



NATSIHWA
National Aboriginal and Torres Strait
Islander Health Worker Association

A Decade of Footprints, Driving Recognition

9-10 October 2019
Alice Springs Convention Centre

**PROGRAM &
AGENDA**

Celebrating 10 years

Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander persons are advised that this document may contain images of people who have passed away.



10 Year Anniversary Conference

A Decade of Footprints, Driving Recognition



The National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Worker Association (NATSIHWA) and host of 'A Decade of Footprints Driving Recognition' Conference, is a well-established national peak body that supports Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Health Workers and Health Practitioners.

NATSIHWA is a national body governed by a Board of Directors comprising nine representatives from each State and Territory including the Torres Strait Islands. NATSIHWA focuses on supporting and representing our primary health care professionals, the Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Health Workers and Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Health Practitioners who work tirelessly to maximise health outcomes and close the gap in health outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

NATSIHWA's membership has continued to grow in numbers every year since establishment in 2009 with over 900 Full Members of its 1,900 total memberships spread throughout Australia. In addition to either Full or Associate membership, NATSIHWA has a valued list of registered 'Friends'.

Our Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Health Workers and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practitioners are a central workforce components at the frontline of primary health care within Australia's health care system. They play a vital role in providing professional, ethical and culturally safe primary health services to individuals, families and communities.

Our aim is for our delegates in attendance at NATSIHWA's 10 Year Anniversary Conference to actively engage with us in Reflecting on the Past, Highlighting Present Achievements and Envisioning the Future of NATSIHWA.

The Conference will include a hosted Welcome Reception with a Buffet Dinner wrapping up with a Gala Awards Dinner on the final evening on the 10th Oct.

Conferencing will be paired with two days of open Exhibition where delegates will be exposed to multiple networking opportunities.

Program

Pre-Conference | 8 October 2019

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
1400 – 1700	Registration	Ghan Foyer
	Exhibitors Bump in/Setup	MacDonnell Room AB

Day 1 | 9 October 2019

	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
	0700 – 0800	Exhibitors Gain Access	MacDonnell Room AB
	0800 – 0900	Delegate Registration	Ghan Foyer
	0900 – 0925	Smoking Ceremony & Welcome to Country	Courtyard
	0925 – 0940	Opening Statements	Ellery Room
	0940 – 0955	Minister Address – Impact of Health Workers and/or Health Practitioners	Ellery Room
	0955 – 1015	Keynote – Donna Ah Chee	Ellery Room
	1015 – 1045	Coalition of Peaks Update	Ellery Room
	1045 – 1115	MORNING TEA	MacDonnell Room AB
PAST	1115 – 1145	Keynote – Jennifer Poelina	Ellery Room
	1145 – 1230	Founding Member Panel Discussion	Ellery Room
	1230 – 1330	LUNCH proudly sponsored by CARPA	MacDonnell Room AB
	1300 – 1315	Lunchtime Mini Keynote – CARPA	MacDonnell Room AB
PRESENT	1330 – 1400	Good News Story – Jeannie Campbell	Ellery Room
	1400 – 1430	Keynote – Dr Chelsea Bond	Ellery Room
	1430 – 1510	Yarn on Systemic Racism – Janine Mohamed and Dr Chelsea Bond	Ellery Room
	1510 – 1530	AFTERNOON TEA	MacDonnell Room AB
	1530 – 1600	Keynote – Shaun Tatipata	Ellery Room
	1600 – 1630	Staying Strong in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health and Human Services – Robert Dann	Ellery Room
	1630 – 1700	NATSIHWA Key Updates	Ellery Room
	1700 – 2100	Welcome Dinner	Courtyard
	1700	Delegates to arrive	
	1715	Housekeeping/Welcome	
	1720 – 1750	Silver Sponsor RACGP presentation	
	1800	Main Buffet Served	
	1915	Overview for Day Two Offsite Visit	
	1930	Dessert Buffet Served	
	1930 – 2100	Networking	



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Day 2 | 10 October 2019

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION	
0600 – 0700	Morning Wellness Session	Walk to Botanic Gardens	
0730 - 0745	Purple House – coach boarding	Ghan Foyer	
0830 – 0930	Purple House Experience – Group 1 (20pax)	Purple House	
0800 – 0930	Exhibition Open	MacDonnell AB	
0940	Purple House Delegates return	Ghan Foyer	
0940 – 0945	Acknowledgment to Country	Ellery Room	
0945 - 1015	MORNING TEA	MacDonnell AB	
1015 – 1030	Board Coaches and Depart to offsite visits	Ghan Foyer	
1030 – 1230	Desert Park Cultural Experience x 2 Groups	Desert Park Alice Springs	
1030 – 1230	Purple House Experience – Group 2 (20pax)	Purple House	
1245	Return to Alice Springs Convention Centre	Ghan Foyer	
1245 – 1415	LUNCH proudly sponsored by AMSANT	MacDonnell AB	
1300 – 1315	Lunchtime Mini Keynote – AMSANT	MacDonnell AB	
1315 – 1415	AGM – NATSIHWA Full Members ONLY	Ellery Room	
FUTURE	1415 – 1445	Keynote – Isaiah Dawe	Ellery Room
	1445 – 1530	Keynote – Janine Mohamed	Ellery Room
	1530 – 1600	MC Close	Ellery Room
1600	AFTERNOON TEA	MacDonnell AB	
1730 – Late	Gala Dinner	Offsite Location	
1730	Delegates board coach for offsite Gala Dinner		
1830 – 1840	Acknowledgment to Country and overview of the Desert Park		
1840 – 1900	Formal Founding Members Acknowledgement		
1900 – 1945	Dinner entertainment to commence		
1945 – 2100	Formalities/Awards/Scholarship Presentations		
2100	Early departure opportunity		
2100	Band to commence		
2300	Evening to conclude, board coach to return to Alice Springs Convention Centre		

Purple House Tickets are strictly limited to 20 delegates per visit due to the capacity of the venue. Desert Park visit is for all remaining delegates to attend. For those attending the Purple House there will be an overview of the Desert Park at our Gala Dinner.



Silver Sponsor

Royal Australian College of General Practitioners

The Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP) is Australia's largest general practice organisation, representing over 40,000 members working in or toward a career in general practice. The RACGP advocates for affordable, equitable and safe access to high-quality health services, which facilitate the best possible health outcomes for all Australians.

RACGP Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health ('the Faculty') was formed in 2010 to raise awareness of the health needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. With over 9,000 members, either working in the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander healthcare sector or who have a passion and interest in this area, the Faculty undertakes a range of activities to improve Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health outcomes, including:

- developing guidelines and resources for GPs and health professionals
- delivering education and training
- advocating on issues relating to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health
- celebrating Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture and achievements by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander GPs, registrars and medical students.



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The Lowitja Institute

The Lowitja Institute is Australia's national institute for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health research, named in honour of its Patron, Dr Lowitja O'Donoghue AC CBE DSG. It works for the health and wellbeing of Australia's First Peoples through quality research, knowledge translation, and by supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander researchers. It operates on key principles of Indigenous leadership, a broader understanding of health that incorporates wellbeing, and the need for the work to have a clear and positive impact.





Purple House

We are Western Desert Nganampa Walytja Palyantjaku Tjutaku Aboriginal Corporation. People call us the Purple House. We are Pintupi/ Luritja people from the Western Desert region of the Northern Territory and Western Australia.

We raised a million dollars in November 2000 with our art centre Papunya Tula Artists to try to get a dialysis machine in Kintore so that family could be looked after on country. We did this and then other remote Aboriginal communities asked us for help. We helped them too where we could.

Today we have dialysis centres in 16 communities and are building more. We also have our Purple Truck, a two chair dialysis clinic on wheels. We run aged care services, a school nutrition program and a social enterprise making bush balms using bush medicines.

We are very proud of what we have achieved. We keep our families close and we keep our culture and language strong.

Walytja= Family

Ngurra= Country

Tjukurrpa= Dreaming

Kuunyi = Compassion



Desert Park

Alice Springs Desert Park is an inspiring portrayal of Australia's desert environment that effortlessly blends the plants, animals and people of our arid regions.

In the space of just a few hours, visitors can discover hundreds of species of plants and animals found across Central Australian deserts. Over the course of NATSIHWA's visit, visitors of both groups will experience a guided walk to the Amphitheatre for a 30 minute Cultural Presentation, on departing the amphitheatre they will then be immersed in the Changing Heart Big Screen Movie, prior to departure Delegates will have the opportunity to explore the gift shop.

Desert Park is the Cultural Visit included in the \$100.00 registration fee, those who are visiting Purple House during this time, don't worry you won't miss out, we are heading back to the Desert Park for our Award Gala Dinner.





Master of Ceremonies



Dr Mark Bin Bakar

Mark Bin Bakar is a multi talented person who brings many skills and experience to whatever he endeavours to put his name to. He has been responsible for the creation and development of a number of prominent indigenous Arts organisations in Western Australia. He has played an intricate part in the development of Indigenous artists and is a committed advocate to the promotion and development of Indigenous musicians and songwriters and arts in general. Mark was also the founder of the highly acclaimed Stompem Ground Festival televised live on ABCTV nationally three times and he is also a founding director of Goolarri Media in Broome.

Mark has also been working in the film and video industry for a number of years and it is generally acknowledged that Mark's talents as a musician, songwriter, sound engineer, broadcaster, filmmaker and arts manager are an invaluable asset to the artistic direction of the region and more importantly to the Indigenous community as a whole. Mark also sits on the Australian Film Television and Radio School Board in Sydney. Mark is committed to a better education for his people as he believes that we need to overcome our adversities. Mark has been asked on several occasions to address Year 11 and 12 Indigenous students at Careers Expos in Perth on the importance of furthering their tertiary education as he is a committed advocate for youth to take every opportunity to make a difference for the wider Indigenous community.

Mark is also passionate about the collation of Oral history of elders throughout the country on video for archival purposes. He is presently a director for the Kimberley Stolen Generation Corporation and also a member of the National Stolen Generation Alliance. He spoke in the great Hall of Parliament leading up to the National Apology to the Stolen Generations and also played a intricate part in getting the Apology delivered by Prime Minister Kevin Rudd. Mark was also the keynote speaker in response to Pope John Paul the 2nd, 20 years anniversary of his visit and speech made in Alice Springs.

Mark is also a recipient of an *Amnesty International Medallion Recipient 2005 for his Contribution to Human Rights. He received a high commendation for the HREOC Human Rights Medal. He was also WA Australian of the Year 2008 and also the National Indigenous Person of the year 2007. Mark also created that delicious woman Mary G and have done 3 TV shows that featured on SBSTV, continues a 3 hour live National Radio Show the Mary G Show and its continually in demand and in transit travelling throughout the country performing as Mary G.*

He is a recipient of the prestigious title of honorary doctorate by Edith Cowen University.



Keynote Speakers



Donna Ah Chee

CEO of Central Australian Aboriginal Congress (Congress)

Donna Ah Chee is the CEO of Central Australian Aboriginal Congress (Congress), an Aboriginal community-controlled primary health care service employing over 400 staff to deliver integrated services in Alice Springs and six nearby remote communities.

A Bundgalung woman from the far north coast of New South Wales who has lived in Alice Springs for over 30 years, Donna is married to a local Yankunytjatjara/Arrernte man and together they have three children.

Donna holds directorships on the board of the Aboriginal Medical Services Alliance of the NT (AMSANT), the National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO) and the NT Primary Health Network (NTPHN).

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



Jennifer Poelina

Jenny Poelina, born in Derby, Western Australia is a Nykina woman who has 4 daughters, 7 grandchildren and she lives in Broome, WA. Jenny has worked in Aboriginal health since the mid 70's, first in the acute arena then in Aboriginal Primary Health Care since. She worked in clinics and program areas and managed remote area clinics with Kimberley Aboriginal Medical Services Council Inc (KAMSC Inc). She has been involved in training for Aboriginal Health Workers (AHWs) since 1987 as a guest lecturer and was the Senior Manager for the Centre for Aboriginal Primary Health Care Training Education and Research (CAPTER) from 2002 to 2014.

Jenny also represents KAMSC Inc on number of National Industry Reference Groups that are involved in the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Worker competencies. Jenny was nominated to represent AHWs in the Kimberley AMSs on the State AHW Certification Panel in 1987 to discuss AHW training, awards and employment issues. In 1996 she was one of the key players for the amendment of the WA AMSE Award. In 2003 Jenny was nominated as the chairperson for the Interim Steering Committee working towards having a WA AHW Association. The WA AHW Association was incorporated in late 2005.

Jenny is very passionate about the development of the professionalisation of AHWs ensuring AHW students have quality training, she not only co-ordinates the program but delivers training both in the classroom and on the job. She is a valued colleague and peer. Jenny was the Chairperson for NATSIHWA for 5 years and was the Western Australian member on the Registration Board for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practitioner (APRAH) for 4 years. She has work diligently for the betterment of our people's health.



Dr Chelsea Bond

Dr Chelsea Bond is an Aboriginal (Munanjahli) and South Sea Islander Australian and a Senior Research Fellow within the School of Social Science at The University of Queensland. Chelsea has worked as an Aboriginal Health Worker and researcher in communities across south-east Queensland for the past 20 years and has a strong interest in interpreting and privileging Indigenous experiences of the health system including critically examining the role of Aboriginal health workers, the narratives of Indigeneity produced within public health, advocating for strength based community development approaches to Indigenous health promotion practice and examining how race and racism continue to operate across the health system.



Shaun Tatipata

Manager, Indigenous Australia Program, The Fred Hollows Foundation

Shaun Tatipata is a descendant of the Wuthathi people with family connections on his mother's side to the Ngarrindjeri. 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 of The Fred Hollows Foundation's Indigenous Australia Program. Shaun trained as an Aboriginal Health Worker in 2001 and since graduating, he has gained experience delivering primary health care services and implementing outreach programs in both the Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Sector and with jurisdictional governments across the country. Shaun's interests and expertise include strengthening service coordination through improved leadership and governance and advancing the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practitioner professions.



Isaiah Dawe

Isaiah is a Butchulla and Gawara salt water man. Butchulla of Fraser Island, Hervey Bay and Gawara of the Northern Territory, his skin name is Yakamarri.

Isaiah was the winner of the 2017 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander TAFE NSW student of the year and was also the TAFE NSW student graduate of the year, being the first Indigenous person to do so. Isaiah has represented Australia in America a part of 9 young Indigenous Leaders chosen by National Congress of Australia's first Peoples. Isaiah was a part of the first Aboriginal team to sail in the prestigious Sydney to Hobart Yacht race and the Sydney to Gold Coast race, Isaiah was recently selected by Prime Minister and Cabinet to attend the World Indigenous Business Conference in New Zealand. Isaiah is a strong advocate for Indigenous children in foster care and showing them that "it's not what you know, it's what you do that matters". Isaiah is currently the CEO / Founder of the first Aboriginal mentoring company to support Aboriginal young people in Out of Home Care in New South Wales called - ID. Know Yourself.



Janine Mohamed

Chief Executive Officer, The Lowitja Institute

Janine Mohamed is a proud Narrunga Kurna woman from South Australia. Over the past 20 years, she has worked in nursing, management, project management, and workforce and health policy in the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health sector. Many of these years have been spent in the Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Sector at state, national and international levels, most recently as the CEO at the Congress of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Nurses and Midwives (CATSINaM). Internationally, Janine has been a delegate at the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues on two occasions. She is now based in Melbourne where she is the CEO of the Lowitja Institute. Janine was awarded a 2019 Atlantic Fellows for Social Equity Fellowship.



Jeannie Campbell

Jeannie lives in Ti Tree working as a Senior Aboriginal Health Practitioner in Child Health at the Ti Tree Health Centre. Prior to Jeannie's role at the Ti Tree Health Centre she was General Aboriginal Health Practitioner at Ti Tree Clinic, with training in Maternity and Remote Emergency and Giving Vaccines. Other courses she has completed are Healthy under 5, Partnering and Families short Course and Health Promotion Short Course, Jeannie uses this training and knowledge to help her people and advocate for their needs and wishes. She is also very passionate about the Ti Tree Anaemia Project and Anmatjere Playgroup for 0-4years old young children.

“What advice would you give young people, if they are interested in becoming an Aboriginal Health Practitioner? I would say, ‘Go for it’. Follow your dreams and don’t let anyone stop you from doing something you like or want to challenge”.



Lunch Supporter



The Central Australia Rural Practitioners Association (CARPA)

The Central Australia Rural Practitioners Association (CARPA) supports primary health care in remote Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australia. CARPA develop resources, supports education and professional development. CARPA contributes to the governance of the Remote Primary Health Care Manuals suite. Visit our website at www.carpa.com.au.

The presentation will raise awareness of a health promotion video, Vaccine Story, that tells the story of a vaccine's journey from a supply centre to administration in a remote Aboriginal community in a novel, engaging and culturally appropriate manner.

Vaccine Story is aimed at anyone involved in the process of transporting vaccines to remote communities. Its purpose is to raise awareness of the need to maintain the cold chain and the threats to the cold chain, including recognition of environmental, organisational and logistical challenges associated with getting vaccines to remote communities. The video highlights the additional risks associated with transporting vaccines to remote communities as a stimulus for people involved in the process to seek clarification and ask questions. An explanation of how vaccines work is provided in plain English to give the message significance. This is why you should care that the esky is packed correctly or why you should check a Bush Bus is going to the community on a particular day.

The effectiveness of many vaccines is dependent on correct storage. Recent research in Central Australia highlighted questions regarding the integrity of the vaccine cold chain to remote Aboriginal communities. The Vaccine Story video addresses some of these concerns through a strengthening of the understanding of the importance of the cold chain among those involved in the transportation and storage of temperature sensitive vaccines. In doing so this will attempt to mitigate the doubts of health care staff and end users regarding breaches of the cold chain.



The Aboriginal Medical Services Alliance Northern Territory (AMSANT)

The Aboriginal Medical Services Alliance Northern Territory (AMSANT) is the peak body for Aboriginal community controlled health services (ACCHSs) in the Northern Territory, which are the largest providers of primary health care to Aboriginal people. AMSANT was established in 1994 to support members and provide leadership in Aboriginal health. AMSANT is a partner, along with the Australian and Northern Territory governments, in the Northern Territory Aboriginal Health Forum, and is an affiliate of the National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO).

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