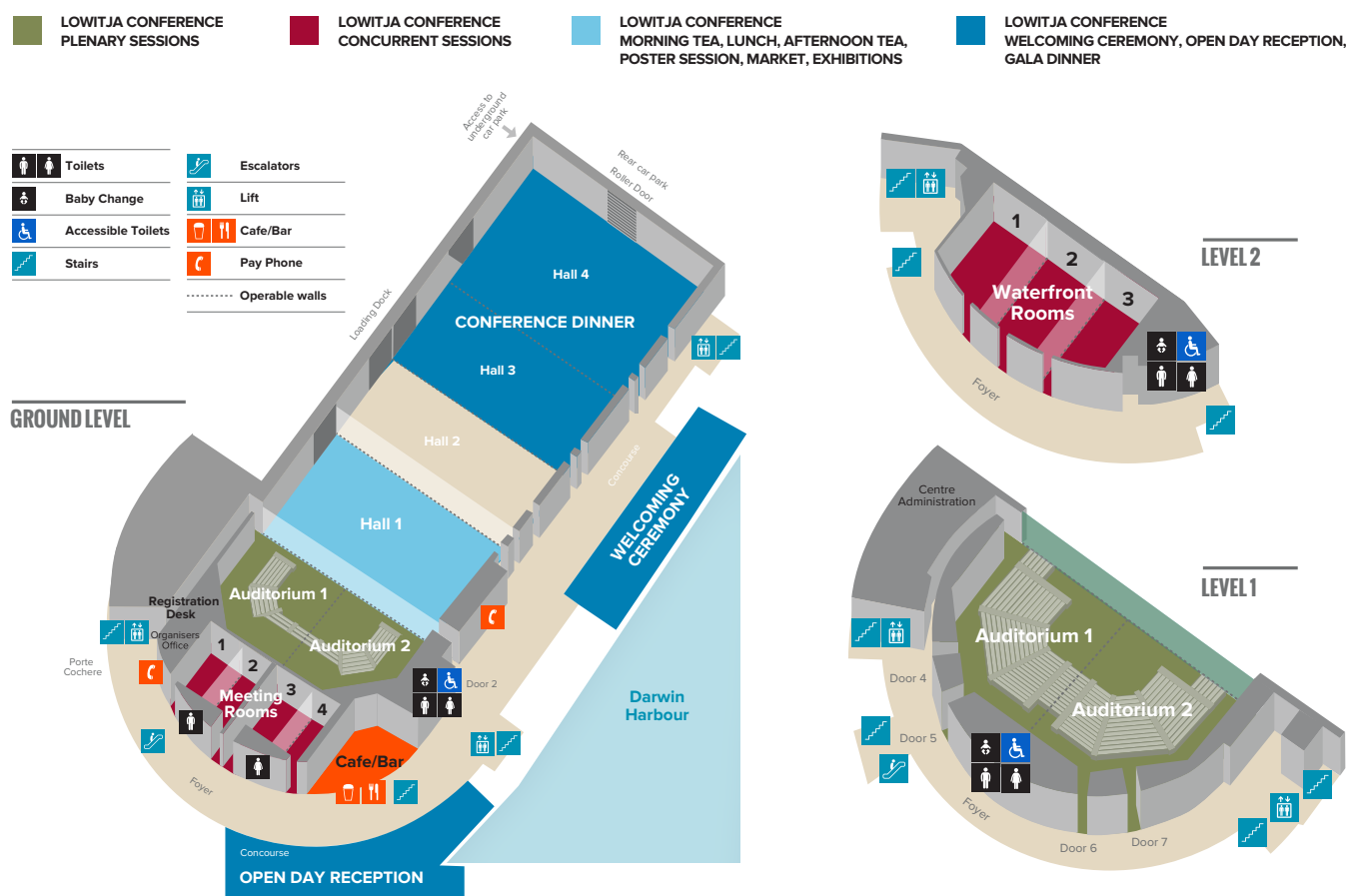
DARWIN CONVENTION CENTRE

PLEASE NOTE REGISTRATION DESK WILL BE OPEN FROM 5:00-5:50PM

The conference is being held on the lands of the Larrakia Nation and, to start the proceedings, Elders representing the local custodians will provide a Welcome to Country followed by a cultural performance from One Mob Different Country. This welcome will be part of a Welcoming Ceremony which includes a cultural exchange and a performance from local singer songwriter Warren Corrowa.

Light refreshments will be served.

## DARWIN CONVENTION CENTRE MAP



# PROGRAM DAY 1 TUESDAY 18 JUNE 2019

## DAY 1 – TUESDAY 18 JUNE 2019 *THINKING*

8:00	REGISTRATION DESK OPEN	Foyer
8:30–10:15am	OPENING PLENARY	
8:30	Welcome to Country	Outside DCC or Auditorium
	Conference Opening	Auditorium
	Welcome Remarks & Conference Goals	Auditorium
9:30	<b>KEYNOTE SPEAKER</b> Peter Yu (CEO, Yawuru Corporate Group)	Auditorium
10:15am	MORNING TEA	Hall 1
11:00am	CONCURRENT SESSION A <i>THINKING</i>	
<b>AUDITORIUM</b>	11:00 TO 11:30AM	
11:00	<b>IndigenousX</b> How to harness the power of digital communication for your sector.	
<b>MEETING ROOM 1</b>	ENVIRONMENT, COUNTRY, BELONGING	
11:00	<b>Jacob Prehn (University of Tasmania)</b> 26 - The effects of Bush Adventure Therapy for Aboriginal men in Southern Tasmania	
11:20	<b>Maree Meredith (Flinders University)</b> 168 - Reframing health: The role of remote Art Centres in Indigenous Australia	
11:40	<b>Kristen Ella, (Children &amp; Young People, NSW Ministry of Health)</b> 264 – Working with Aboriginal People: Enhancing Clinical Practice in Mental Health Care – Resources	
<b>MEETING ROOM 2</b>	INTERGENERATIONAL INVESTMENT	
11:00	<b>Leda Sivak, (South Australian Health and Medical Research Institute)</b> 70 - Measuring the health and wellbeing impacts of reclaiming Indigenous languages	
11:20	<b>Naomi Ralph (La Trobe University)</b> 219 - The experience of pregnancy, birth and early parenthood (0-2 years) of parents with child maltreatment backgrounds and perinatal care providers: a systematic review of qualitative studies for the Healing the Past by Nurturing the Future project.	
11:40	<b>Chris Platania-Phung (The Poche Centre, University of Melbourne)</b> 67 - Further strengthening research capabilities: A review and analysis of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Research Workforce	
12:00	<b>Kootsy Canuto (South Australian Health and Medical Research Institute) &amp; Kurt Towers (Watto Purrurna Aboriginal Primary Health Services)</b> 54 - Rarely are we mentioned despite our roles and responsibilities; Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander males' discourse on parenting.	



### MEETING ROOM 3 TECHNOLOGY AND DATA

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| 11:00 | <b>Felicia Mitchell (Arizona State University) &amp; Lois Meyer (University of New South Wales)</b><br>268 - Dialogue and Development: Building the First Fully Online International Indigenous Health Course   |
| 11:20 | <b>Kalinda Griffiths (Centre for Big Data Research in Health, University of New South Wales)</b><br>167 - The identification of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in official statistics: critical issues of international significance                          |
| 11:40 | <b>Katrina Rutherford (Centre for Indigenous Health Equity Research, Central Queensland University)</b><br>281 - The Resilience Building Toolkit: Utilising technology to enable Indigenous voice and promote the resilience and wellbeing of students at boarding schools. |

### MEETING ROOM 4 RESISTANCE, JUSTICE AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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| 11:00 | <b>Dominic Guerrera (Aboriginal Health Council of South Australia)</b><br>142 - The Aboriginal Gender Study: contemporary understandings of gender, gender roles and gender equity  |
| 11:20 | <b>Nadia Currie (Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Child Protection Peak)</b><br>145 - Self-determination, Aboriginal community control, legislative reform and the Queensland child protection sector                         |
| 11:40 | <b>Manotar Tampubolon (Universitas Kristen Indonesia)</b><br>30 - Dalihan Na Tolu principle to resolve the problems of Toba Batak people from the perspective of multiculturalism.  |
| 12:00 | <b>Anne Lowell, Elaine Lāwurrpa Maypilama &amp; Yaljarra Guyula (Charles Darwin University)</b><br>244 - Recognising Yolŋu strengths and knowledge about growing up children through collaborative research using video-reflexive ethnography |

### WATERFRONT ROOM 1 LIVING A GOOD LIFE

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| 11:00 | <b>Martin Toraille (NPY Women's Council)</b><br>74 - Uti Kulintjaku: creating a shared language for wellbeing and mental health   |
| 11:20 | <b>Rona Macniven (University of Sydney) &amp; John Evans (University of Technology Sydney)</b><br>169 - The impact of physical activity and sport on social outcomes among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people: a scoping review |
| 11:40 | <b>Scott Wilson, (Aboriginal Drug and Alcohol Council, South Australia &amp; University of Sydney)</b><br>245 - Creating more pathways for Indigenous Australians to lead the way in alcohol research.                                    |



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# PROGRAM DAY 1 TUESDAY 18 JUNE 2019

## WATERFRONT ROOM 2 SOVEREIGNTY OF OUR WELLBEING

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| 11:00 | <b>Kim Beadman (Centre for Social Research in Health, University of New South Wales) &amp; Joanne Bryant (University of New South Wales)</b><br>34 - What we do well – Stories of love, sex and relationship: a project looking at Aboriginal young peoples strengths and resources for building sexual well-being |
| 11:20 | <b>Lisa Whop (Menzies School of Health Research)</b><br>183 - Screening Matters: the experiences and perspectives of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women who participate or never/rarely participate in cervical screening   |
| 11:40 | <b>Ali Drummond (Queensland University of Technology)</b><br>298 - Knowledge sharing, co-creation and translation through research yarning   |
| 12:00 | <b>Ariana Kong (Western Sydney University) &amp; Joanne Goulding (South Western Sydney Local Health District)</b><br>177 -Empowering Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women to improve oral health during pregnancy: Can we adapt a model?  |

## WATERFRONT ROOM 3 INTERGENERATIONAL INVESTMENT — WORKSHOP (60 MINS)

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| 11:00 | <b>James Smith, Jason Bonson, Ben Christie (Menzies School of Health Research) &amp; Mick Adams (Edith Cowan University)</b><br>81 - Building an evidence-base about young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander male health: Findings from recent Australian research and evaluation projects |
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12:30–1:30pm LUNCH (Hall 1) POSTER SESSION • MARKET • EXHIBITIONS (Exhibition Concourse)

1:30–2:30pm PANEL DISCUSSION

Discussing the theme 'Thinking', panellists will explore the process of thinking, investigation and knowledge development by First Nations peoples. They'll consider traditional thought and new paradigms, challenge Western ways of thinking, and delve into the entrepreneurial ways we're thinking about health and wellbeing across the world.

**Panellists:** Dr Kerry Arabena, Ms June Oscar AO, Associate Professor James Ward (Chair: Mr Romlie Mokak)

Auditorium

2:30–3:30pm CONCURRENT SESSION B THINKING

## MEETING ROOM 1 LIVING A GOOD LIFE

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| 2:30 | <b>Lisa Urquhart (University of Newcastle) &amp; Karen Roberts (Galambila Aboriginal Health Service)</b><br>53 - Mutual respect for ways of knowing, doing and learning: Collaborative yarning to understand an Aboriginal wellbeing program |
| 2:50 | <b>Robert Dann (Aboriginal Health Council of South Australia)</b><br>159 - Yarning with Indigenous workforce: Understanding stress and staying strong  |



MEETING ROOM 2 INTERGENERATIONAL INVESTMENT		
2:30	Lyniece Keogh & Katherine Sutherland (Gomeroi gaaynggal Centre, University of Newcastle) 254 - Indigenous research practices flourishing at the Gomeroi Gaaynggal Centre	
2:50	Cindy Ahearn & Tarneen Calliope (LIME Network) 263 - Scoping the development of a network of educators to support Indigenous health initiatives across the health sciences	
MEETING ROOM 3 SOVEREIGNTY OF OUR WELLBEING		
2:30	Erena Wikaire (Te Kupenga Hauora Maori, University of Auckland) 58 - Decolonising wellbeing - Indigenous health sovereignty	
2:50	Emma Haynes (University of Western Australia) & Minitja Marawili (Yilpara Homeland) 160 - Yolŋu ways of thinking, investigating, and building knowledge are critical to understanding the lived experience of rheumatic heart disease	
MEETING ROOM 4		
2:30	<b>Resistance, Justice and Community Development</b> Michael Doyle (University of Sydney) 36 - Alcohol and drug use treatment for people in the criminal justice system	
2:50	<b>Living a good life</b> Carmen Parter (Poche Centre for Indigenous Health, University of Sydney) 229 – ‘My research is my story’ Using storytelling, stories and visual stories to describe a research framework of enquiry	
WATERFRONT ROOM 1 LIVING A GOOD LIFE		
2:30	Glen Sharpe (Central Australian Aboriginal Congress) 292 - Aremella Arratyenye-ileme: Lessons learnt from concept mapping core research values with Aboriginal people in central Australia	
2:50	Katherine Thurber & Jill Guthrie (Australian National University) 42 - ‘Telling our story... creating our own history’: Caregivers’ reasons for participating in an Australian longitudinal study of Indigenous children	
WATERFRONT ROOM 2 SOVEREIGNTY OF OUR WELLBEING		
2:30	Donna-Maree Towney (Indigenous Allied Health Australia) 198 - Creating an Indigenous health workforce through community design	
2:50	Stephen Harfield (South Australian Health and Medical Research Institute) 277 - Trends in Aboriginal adolescent hospitalisations in South Australia, 2007–2015	
WATERFRONT ROOM 3 WORKSHOP (60 MINS)		
2:30	Catherine Chamberlain, Naomi Ralph (La Trobe University) & Graham Gee, Stephanie Brown (Murdoch Childrens Research Institute) 230 – Building strong foundations for the Health the Past by Nurturing the Future project: Sharing learnings from establishing a large NHMRC-funded community based participatory action research project in three jurisdictions	
3:30–4:00pm	AFTERNOON TEA	Hall 1



# PROGRAM DAY 1 TUESDAY 18 JUNE 2019

4:00–5:00pm		CONCURRENT SESSION C <i>THINKING</i>
AUDITORIUM	LIGHTNING TALKS FROM 4:00 TO 5:00PM	
4:00	<b>Environment, Country, Belonging</b> <b>Rani Param (City of Albany)</b> 116 - Yurlmun: Mokare Mia Boodja - Coming Home (Albany, Western Australia)	
	<b>Living a good life</b> <b>Athira Rohit (Menzies School of Health Research)</b> 96 - Systematic review of Australian Indigenous parent feeding practices within the context of non-Indigenous Australians and Indigenous populations in other high-income countries	
	<b>Living a good life</b> <b>Kerry Maclean (NPS MedicineWise)</b> 215 - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander telephone enquiries to medicines line	
	<b>Sovereignty of our wellbeing</b> <b>Bobby Maher &amp; Tamara Riley (Australian National University)</b> 151 - The critical role of community engagement in place-based evaluations: examples of participatory evaluations in Wadeye, NT	
MEETING ROOM 1	SOVEREIGNTY OF OUR WELLBEING	
4:00	<b>Geoffrey Spurling, Sonya Egert &amp; Claudette Tyson (Inala Indigenous Health Service)</b> 94 - Striving for excellence in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health research	
4:20	<b>Emily Armstrong (Charles Darwin University), Yungirrŋa Bukulatjpi (Independent Research Consultant) &amp; Elaine Lăwurrpa Maypilama (Charles Darwin University)</b> 235 - Wăŋa dhăruk ŋayi dhu ŋayanŋur djinawa'ŋur ŋandjanur: What's held deep inside our words	
MEETING ROOM 2	LIVING A GOOD LIFE	
4:00	<b>Natalie Ciccone (Edith Cowan University)</b> 302 - Yarning together: Developing a culturally secure rehabilitation approach for Aboriginal Australians after brain injury	
4:20	<b>Cammi Murrup-Stewart (Monash University)</b> 118 - Wellbeing and culture in young urban Aboriginal people: A PhD study	
MEETING ROOM 3	LIVING A GOOD LIFE	
4:00	<b>Gail Garvey (Menzies School of Health Research)</b> 134 - What Matters: Development of a Model of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Wellbeing	
4:20	<b>Joyce Lalara (Machado Joseph Disease Foundation) &amp; Jennifer Carr (James Cook University)</b> 185 - The staying strong program for Aboriginal families with MJD in the Top End of Australia	
WATERFRONT ROOM 1	LIVING A GOOD LIFE	
4:00	<b>Vicki Kerrigan (Menzies School of Health Research) &amp; Shannon Daly (Top End Health Service)</b> 112 - Aboriginal patients and non-Indigenous doctors developing culturally safe communication at Royal Darwin Hospital	
4:20	<b>Roland Wilson (Flinders University) &amp; Julianne Coombs (George Institute for Global Health)</b> 148 - Preventing Falls in older Aboriginal people: The Ironbark Trial	

# THINKING

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WATERFRONT ROOM 2 SOVEREIGNTY OF OUR WELLBEING		
4:00	Victoria Stroud, Rosemary Walley (Telethon Kids Institute) & Christine Parry (Boodjari Yorgas) 101 - Koorlungkas Yarning – Children talking, a video ethnographic project	
4:20	Matt Fisher & Tamara Mackean (Flinders University) 111 - Improving 'Closing the Gap' policy to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander sovereignty and wellbeing	
WATERFRONT ROOM 3 RESISTANCE, JUSTICE AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT — WORKSHOP (60 MINS)		
 4:00	Vanessa Davis , Denise Foster (Tangentyere) & Ray Lovett (Australian National University) 287 - Mayi Kuwayu, Central Land Council and Tangentyere Research Hub: Mutual benefit and successful community partnerships in research	
5:15–7:15pm	OPENING DAY RECEPTION	
	After a full day of conference proceedings delegates will gather for light refreshments and networking to unpack and unwind. Butchulla/ Kalkadoon performer Rochelle Pitt will offer a wonderful soundtrack for conversations and catching up with colleagues, friends and family.	Outside Darwin Covention Centre



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# PROGRAM DAY 2 WEDNESDAY 19 JUNE 2019

DAY 2 – WEDNESDAY 19 JUNE 2019 <i>SPEAKING</i>		
8:00	REGISTRATION DESK OPEN	Foyer
8:30–10:30am	DAY 2 OPENING PLENARY	
8:30am	Day 2 Opening	Auditorium
 8:45am	<b>KEYNOTE SPEAKER</b> Mr Bruce Pascoe	Auditorium
 9:30am	<b>KEYNOTE SPEAKER</b> Professor Tahu Kukatai	Auditorium
10:30am	MORNING TEA	Hall 1
11:00am	<b>CONCURRENT SESSION D</b> <i>SPEAKING</i>	
<b>AUDITORIUM</b>	<b>WORKSHOP (60 MINS)</b>	
 11:00	<b>Romlie Mokak, Mark Bryant, Andrew McDonald and Bonnie Nguyen (Productivity Commission)</b> 319 – An evaluation strategy for programs and policies affecting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.	
<b>MEETING ROOM 1</b>	<b>ENVIRONMENT, COUNTRY, BELONGING</b>	
11:00	<b>Jessie Bonson (Australian Bureau of Statistics)</b> 95 – Holistic approach to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health statistics	
11:20	<b>Juli Coffin (Telethon Kids), Mel Robinson (Congress of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Nurses and Midwives) &amp; Denese Griffin (Birthing on Noongar Boodjar Project)</b> 311 – Listening to the women: What birthing on country means to Aboriginal women living in an urban environment	
11:40	<b>Reuben Bolt (University of New South Wales)</b> 35 – Employing the peer-interview method to engage urban-based Indigenous Australian young peoples in conversations about identity	
12:00	<b>Heidi Minter, Eric Simpson, Vera Anderson &amp; Stuart Long (Ngangganawilli Aboriginal Health Service)</b> 175 – Thinking, Yarning and Being on Country: Wiluna Martu Staying Strong and Speaking Up	
<b>MEETING ROOM 2</b>	<b>SOVEREIGNTY OF OUR WELLBEING</b>	
11:00	<b>Ellen Finlay &amp; Terrence Donovan (NeuRA, University of New South Wales)</b> 189 – Political Determinants of Ageing. Making known the conditions of settler society & supporting better Indigenous ageing outcomes	
11:20	<b>Mele Look (Department of Native Hawai’ian Health)</b> 310 – The KāHOLO Project	
11:40	<b>Mara West &amp; Isabelle Adams (Telethon Kids Institute)</b> 98 – Taking control of research in our communities	
12:00	<b>Sonya Egert (Inala Indigenous Health Service) &amp; Deborah Askew (University of Queensland)</b> 110 – Empowering Strong Families 4077 – a smoking cessation program for women pregnant with an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander baby	



MEETING ROOM 3 TECHNOLOGY AND DATA	
11:00	<b>Lesley Versteegh (Menzies School of Health Research)</b> 150 – Development of a multi-lingual mobile app to improve knowledge and understanding of respiratory illnesses for Indigenous carers
11:20	<b>Michelle Elwell (Australian Indigenous HealthInfoNet)</b> 294 – An online quality culturally appropriate resource for workers who are involved in providing healing services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people
11:40	<b>David Aanundsen (The Fred Hollows Foundation), Neil Drew (Australian Indigenous HealthInfoNet)</b> 48 – Facilitating knowledge exchange about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander eye health: Stories from a successful collaboration
12:00	<b>Shanthi Ramanathan (Hunter Medical Research Institute)</b> 195 – Impact evaluation of a strengths-based approach to improving the delivery of Indigenous primary healthcare
MEETING ROOM 4 INTERGENERATIONAL INVESTMENT	
11:00	<b>Nikkita Hart &amp; Sioned Price (Mallee District Aboriginal Services)</b> 141 – Empowerment through culture and community: MDAS Family Wellbeing Program
11:20	<b>Steven Torres Carne (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Healing Foundation) &amp; Dorinda Cox (Centre for Indigenous Peoples and Community Justice, University of Western Australia)</b> 214 – Strong Men, Strong Boys, Safe Families and Communities: an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander framework for men and boys' violence prevention
11:40	<b>Georgina Trevorrow, Diana Murphy &amp; Sandra Wilson (Moorundi Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Service Inc.)</b> 63 – Language for Life from the “Deadly Nannas”
12:00	<b>Yvonne Clark (South Australian Health and Medical Research Institute), Danielle Dyall (Aboriginal Medical Services Alliance Northern Territory) &amp; Tanja Hirvonen (Centre for Remote Health)</b> 225 – Parental experiences, safety and wellbeing initiatives for inter-generational trauma (as part of the Healing the Past by Nurturing the Future research project)
WATERFRONT ROOM 1 LIVING A GOOD LIFE	
11:00	<b>Amunda Gorey &amp; Danielle Woods (Central Australian Aboriginal Council)</b> 297 – Aremella Arratyenyne-ileme – Doing It Right: The Aboriginal community's voice and choice in a multimedia approach to sharing health research knowledge in Central Australia
11:20	<b>Stephanie Montesanti (University of Alberta) &amp; Bonnie Healy (Alberta First Nation Information Governance Centre)</b> 303 – Cross-cultural Indigenous knowledge sharing and exchange on equitable and inclusive non-communicable disease policy, practice and research
11:40	<b>Donisha Duff, Nathan Appo &amp; Sean Yorston (Institute for Urban Indigenous Health)</b> 256 – Deadly Choices – Transforming Health Attitudes and Behaviours in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities
12:00	<b>Tina Brodie (Wardliparingga Aboriginal Research Unit – University of South Australia)</b> 289 – Integration of decolonising methods within a scoping review to provide culturally relevant understandings of programs addressing the social determinants of health

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WATERFRONT ROOM 2 SOVEREIGNTY OF OUR WELLBEING — WORKSHOP (60 MINS)		
11:00	 Scott Avery (First Peoples Disability Network), Associate Professor Angela Dew (UNSW-Deakin), Dr Justin Trounson (Swinburne University), Kim McRae (NPY Women’s Council); Michael Bullock (ABS). 178 – Community leadership in inclusion and disability research	
WATERFRONT ROOM 3 LIVING A GOOD LIFE — WORKSHOP (60 MINS)		
11:00	 Barbara Cox & Robyn Jones (Northern Territory Government) 144 – The Family Tree of Chronic Disease	
12:30–1:30pm	LUNCH (Hall 1)	POSTER SESSION • MARKET • EXHIBITIONS (Exhibition Concourse)
1:30–2:30pm	PANEL DISCUSSION	
	<p>2019 is the International Year of Indigenous Languages. How we speak, the language/s we use, and what we’re saying all have an impact on the health and wellbeing of our peoples. Indigenous languages and the ways we share knowledges are at the forefront of international conversations right now.</p> <p><b>Panellists:</b> Mr David Collard (Wardong), Dr Kū Kahakalau, Representatives of the Ngangkari – Traditional Healers (Chair: Ms June Oscar AO)</p>	Auditorium
2:30–4:00pm	CONCURRENT SESSION E <i>SPEAKING</i>	
AUDITORIUM LIGHTNING TALKS		
2:30	<b>Technology and Data</b> <b>Clair Andersen (University of Tasmania)</b> 46 – Story of Place	
	<b>Sovereignty of our wellbeing</b> <b>Michelle Bovill (University of Newcastle)</b> 196 – Ngu-ng-gi-la-nha (to exchange) knowledge through a systematic review of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander smoking cessation interventions during pregnancy: How is individual and community empowerment reported?	
	<b>Environment, Country, Belonging</b> <b>Nina Lansbury Hall &amp; Sandra Creamer (University of Queensland)</b> 24 – Ensuring a safe and functioning environment to enhance health in remote communities	
	<b>Environment, Country, Belonging</b> <b>Elizabeth Orr (ANROWS) &amp; Helen Bnads (Peninsula Health)</b> 79 – We want some of what they are having...non-indigenous patients witnessing indigenous healing: sharing Indigenous strength and healing in hospitals	

### MEETING ROOM 1 LIVING A GOOD LIFE

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| 2:30 | <b>Marg Friesen &amp; Adel Panahi (Metis Nation Saskatchewan)</b><br>104 – Métis-specific health strategies: Steps towards the developing a Métis-specific cancer strategy in Saskatchewan, Canada   |
| 2:50 | <b>Angeline Ferdinand (University of Melbourne) &amp; Jennifer Cullen, Clare Townsend (Synapse Australia) &amp; Libby Massey (Machado Joseph Disease Foundation)</b><br>197 – Understanding disability through the lens of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people – challenges and opportunities |
| 3:10 | <b>Catrina Felton-Busch (James Cook University)</b><br>300 – Living a good life: Women's action for Mums and Bubs (WOMB)   |
| 3:30 | <b>Kate Conigrave &amp; Kristie Harrison (University of Sydney)</b><br>240 – Supporting Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services to Reduce the Harms from Alcohol   |

### MEETING ROOM 2 SOVEREIGNTY OF OUR WELLBEING

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| 2:30 | <b>Yvette Roe, Sophie Hickey &amp; Sue Kildea (Mater Research, University of Queensland)</b><br>130 – Rise Safely: A framework for implementing Birthing on Country to improve maternal and infant health outcomes                  |
| 2:50 | <b>Maria Ranga (Waikato Institute of Technology – Wintec)</b><br>273 – Mana Wahine: Transformative outcomes for Māori Women who have been sexually abused   |
| 3:10 | <b>Veronica Matthews (University Centre for Rural Health) &amp; Karen Carlisle (James Cook University)</b><br>259 – A 'Learning Community' for service-led Improvement in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander primary health care |
| 3:30 | <b>Andrea McKivett &amp; Janet Kelly (University of Adelaide)</b><br>228 – Improving Aboriginal Kidney Care Together  |

### MEETING ROOM 3 TECHNOLOGY AND DATA

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| 2:50 | <b>Judy Singer &amp; David Edwards (University Centre for Rural Health University of Sydney)</b><br>131 – R U Appy: A 6-year snapshot on lessons learned from creating and delivering a digital-social and emotional wellbeing (d-SEWB) program for Indigenous health and community professionals |
| 3:10 | <b>Josie Povey, Janama Mills, Anne Marie Puruntatameri &amp; Cathy Stassi (Menziess School of Health Research)</b><br>176 – Aboriginal and Islander Mental Health Initiative for Youth (AIMhi-Y): Results and Process Evaluation  |
| 3:30 | <b>Nina Sivertsen &amp; Monica Lawrence (Flinders University)</b><br>301 – Maintaining pedagogical effectiveness in the face of constraints on Indigenous health curriculum   |



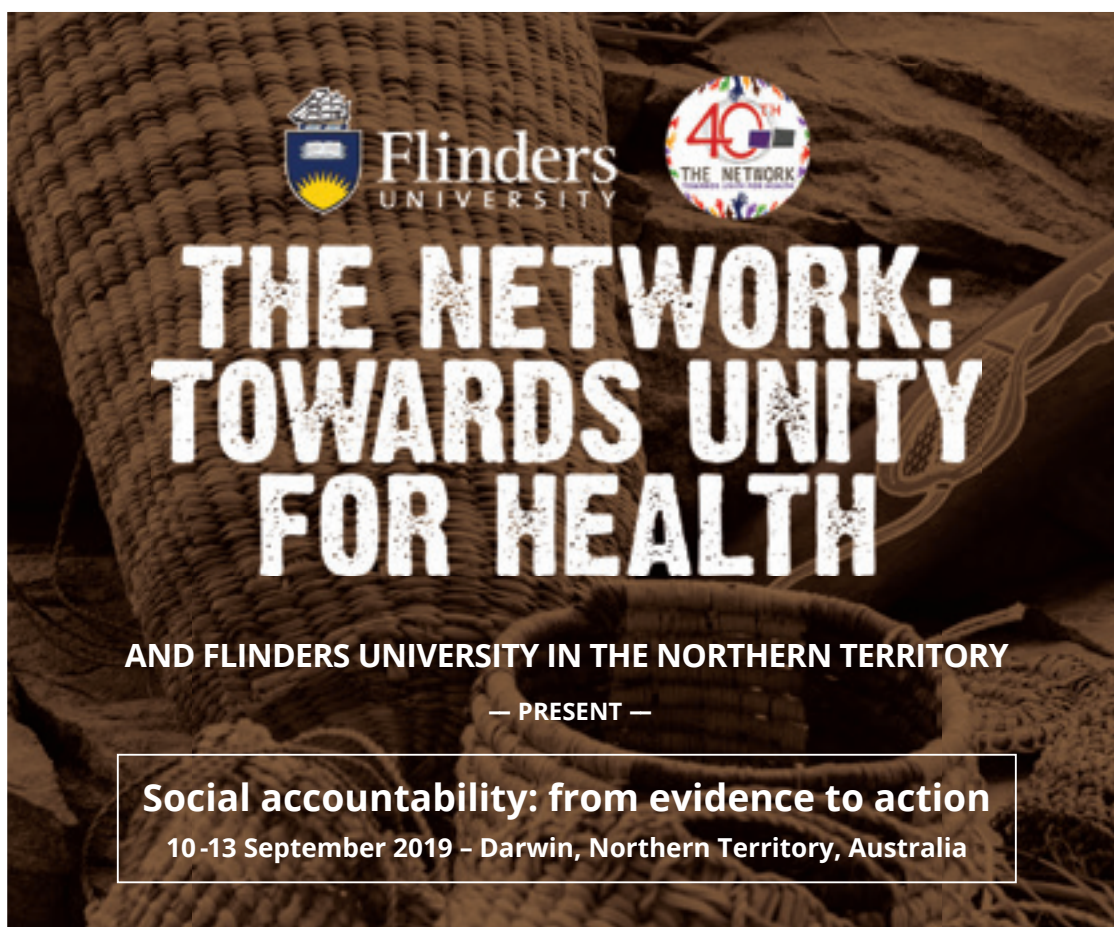
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WATERFRONT ROOM 1 LIVING A GOOD LIFE		
2:30	Kim Morey & Astrid Melchers (South Australian Aboriginal Chronic Disease Consortium) 149 – Aboriginal knowledge in the driver’s seat: Road Map for Action to tackle chronic disease	
2:50	Terry Donovan & Wendy Allan (Neuroscience Research Australia) 133 – The knowledge and power of languages: translating the AIMhi stay strong approach to therapy into Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander languages	
3:10	Hannah Bullock, Bill Foggarty, Kate Bellchambers & Leon Brown (Australian National University) 317 – When Bottom-up Approaches Meet Top-down Funding: Negotiating Values Driving Aboriginal Health and Wellbeing Services	
3:30	James Ward (South Australian Health and Medical Research Institute) 318 – Opportunities and challenges in achieving elimination of STIs in remote Australia	
WATERFRONT ROOM 2 SOVEREIGNTY OF OUR WELLBEING		
2:30	Environment, Country, Belonging Felecia Watkin, James Cook University 55 – Meriba buay – ngalpan wakaythoemamay (We come together to think): Evaluating a community of practice for Torres Strait Islander health and well-being	
2:50	Living a good life Lianne Gilchrist (University of Western Australia) 316 – Good Spirit, Good Life: a resource to identify and address the wellbeing needs of older Aboriginal Australians	
3:10	Intergenerational Investment Bhiamie Williamson (Australian Indigenous Governance Institute) & Stacey Little (Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies) 100 – Youth Engagement in Native Title	
3:30	Sovereignty of our wellbeing Erin Iew Fatt (AMSANT), Jamie Newman (Bila Muuji) on behalf of the Career Pathways Project team 209 – Career pathways for the well-being of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health staff, families and communities	
WATERFRONT ROOM 3 TECHNOLOGY AND DATA — WORKSHOP (60 MINS)		
2:30	 Samantha Burrow (Australian Indigenous HealthInfoNet) & David Aanundsen (Fred Hollows Foundation) 47 – Using digital technologies for knowledge exchange: how the Eye Health Portal can help build workforce capacity and improve health	
4:00–4:30pm	AFTERNOON TEA	Hall 1
4:30–5:30pm	 KEYNOTE SPEAKER Dr Julia Kim	Auditorium
7:00–11:00pm	CONFERENCE GALA DINNER	Hall 3 & 4
	The highlight of the conference social program, the Gala Dinner will showcase Indigenous excellence. The Lowitja Institute Lifetime Achievement Award 2019 and the Lowitja Institute Emerging Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Researcher Award 2019 will be announced. Renown Indigenous performers Electric Fields and The Merindas will headline an great night of celebration, entertainment, food and fun. The Darwin Convention Centre has developed a special seasonal menu inspired by the Gulumoerrgin seasons, showcasing local Indigenous produce.	





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7:30	OPTION TO INCLUDE A CULTURAL ACTIVITY	
8:00	REGISTRATION DESK OPEN	Foyer
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	Day 3 Opening	Auditorium
	KEYNOTE SPEAKER Mr Bruce Blankenfeld	Auditorium
	KEYNOTE SPEAKER Dr Abhay Bang	Auditorium
10:30am	MORNING TEA	Hall 1
11:00am	CONCURRENT SESSION F BEING	
AUDITORIUM	WORKSHOP (60 MINS)	
11:00	<b>Sovereignty of our wellbeing</b> Toni Schofield, Bob Boughton (University of New England) & Jack Beetson, Ben Bartlett (Literacy for Life Foundation) 226 - Literacy as a social determinant of Aboriginal health	
MEETING ROOM 1	ENVIRONMENT, COUNTRY, BELONGING	
11:00	<b>Rosalie Schultz (Centre for Remote Health) &amp; Tammy Abbott (NintiOne)</b> 238 - Exploring and improving wellbeing for Indigenous people of remote Australia through the Interplay of prioritiesA Torres Strait Islander approach to knowledge translation: Complimenting research Knowledge with Cultural knowledge in performative storytelling	
11:20	<b>Margaret Harvey (Monash University)</b> 253 - A Torres Strait Islander approach to knowledge translation: Complimenting research Knowledge with Cultural knowledge in performative storytelling	
11:40	<b>Alan Alves (Federal University of Parana)</b> 76 - A man, a plant, one planet	
MEETING ROOM 2	LIVING A GOOD LIFE	
11:00	<b>Paulene Mackell (RMIT); Roslyn Malay (University of Western Australia); Maree Meredith (Centre for Remote Health); Linley Nargoodah, Belinda Cook (Mangkaja Arts Resource Agency); Margaret Smith, Michelle Young (Tjanpi Desert Weavers, NPY Women’s Council); Douglas Multa &amp; Chrischona Schmidt (Ikuntji Artists)</b> 199 - Art centres –supporting our Elders supports everyone to live a good life	
11:20	<b>Elizabeth Ervine &amp; Caine Carroll (Aboriginal Housing Office)</b> 91 - Services OUR Way-respectful support and service collaboration to ensure positive health and wellbeing outcomes	
11:40	<b>Tamara Butler (Menzies School of Health Research)</b> 109 - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people’s wellbeing: A comprehensive literature review.	

MEETING ROOM 3 SOVEREIGNTY OF OUR WELLBEING	
11:00	<b>Belinda Tully &amp; Kristy Crooks (Hunter New England Population Health)</b> 200 - Actioning Meaningful Cultural Governance: Organisational governance creating space for Aboriginal Sovereignty over public health initiatives
11:20	<b>Lyniece Keogh &amp; Paris Knox (Gomeri gaaynggal Centre, University of Newcastle)</b> 255 - Capacity building as an opportunity to improve wellbeing at the Gomeri gaaynggal Centre
11:40	<b>Kendall Stevenson &amp; Anna Adcock (Victoria University of Wellington)</b> 39 - Tino rangatiratanga: Reclaiming sovereignty of Indigenous women in a cervical screening programme
MEETING ROOM 4 RESISTANCE, JUSTICE AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	
11:00	<b>Tamara Mackean (Flinders University)</b> 250 - First Response: Health workforce perspectives on integrating trauma-informed care within primary health care services to support women and their families experiencing violence
11:20	<b>Deb Duthie (Queensland University of Technology)</b> 103 - The Cherbourg Aboriginal Youth Council: Hearing the voices of young people
11:40	<b>Phynea Clarke (National FVPLS Forum)</b> 106 - Sharing stories, finding solutions
WATERFRONT ROOM 1 INTERGENERATIONAL INVESTMENT	
11:00	<b>Joley Manton (University of Newcastle) &amp; Gillian Gould (University of Newcastle &amp; Hunter Medical Research Institute)</b> 291 - SISTAQUIT® (Supporting Indigenous Smokers To Assist Quitting) Study Protocol: an intervention to improve smoking cessation care among pregnant Indigenous Australian women
11:20	<b>Tracy Reibel (Ngangk Yira Research Centre for Aboriginal Health and Social Equity, Murdoch University) &amp; Melanie Robinson (Congress of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Nurses and Midwives)</b> 218 - Switching lenses: confronting racism in maternity care with cross cultural education
11:40	<b>Dianne Baldock (Circular Head Aboriginal Corporation) &amp; Lynette Goldberg (Wicking Dementia Research and Education Centre, University of Tasmania)</b> 188 - The Preventing Dementia Massive Open Online Course (PD MOOC): Contribution to Indigenous health and wellbeing
WATERFRONT ROOM 2 TECHNOLOGY AND DATA	
11:00	<b>Joanne Luke (University of Melbourne) &amp; Libby Massey (Machado Joseph Disease Foundation)</b> 270 - Improving access to genetic health services for Indigenous Australians
11:20	<b>Summer May Finlay (University of South Australia)</b> 285 - Defining our own outcomes
11:40	<b>Scott Wilson (Aboriginal Drug and Alcohol Council SA) &amp; Kylie Lee (University of Sydney)</b> 173 - Re-thinking how we ask Indigenous Australians to describe their drinking
12:00	<b>Ratika Kumar &amp; Michelle Bovill (University of Newcastle)</b> 210 - Developing a smartphone app to support the social and emotional wellbeing and reduce health risks of Aboriginal women

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WATERFRONT ROOM 3 SOVEREIGNTY OF OUR WELLBEING — WORKSHOP (60 MINS)		
11:00	<div>Chelsea Bond, Condy Canuto, Bryan Mukandi, Jon Willis (University of Queensland); Karla Brady, Jake Foster &amp; Uncle Shane Coghill (Inala Wangarra)</div> <div>157 - Turning into a new man: Urban Indigenous masculinity and The Inala Wangarra Rites of Passage Case Study</div>	
12:30–1:30pm	LUNCH (Hall 1)      POSTER SESSION • MARKET • EXHIBITIONS (Exhibition Concourse)	
1:30–2:30pm	PANEL DISCUSSION	
	<div>Being Indigenous – what does this mean? Our ways of being can be contested, and they can be empowering. Panellists will explore mindfulness and action, the role of the collective, and ways of acting on research findings. How can we be leaders of global change? In the final panel for the conference will examine ‘Being’.</div> <div>Panellists: Ms Jody Currie, Associate Professor Chelsea Bond, Mr Bruce Blankenfeld (Chair: Dr Kerry Arabena)</div>	Auditorium
2:30–3:30pm	CONCURRENT SESSION G BEING	
AUDITORIUM LIGHTNING TALKS FROM 2:30–4:00		
2:30	<div>Technology and Data</div> <div>Sarah Fraser (Flinders University) &amp; Tamara Mackean (Southgate Institute for Health, Society and Equity; Flinders University)</div> <div>203 - Considering difference: Clinician reports of providing equal and equitable burns care for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and families</div>	
	<div>Sovereignty of our wellbeing</div> <div>Sylvia Hussey (Townsville Aboriginal &amp; Islander Health Service)</div> <div>204 - Starting up clinical trials in childhood ear health at Townsville Aboriginal and Islander Health Service: Working together to benefit community, our story.</div>	
	<div>Sovereignty of our wellbeing</div> <div>Janine Oldfield (Batchelor Institute)</div> <div>33 - First Nations Talk – First Nations sovereignty over well-being in education with Indigenous languages</div>	
	<div>Living a good life</div> <div>Lenette Knudsen (Steno Diabetes Center Copenhagen)</div> <div>161 - Antioxians, vitamins and cardiometabolic risk in a very remote Aboriginal population In Australia</div>	
	<div>Living a good life</div> <div>Lyniece Keogh &amp; Jodie Herden (Gomeri gaaynggal Centre University of Newcastle)</div> <div>224 - ArtsHealth at the Gomeri Gaaynggal Centre and its influence supporting social and emotional wellbeing</div>	
	<div>Technology and Data</div> <div>Mariam Hachem (University of Melbourne)</div> <div>279 - iDiab – Mobile Application for Diabetes Management in Indigenous Communities.</div>	



MEETING ROOM 1 ENVIRONMENT, COUNTRY, BELONGING	
2:30	<b>Marie Kantilla, Jacinta Tipungwuti, Gemma Munkara (Wurrumiyanga Strong Women's group) &amp; Adam Thompson (Menzies School of Health Research)</b> 27 - Developing a bush pharmacy
2:50	<b>Jo Wapling &amp; Taylah Church (Menzies School of Health Research)</b> 280 - Enabling a traditional Australian medicinal plants agribusiness
3.10	<b>Tamara Riley (Australian National University) &amp; Bonny Cumming (Animal Management in Rural and Remote Indigenous Communities)</b> 119 - One health approach to animal health and management
3.30	<b>John Robert Evans (University of Technology)</b> 184 - Sport and academic performance in Australian Indigenous children
MEETING ROOM 2 LIVING A GOOD LIFE	
2:30	<b>Brian Arley &amp; Majella Murphy (Menzies School of Health Research)</b> 201 - B.strong – Culture and evidence combine to improve healthy lifestyles
2:50	<b>Amy Bain, Carolyn Minchin &amp; Ken Zulumovski (Gamarada Indigenous Healing and Life)</b> 261 - Mapping Dadirri, Deep Listening, as a Third Wave Therapeutic Approach B.strong – Culture and evidence combine to improve healthy lifestyles
3.10	<b>Anna Dowling &amp; Janet Stajic (South Australian Health and Medical Research Institute)</b> 271 - Approaches to promote the safety of older Aboriginal people
3.30	<b>Eric Turner (Fred Hollows Foundation)</b> 75 - Nganampa Health Council's Eye Health Coordination Program
MEETING ROOM 3 SOVEREIGNTY OF OUR WELLBEING	
2:30	<b>Gill Potaka-Osborne &amp; Teresa Taylor (Whakauae Research for Maori Health and Development)</b> 40 - He Whetū Arataki (The Guiding Star) Youth Leadership Programme
2:50	<b>Péta Phelan (University of Melbourne)</b> 83 - Elevating Intersectional Identity Narratives to Advance Indigenous Health and Wellbeing
3.10	<b>Odette Pearson &amp; Kate Schwartzkopff (South Australian Health and Medical Research Institute)</b> 187 - Ways in which Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisations address the social determinants of health and health inequity
3.30	<b>Phil Naden (Bila Muuji) &amp; Erin Lew Fatt (Aboriginal Medical Services Alliance Northern Territory)</b> 212 - Aboriginal Leadership and Research Capacity Strengthening in the Career Pathways Project



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WATERFRONT ROOM 1 INTERGENERATIONAL INVESTMENT		
2:30	<b>Leeanne Pena &amp; Emma Childs (NTPHN)</b> 99 - A PHN Health Literacy Strategy: Encouraging better community health outcomes, whilst developing intergenerational empowerment in health	
2:50	<b>Candice Butler (Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Child Protection Peak)</b> 146 - Protecting the rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in child protection	
3.10	<b>Jayne Kotz, Wen Chan (Murdoch University) &amp; Melanie Robinson (Congress of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Nurses and Midwives)</b> 239 - A bold innovation to assessing and supporting social and emotional wellbeing for vulnerable parents-to-be	
3.30	<b>Martina Kamaka (Department of Native Hawai’ian Health John A Burns School Of Medicine University of Hawai’i) &amp; Meleanna Aluli Meyer (Independent Filmmaker, Educator and Visual Artist)</b> 308 - Using the arts and humanities to address cultural trauma and health disparities in a medical curriculum	
WATERFRONT ROOM 3 INTERGENERATIONAL INVESTMENT — WORKSHOP (60 MINS)		
 2:30	<b>Brad Farrant (Telethon Kids Institute), Doris Hill, Allan Kickett Snr, Muriel Bowie, Albert McNamara, Kerry Hunt (Elders/Co-researchers)</b> 68 - The Ngulluk Koolunga Ngulluk Koort (Our Children Our Heart) project	
4:00–4:30pm	AFTERNOON TEA	Hall 1
4:30-5:30pm	AWARDS CEREMONY	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The Lowitja Institute Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health CRC Award</li><li>The Lowitja Institute Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student Award</li><li>The Lowitja Institute Tarn Doon Nonin Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Research Ethics Project Award 2019</li><li>The Lowitja Institute Research Leadership Award</li></ul>	Auditorium
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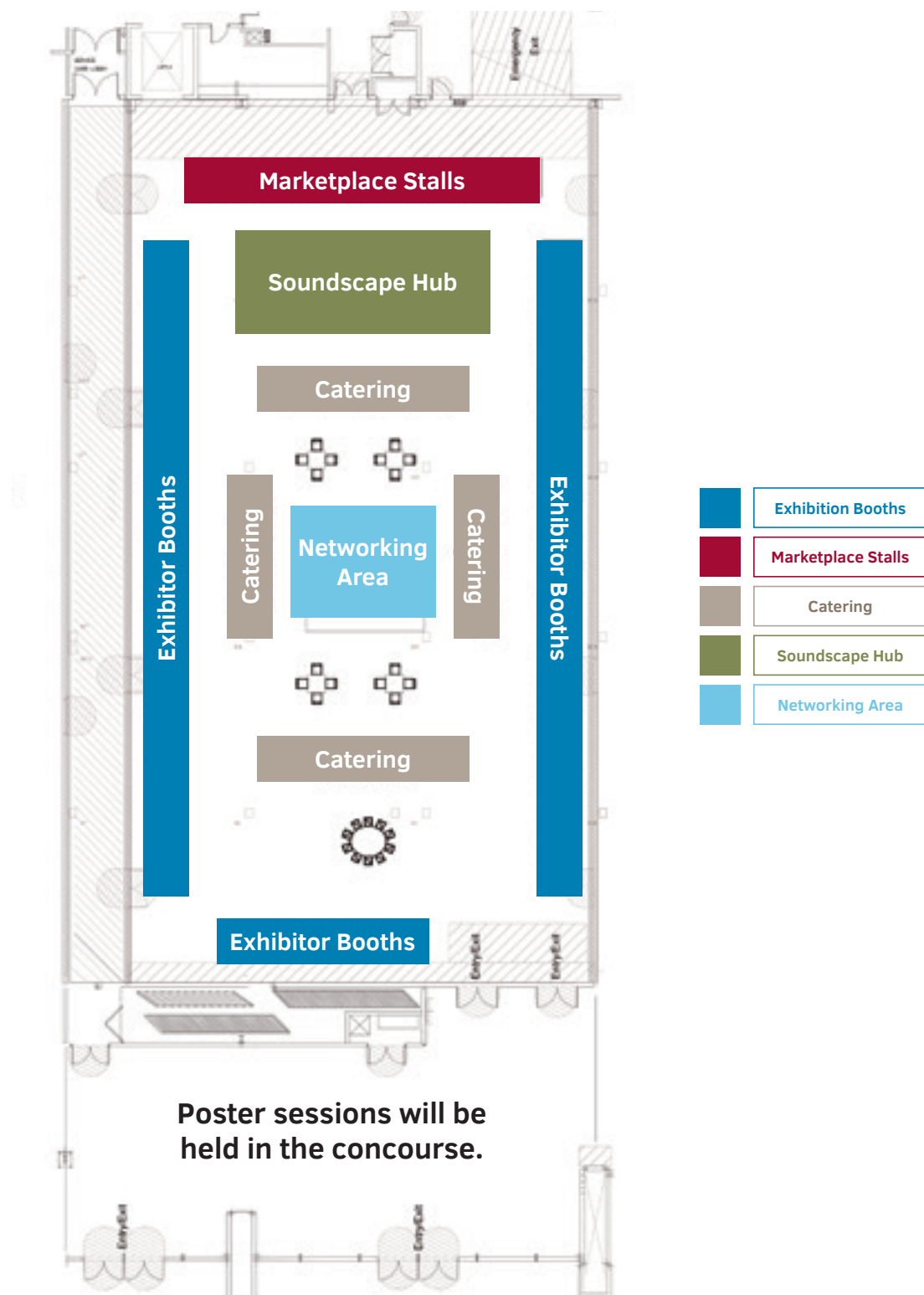
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# KEYNOTE & PLENARY SPEAKERS

## MR PETER YU



Peter Yu is a Yawuru man from Broome in the Kimberley region in North West Australia with over 35 years' experience in Indigenous development and advocacy in the Kimberley and at the state, national and

international level. Peter was a key negotiator on behalf of the Yawuru Native Title Holders with the Western Australian State Government over the 2010 Yawuru Native Title Agreement and is the current Chief Executive Officer of the YawuruCorporate Group. He has been an advocate for the social, cultural and economic advancement and well-being of Kimberley and other Aboriginal communities for his entire career. He has been instrumental in the development of many community-based organisations and initiatives which have had an enduring influence on the Kimberley region. He was Executive Director of the Kimberley Land Council during the 1990s and had a national leadership role negotiating the Federal Government's response to the 1992 Mabo High Court judgement on Native Title.

He is currently the Chair for the Indigenous Reference Group (IRG) to the Northern Ministerial Forum, Chair of the North Australian Indigenous Land and Sea Management Alliance Ltd (NAILSMA), Deputy Chair of the AFL Aboriginal Advisory Committee, Deputy Chair of Broome Futures Alliance Ltd, Council Member of the Governing Board of the Australian National University and Committee Member for the Western Australian Aboriginal Water and Environment Advisory Group.

## PROFESSOR TAHU KUKUTAI



Tahu Kukutai (Ngāti Tiipa, Ngāti Kinohaku, Te Aupōuri) is Professor of Demography at the National Institute of Demographic and Economic Analysis, The University of Waikato. Tahu specialises in Māori

and Indigenous demographic research and has written extensively on issues of Māori population change, Māori identity, wellbeing and official statistics.

Tahu is a founding member of the Māori Data Sovereignty Network Te Mana Raraunga (<https://www.temanararaunga.maori.nz>) that advocates for Māori rights and interests in data. She is also Co-Chair of the Research Data Alliance International Indigenous Data Sovereignty Interest Group and co-edited (with John Taylor) Indigenous Data Sovereignty: Toward an Agenda (free download: <https://press.anu.edu.au>). Tahu has undertaken research with and for numerous iwi (tribes), Māori communities, and Government agencies, and provided strategic advice across a range of sectors. Recently she was appointed to the Census 2018 External Data Quality Panel and the Child Wellbeing Strategy Reference Group that is informing the development of the New Zealand Government's first child wellbeing strategy. Tahu has degrees in History, Demography and Sociology from the University of Waikato and Stanford University. She was previously a journalist.



## DR JULIA KIM



Julia Kim is a public health researcher and global health and sustainable development specialist who has worked extensively in Africa, and Asia with NGOs, academia and UN agencies. At UNDP and UNICEF in

New York, she led global teams focused on addressing cross-cutting health and development issues including gender, violence, HIV and socio-economic inequalities. She is currently the Program Director of the Gross National Happiness Centre Bhutan a national NGO which aims to apply the principles and practices of GNH, Bhutan's unique development approach, through action in the spheres of health and wellbeing, business, education, and civil society. GNH views health as being profoundly interconnected to eight other domains (e.g. Community Vitality, Time Use, Cultural Diversity & Resilience) and aims to measure these at the national level.

Julia holds degrees from Cornell University and the University of Manitoba, and is a Specialist in Internal Medicine and Community-Oriented Primary Care (Tufts University) as well as Public Health in Developing Countries (London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine).

## MR BRUCE MEALOHA BLANKENFELD



Bruce Blankenfeld became involved with the Polynesian Voyaging Society (PVS) in 1977 by volunteering on Hōkūle'a training sails and with construction and repair of the wa'a kaulua in drydock.

Since then, he has voyaged thousands of miles throughout Polynesia, Micronesia, Vancouver, Alaska, Japan, and most recent World Wide Voyage. Through extensive training and experience, while sailing more than 100,000 miles, he became a master navigator and captain – using traditional, non-instrument methods. He led Hōkūle'a's recent, extensive renovation, and is currently the Vice Chair of the PVS Board of Directors. Mr. Blankenfeld is a popular and inspiring lecturer on Polynesian navigating, voyaging and wayfinding.

Bruce is a fisherman who remains active in the paddling community as a paddler, coach and president of the Board of Directors of Hui Nalu Canoe Club. He is a long-time kayaker and works fulltime as a stevedore for McCabe, Hamilton & Renny. Bruce lives on the island of Oahu and is married to Lita. They have two children and two grandchildren.

# KEYNOTE & PLENARY SPEAKERS

## DR ABHAY BANG



Abhay Bang MD, MPH, D. Sc (Hon), D. Lit (Hon.) grew up in Mahatma Gandhi's Sevagram ashram. He is a physician and an internationally well-known public health expert. For the past 30 years, he and his wife, Dr Rani

Bang, have lived and worked in a tribal district, Gadchiroli, in Maharashtra. He is the founder director of SEARCH (Society for Education, Action and Research in Community Health), Gadchiroli.

Abhay's work on childhood pneumonia and home-based newborn care (have shaped global policies. HBNC has been now scaled up nationally in the National Rural Health Mission, and in several other countries. He was a member of Government of India's High Level Expert Group on Universal Health Coverage (2011), of the High Level Committee on Tribal People (2014). He was Chairman of the Expert Committee on Tribal Health, Government of India. (2013-2018). The Committee, under his leadership, has recently produced the first comprehensive report – Tribal Health in India : Bridging Gap and Roadmap for the Future.

He has received nearly 70 national and international awards. Government of India recently honoured him with 'Padmashri'.

## MR BRUCE PASCOE



Published and edited Australian Short Stories magazine 1982-1999, winner Prime Minister's Literature Award for Young Adult fiction (*Fog, a dog*) 2013, Australian Literature Award 1999, Radio National Short Story

1998, FAW Short Story 2010, and, in 2018, was awarded the Australia Council for the Arts' Lifetime Achievement Award for Literature.

Books include: *Night Animals*, *Shark*, *Ocean*, *Bloke*, *Cape Otway*, *Convincing Ground*, *Little Red Yellow* and *Black Book*.

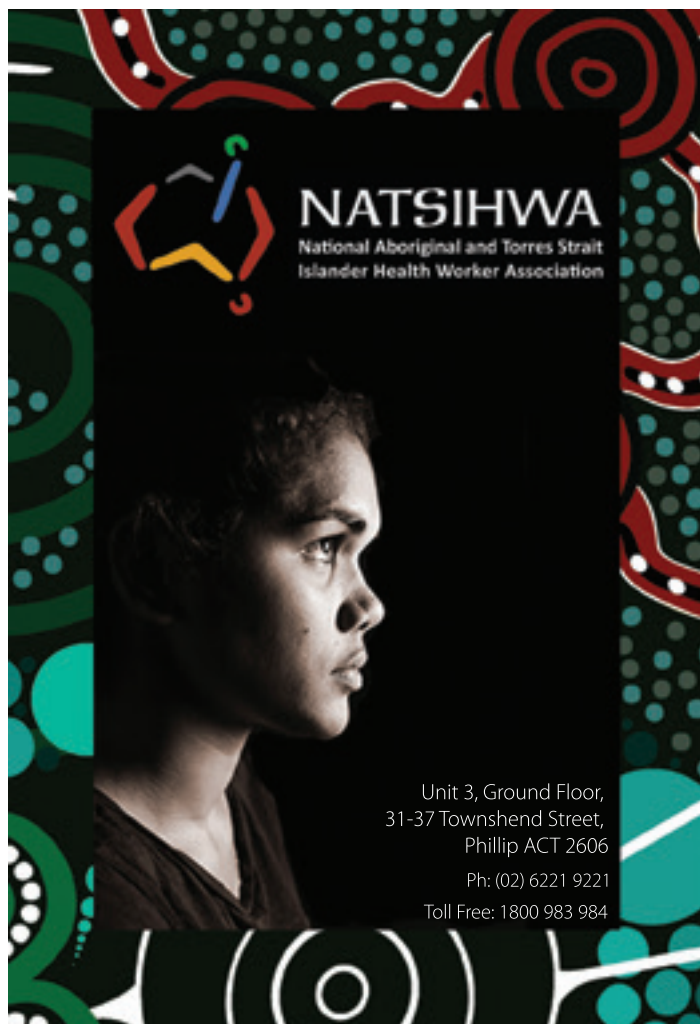
Bruce is of Yuin, Bunurong/Tasmanian heritage. He is a Board member of the Aboriginal Corporation for Languages. Lives in East Gippsland.

His latest novels are, *Bloke*, published by Penguin in 2009; *Chainsaw File*, Oxford 2010; *Fog*, Magabala 2012; and *Mrs Whitlam*, Magabala 2016. *Dark Emu*, a history of Aboriginal agriculture was published by Magabala in 2014 and won the New South Wales Premiers' Book of the Year Award in 2016 and was performed as Bangarra Dance Theatre in 2018.

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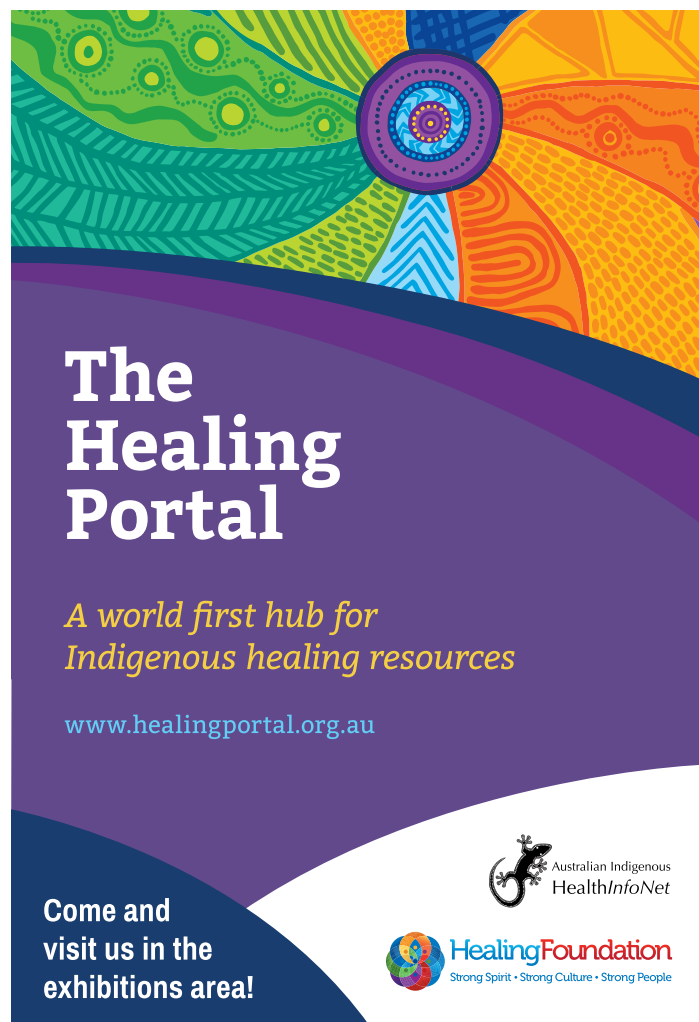
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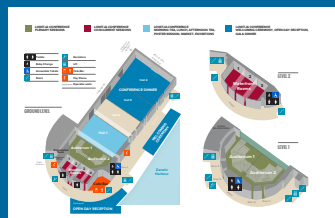
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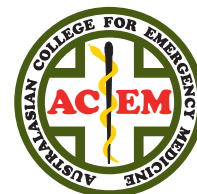
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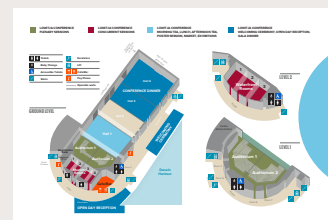
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## WELCOMING CEREMONY

**MONDAY 17 JUNE 2019 • 6:00PM - 9:00PM**

### DARWIN CONVENTION CENTRE

The conference is being held on the lands of the Larrakia Nation and, to start the proceedings, Elders representing the local custodians will provide a Welcome to Country followed by a cultural performance from One Mob Different Country. This welcome will be part of a Welcoming Ceremony which includes a cultural exchange and a performance from local singer songwriter Warren Corrowa.

**Light canapes and refreshments will be served.**

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## OPENING DAY RECEPTION

**TUESDAY 18 JUNE 2019 • 5:15PM - 7:15PM**

### DARWIN CONVENTION CENTRE

After a full day of conference proceedings delegates will gather for light refreshments and networking to unpack and unwind. Butchulla/Kalkadoon performer Rochelle Pitt will offer a wonderful soundtrack for conversations and catching up with colleagues, friends and family.

**The reception will be held outside the Darwin Convention Centre main entrance.**

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## ARTIST MARKETPLACE

### DARWIN CONVENTION CENTRE

The Artist Marketplace will host a range of local artists showcasing and selling their products during the conference days.

**The Artist Marketplace will be located in the Exhibition Hall of the conference.**

## CONFERENCE GALA DINNER

**WEDNESDAY 19 JUNE 2019 • 7:00PM - 11:00PM**

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The highlight of the conference social program, the Gala Dinner will showcase Indigenous excellence. The Lowitja Institute Lifetime Achievement Award 2019 and the Lowitja Institute Emerging Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Researcher Award 2019 will be announced. Renowned Indigenous performers Electric Fields and The Merindas will headline a great night of celebration, entertainment, food and fun. The Darwin Convention Centre has developed a special seasonal menu inspired by the Gulumoerrgin seasons, showcasing local Indigenous produce.

**The gala dinner will be held at the Darwin Convention Centre in Hall 3 and 4.**

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## SOUNDSCAPE HUB

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#### Listening to Country

The aim of 'Listening to Country' is to explore the value of acoustic ecology in promoting cultural connection, maintenance and wellbeing among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women in prison. In early 2019, an interdisciplinary team of researchers worked with women in Brisbane Women's Correctional Centre (BWCC) to produce a 1-hour immersive audio work based on field recordings of natural environments (of country) for the purpose of stress relief and relaxation. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women are overrepresented in Australian prisons. The majority are mothers, experiencing the trauma associated with separation from family, community and country.

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# MASTERS OF CEREMONIES



## **BEN GRAETZ**

Ben Graetz is a local Darwin man and is a descendant of the Iwaidja and Malak Malak Clans in the Northern Territory and of Badu Island on the Torres Strait Islands of Australia.

He is interested in all elements of the performing arts and is keen to combine his creative talents to develop work that moves and challenges an audience. He is one of the Australia's finest performers, producer, director and writer, creating exciting work that is innovative and dynamic.



## **KEVIN KROPINYERI**

Kevin is one of Australia's most established and popular Aboriginal comedians with a long list of Australian TV credits. He is a proud Aboriginal man from the Ngarrindjeri Nation of the lower River Murray, Lakes and Coorong region in South Australia.

A high-energy performer, Kevin is sharp, likeable, silly and measured; mixing keen observational standup with joyfully ridiculous physical comedy. His engaging brand of comedy warmly invites both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal audiences to share his journey, his culture, his life.

Kevin is a regular feature on the mainstream corporate, club and festival circuits and a Melbourne International Comedy Festival Roadshow regular. He is a bona fide star of the Indigenous performing arts scene.



# PERFORMERS



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## ONE MOB DIFFERENT COUNTRY

One Mob Different Country is a program that has been operating out of the Darwin Correctional Centre (DCC) for approximately 12 years.

The program allows low-security Indigenous prisoners who have demonstrated good behaviour to take part in performing traditional Aboriginal dances at events - including community, government and not for profit organisations. The dancers have been given permission from the Elders of the Beswick and Barunga communities to perform certain dances and songs from that region. The name One Mob Different Country refers to the fact that the dancers themselves may come from different communities (different country) but they come together as a group to dance (as one mob). The dancers are not paid to perform. Instead the funds go to the Department of Correctional Services to support this enterprise program and others – for capacity building and creating a positive, sustainable future for those in the program.



## RICHARD “TJAPALJARRI” FEJO

Senior Aboriginal Cultural Educator. I am a Larrakia “Salt Water” man and recognised elder of my clan group (Larrakia ‘Fejo’ Clan Group) and a direct descendant of the Larrakia from my father and Grandfather in what culture calls, “Grandfather law”. My skin name is ‘Balang’ from the top end of the NT and ‘Tjapaltjarri’ from the Warramungu (Tennant Creek) region on my mother’s side.



## WARREN CORROWA

Warren is a musician and artist living in Darwin in the Northern Territory. Warren plays covers and originals at local corporate functions, charity events, weddings and clubs. Warren's second EP entitled *I was Me*, it followed on from his debut EP *Arafura Sky* in 2013. Produced at Masters Studios in Palmerston, Warren's new CD is honest and positive with a mixture of music genres from a big band sound on *New York* through to funk on his moving single *I still love you anyhow*. Warren has a relaxed view of the world, plays a lot of lawn bowls and likes to laugh lots with wife and friends.

## ROCHELLE PITT

Rochelle Pitt is a Butchulla/Kalkadoon and traditional owner of Quandamooka Nation who started singing and performing at a young age in the churches and choirs of Far North Queensland.

Her long journey has forged a powerful voice that celebrates the strength, beauty and love within all of us. In her early twenties, Rochelle had breakout success with her original tracks "Too Deadly My Sister" and "Black to Reality" from her seminal EP *Black to Reality*, an uplifting and inspirational ode to her First Nation people. The conviction of her live performances leaves audiences breathless, and in recent years Rochelle has found mainstream success as she went from nurse and mother, to star on Australia's *The X factor*.

Rochelle's newest EP, *Soul Mumma* was released in December 2017, and today she continues to enjoy performances across Australia at music festivals, community events and across the corporate sector. She is also proud ambassador for APRA AMCOS advocating for the rights of Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander singer/songwriters, and passionately supports organisations such as Kidney Health Australia.



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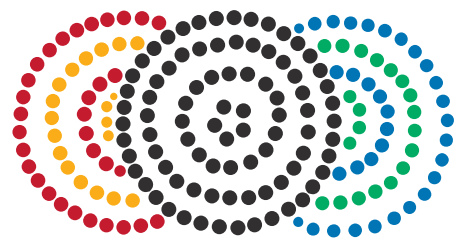


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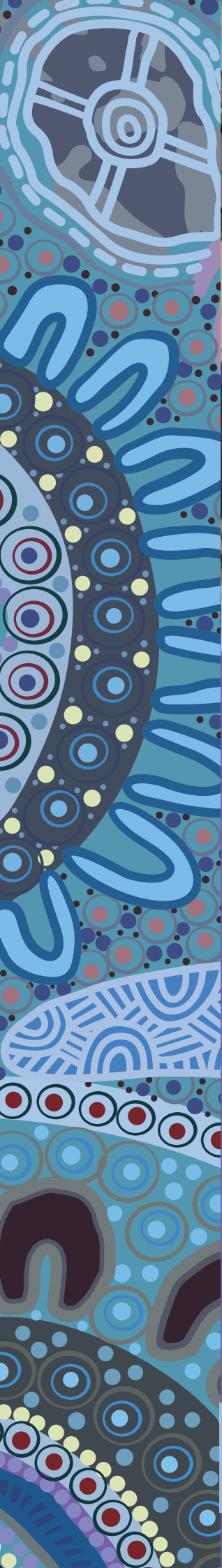
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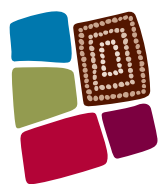
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