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Aboriginal Drug & Alcohol Network Symposium

The 3rd NSW Aboriginal Drug and Alcohol Network (ADAN) Symposium was held at the Citigate Sebel Resort, on the Central Coast of NSW at the end of May. This three day Symposium was organised by the AH&MRC in partnership with NSW Health and the Office for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health (OATSIH). ADAN provides an opportunity for Aboriginal Drug and Alcohol workers from around the State to network, and receive information about developments in the drug and alcohol field in NSW.

Thirty eight Aboriginal Drug and Alcohol workers from across NSW attended the Symposium, including workers from Drug and Alcohol Rehabilitation Centres, Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services, Area Health Services, the NSW Merit Program (Magistrate Early Referral in Treatment) and Link Up NSW.

The Symposium provided a forum for presentations by the Aboriginal Drug and Alcohol workers. This is an integral part of ADAN, allowing Aboriginal Drug and Alcohol workers to find out what is happening on the ground in communities around NSW, and setting the stage to

look at issues facing Aboriginal Drug and Alcohol workers in their communities.

The networking in and around the allotted breaks at the Symposium provided a good opportunity to share stories and hear what is going on in other communities.

Over the three day Symposium the Aboriginal Drug and Alcohol workers heard presentations from drug and alcohol professionals, and were also provided with current prevention, treatment, care and management information pertaining to the drug and alcohol sector.

There was also a chance to update the membership of the ADAN (Aboriginal Drug and Alcohol Network) Leadership Group. The final presentation by the AH&MRC, included an overview of the symposium and thanks to all presenters and participants for their effort and input.

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From the Chair

It is my pleasure, on behalf of the AH&MRC Board of Directors to write this foreword to the first edition of the AH&MRC Newsletter. As the peak body in Aboriginal health in NSW, the AH&MRC has an important role in keeping our members, partners and others working in our field, informed of relevant events, matters of policy and practice and other items of interest. It is also very important in our current environment that information is disseminated quickly and widely.

As many of you would know, the AH&MRC has been operating since the mid-1980's to support its member Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services throughout NSW. Over the years since then, the AH&MRC has achieved a great deal, much of which could not have happened without the commitment and involvement of our members and their staff. I would like to acknowledge the many dedicated people in the Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Sector who have contributed their knowledge and time to the development of culturally appropriate Aboriginal health policy and programs in this state.

As the Chairperson of the AH&MRC I would also

like to thank the Secretariat for their hard work and commitment to the membership. As you will read in this and coming editions, the AH&MRC membership has grown considerably over the years and the programs AH&MRC now manages reflect this growth.

Finally, it is timely that I also announce that after nearly 14 years of being located at George Street Redfern, the AH&MRC will be moving at the end of September 2006. New premises are being sought in the Redfern or nearby areas. Members will be notified and details will be made available on the AH&MRC website shortly.

I hope you enjoy catching up on the news in this and future editions of the AH&MRC Newsletter. Please remember that this is also a newsletter to which our membership is encouraged to contribute.

Yours in Unity
Frank Vincent, Chairperson 🖐️



Mr Frank Vincent

From the CEO

Hello and welcome to the AH&MRC Newsletter. In the interests of keeping everyone better informed in matters about the AH&MRC, we plan to have four editions each year, available in both hard copy and via the AH&MRC website www.ahmrc.org.au. We are also seeking your suggestions for an appropriate name for future editions.

As well as providing information on Aboriginal health policy, programs and events, the AH&MRC would like to profile our Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services, their programs and good news stories in future publications. As you will see from our website, the AH&MRC offers members support in many areas including education, ethics, consultancy, research, management, governance, finance, incorporation, workforce, health promotion, and public health. Through the Newsletter we will provide updates and further details on developments and

achievements as they take place. Your suggestions and any feedback with regard to content are welcomed.

Over the next few months staff of the AH&MRC will be extremely busy preparing for a number of key events being organised by us, and in partnership with other organisations. Of particular note are: the delivery of four short courses in Alcohol and Other Drugs working within Aboriginal communities around the state; our AH&MRC Annual General Meeting and Conference; the Collaborative Centre for Aboriginal Health Promotion Strategic Planning Day and Inaugural Forum; and regional Chronic Disease workshops being held across NSW.

If you would like further information please do not hesitate to contact us here at the AH&MRC ahmrc@ahmrc.org.au

PS: Don't forget to send us your suggestions!

Sandra Bailey, Chief Executive Officer 🖐️



Ms Sandra Bailey
AH&MRC CEO

The Study of Environment, Aboriginal Resilience and Child Health (SEARCH)

Preparations are underway for a major study designed to help us learn more about the health and wellbeing of Aboriginal children living in urban communities in NSW. The Study of Environment, Aboriginal Resilience and Child Health (SEARCH) will be the largest study of Aboriginal child health ever to be conducted in this state. About 800 families with 2000 children will participate in the study.

SEARCH is led by AH&MRC, Aboriginal Medical Services (AMSs), and the Sax Institute. It will be conducted at six AMSs located in urban or large regional centres.

There are four main components of the SEARCH program:

1. Focus groups;
2. Baseline survey;
3. Intervention studies and
4. Follow up interviews.

The focus groups are designed to find out community views about factors, which help make Aboriginal children, families and communities strong. Focus groups are being conducted at each participating AMS, with several already completed.

Baseline surveys, focusing on priorities identified by Aboriginal communities, will begin at the end of 2006. They will focus primarily on healthy environments and selected child health problems. A healthy environment is one which has quality housing, is safe and has care providers who are physically and mentally healthy. The *child health problems* SEARCH will focus on are: injury; otitis media (glue ear); vaccinations; mental health;

asthma; and risk factors for chronic diseases such as diabetes.

Initially, two intervention studies are planned as part of SEARCH. These will investigate the potential of a 'health broker', who will work closely with families and communities over time, to address underlying social and environmental determinants of health. The interventions will focus on two areas highlighted by communities as being of particular importance; otitis media and housing.

Families will be interviewed each year to create knowledge about changes to the health and wellbeing of Aboriginal children over time, and the factors which shape health. SEARCH information will improve the description of patterns of health risk among Aboriginal children and help with early diagnosis and treatment interventions in NSW. SEARCH will also improve understanding of the factors that promote resilience amongst Aboriginal children and families.

For further information contact Anna Williamson, SEARCH Study Manager, P: 02 9514 5971
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“SEARCH will be the largest study of Aboriginal child health ever to be conducted in NSW”

Aboriginal Health College

In 2002 the AH&MRC established the Aboriginal Health College, to offer education and research services focused on, and driven by, the needs of Aboriginal communities in NSW. The College currently delivers learning programs on a distance education basis. Additional programs are currently being developed.



An artists impression of the College

Education and Training Courses

- Diploma in Community Services (Case Management - with a focus on Aboriginal Sexual Health). Collaborative development with NSW Department of Health.
- Eye Health Care Skills Set – three competency-based modules to upgrade workplace capacity of Aboriginal Health Workers for eye care planning and referral. Collaborative development with University of NSW.
- Aboriginal Health Worker Clinical Stream: Certificate III, Certificate IV, Diploma, Advanced Diploma: development of course materials in line with national competency standards.
- Certificate IV in Workplace Training and Assessment - to develop a 'competency mapping gap' against national competency standards in the Clinical/Practice stream.
- Diploma of Community Services (with a focus on Aboriginal Dual Diagnosis) (Semester II-2007/08)
- Diploma in Drug and Alcohol - collaborative development with Sydney University.
- Certificate IV in Frontline Management – for supervisory staff working in Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services.
- Diploma in Business (Management) – for CEOs and senior managers of Aboriginal Medical Services.
- Statement of Attainment in Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) Work*
- Certificate III in Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) Work* (Semester I-2007/08)
- Certificate IV in Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) Work* (Semester II-2007) – *for AOD workers in Aboriginal Medical Services and NSW Health Department/ Area Health Services. This is a joint project by AH&MRC/ Aboriginal Health College with NSW TAFE.
- Heart Health Skills Set for Aboriginal Health Workers – a competency based program developed and licensed by the National Heart Foundation of Australia. Other "skills set" programs will be developed around Ear Health and Chronic Disease.
- Certificate IV and Diploma in Mental Health/Emotional and Social Well Being – development of these programs is awaiting completion of a review of the Commonwealth's current program activities in this field. 🙌

AH&MRC Chronic Disease Workshops

The AH&MRC has been working with the Alliance of NSW Divisions of General Practice and Medicare Australia to develop and run regional Chronic Disease workshops for member Services around NSW, focused on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Adult Health Checks. These follow a successful pilot workshop held in Dubbo on 1-2 May 2006. Workshops have been held in

Port Macquarie and Armidale, and are planned for

- Wollongong (28–29 September)
- Wagga Wagga (2–3 November).

If you would like more information about the workshops, please contact Sid Williams, AH&MRC Chronic disease Workshop Coordinator:
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2006 NSW Woman of the Year!

Professor Sandra Eades, has been named the 2006 NSW Woman of the Year, in recognition of her work in identifying links between social factors such as housing and infant health.

Professor Eades is a Senior Research Fellow in Aboriginal Health at The Sax Institute, and Conjoint Professor, School of Medical Practice, University of Newcastle. She is the only Indigenous medical practitioner with a PhD currently engaged in health research.

Professor Eades is currently the appointed scientific director and co-investigator of the Study of Environment Aboriginal Resilience and Child Health (SEARCH, see p3) a

national leading study following the health of 2000 urban Aboriginal children as they grow up in NSW. She was also Principal Investigator on the WA Aboriginal Child Health Survey and was particularly instrumental in engaging WA Aboriginal community linkages for this study and refining survey instruments in the developmental phase of the study.

Professor Eades was a member of the NH&MRC Research Committee for the 2003-2005 Triennium and co-Chairs the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Working Committee. In 2005, Professor Eades was awarded a 'Deadly Award' for outstanding achievement in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health. 🙌



Professor Sandra Eades

Upcoming NSW Aboriginal Health Worker Conference

In September 2006 approximately 300 Aboriginal Health Workers from both Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services and Area Health Services will converge in Sydney for the NSW Aboriginal Sate Health Workers Conference. The State Conference is an initiative of the NSW Health Department, the Office for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health (OATSIH) and the AH&MRC.

In the past, Aboriginal Health Worker conferences have been very successful and have provided Health Workers with the opportunity to network extensively, share best practice, receive up to date and valued information, and share in the benefit of presentations from keynote speakers. These opportunities are particularly valued by workers from remote and isolated communities .

The purposes of the 2006 Conference are to:

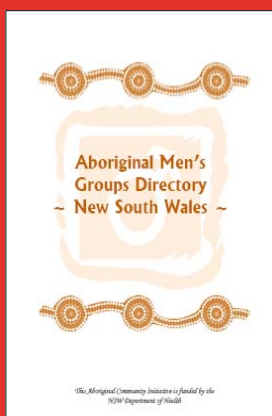
1. Establish a unified perspective on

health and workforce issues to take to the national conference.

2. Strengthen partnership and cohesive working relationships between Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Service staff and Area Health Service staff.
3. Ensure that the current Aboriginal health workforce is aware of emerging health and workforce issues
4. Identify and plan future directions in Aboriginal health and workforce
5. Provide networking and information sharing opportunities
6. Showcase best practice in Aboriginal health and workforce
7. Allow for discussion and planning across all Aboriginal health issues

Further information can be obtained from the Aboriginal Workforce Development Unit at NSW Health, OATSIH or the AH&MRC. 🙌

"Approximately 300 Aboriginal Health Workers will converge in Sydney "



The Aboriginal Men's Groups Directory

"The directory is useful in networking all of the Aboriginal men's groups across NSW"



NSW Aboriginal Men's Health Project Web Page & Directory Launch

The launch of the NSW Aboriginal Men's Health Project web-page and Directory was held on Wednesday 14 June 2006 at the Redfern Community Centre. This event marked the completion of the first stage of the NSW Aboriginal Men's Health Project. This initiative was funded by the NSW Department of Health and aims to highlight some of the positive work occurring every day across New South Wales by Aboriginal men to improve health outcomes for themselves, their families and their communities.

The Aboriginal Men's Health Directory has been achieved by mapping out initiatives conducted by Aboriginal men across New South Wales. It is available both electronically and as a hard copy. The Directory enables Aboriginal men to see what Aboriginal men from other communities are doing and what may be of use to them within their own communities. The Directory is useful in networking all of the Aboriginal men's groups across NSW and providing information about programs that are working to improve the health of Aboriginal communities.

We welcome information from any new groups or organisations wishing to be included in the Directory. Users

of listed groups or organisations listed in this directory who are aware of any changes are asked to notify the AH&MRC Aboriginal Men's Health Project Officer to ensure corrections are made.

The project provides support to Men's Health group's across NSW and enables them to maintain and improve their effectiveness. One strategy for providing information for these groups is through the internet (<http://www.ahmrc.org.au/AMH/AMH.htm>). Some of the resources available on this website are:

- Support for program planning
- Writing proposals
- Conducting evaluations and
- Pointers to seek funds to conduct Aboriginal Men's Health programs.

The Aboriginal Men's Health Project will keep refining these web-pages to ensure it provides useful, up to date information and support.

For further information about the NSW Aboriginal Men's Health Project please contact the Aboriginal Men's Health Project Officer at the AH&MRC: |
P: 02 9698 1099
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Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander health and welfare statistics 2005

Good quality data is useful to assess the effectiveness of programs and interventions, and to evaluate policies that are designed to improve the health of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

This report about health and welfare statistics is an addition to 'The health

and welfare of Australia's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples 2005', and has been jointly prepared by The Australian Institute of Health and Welfare and the Australian Bureau of Statistics.

The report can be viewed or printed for free at:

<http://www.aihw.gov.au/publications/index.cfm/title/10251> 📧

'Understanding research' - workshop report

The AH&MRC in partnership with the Consortium for Social and Policy Research on HIV, Hepatitis C and Related Diseases has been conducting a three phase program aimed at building the capacity of Aboriginal Sexual Health workers in the field of research.

Following the success of the first phase (held in Mudgee in March 2005) the project's second phase was held in Sydney in May 2006 and involved fifteen Aboriginal Sexual Health Workers .

Day one began with a workshop titled "Understanding Research for Aboriginal Health Workers". It re-introduced participants to published works and the differences between qualitative and quantitative research methods. Participants also explored various social research in the fields of HIV, Hepatitis C, Sexually Transmitted Infections and injecting drug use.

Day two was held at the National Centre in HIV Social Research. This session aimed to provide information and direction around building a research proposal, focusing on concepts used in the construction of a research proposal:

Day three was held at the AH&MRC and was entitled "Developing

Research Tools and Ethics Applications for Aboriginal Health Workers". The morning session was led by Professor Sandra Eades and focused on the research process and the importance of research for Aboriginal communities. Professor Eades also discussed her personal experiences and challenges during her time and role as a researcher. The afternoon session was used to reflect and discuss the previous two days training and its content. As a final exercise and lead up for the third phase the group discussed the project and workshopped ideas and concerns that need to be considered when conducting a planned research project.

Overall the second phase of the research project was highly successful. Comments and feedback from both the participants and facilitators expressed confidence that the tools and methods presented through the workshops will enable the Health Workers to employ these skills in their work in general, and in the area of research should the opportunity arise.

For further details on this program please contact: Sarina Solar, AH&MRC,
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A three day workshop on understanding research was held with a group of Aboriginal Sexual Health Workers

CCAHP Forums

The Collaborative Centre for Aboriginal Health Promotion (CCAHP) is planning to host a number of high profile Health Promotion Forums, with the first being convened in October 2006. The aim of the Forums are to profile Aboriginal health promotion, highlight new evidence in Aboriginal health promotion, raise the profile of the CCAHP, as well as provide a space for dialogue on issues regarding Aboriginal health promotion.

Funding has been made available from key partner organisations including the Cancer Institute, the NSW Cancer Council and the National Heart Foundation to help support ACCHS and rural and remote staff to attend the forums. For further information about funding, contact James Ward (jward@ahmrc.org.au)

For further information about the forums please watch the CCAHP website www.ccahp.org.au

"The Smoking Cessation/ Tobacco Control Forum will be held on October 18, 2006."

Member Service Profile: Tharawal Aboriginal Corporation



"I also believe strongly that there is nothing that cannot be done – something can always be done!"

Tharawal Aboriginal Corporation was established in 1983, and provides medical, dental and social services and programs to Aboriginal communities in the Campbelltown region of NSW.

Tharawal now has a lot of programs and services, including: Medical; Dental; Eye clinics, diabetes clinics, acupuncture clinics, podiatry clinics and dietician talks; Men's health group; Antenatal clinics, maternal health and early intervention programs, home visiting, parenting workshops, immunization, visiting paediatrician; Child care; Adult Health Checks and Care Plans; GP registrar placements; Exercise classes, line dancing, Heart moves; Social & Emotional Wellbeing Program including mental health, Drug & Alcohol, Bringing Them Home Counsellor, counselling and clinical psychologist services; Healthy For Life, Otitis Media and Sexual Health programs; Voucher services,

assistance with electricity, gas, telephone and emergency relief; transport.

Tharawal is looking to the future and making long term plans – working on getting the service where they want it to be by 2020. Some things Tharawal wants for the future are: more outposts - improving services to the outer communities; employing a dental therapist with a children's dental program; providing a brokerage service in some communities; having a better IT service; better training for staff; looking at being more self reliant; creating a voluntary service program; Working on a great Elders program; having a better Youth program; providing new office space with better equipment; providing more traineeships for youth; working with schools to encourage Aboriginal students to look at long term careers in health, doctors, dentist etc; having a child psychologist on board; having a better transport system. 🙌

Congratulations to Christine Corby!

Christine Corby AOM, Chief Executive Officer of Walgett AMS and AH&MRC Board member, was honoured with a Hall of Fame Award in the 2006 NSW Health Aboriginal Health Awards.

Christine has lived in Walgett for the past 31 years. She has overseen the growth and development of the Walgett Aboriginal Medical Service since its establishment 20 years ago.

The Hall of Fame Award recognises Christine's tireless commitment and dedication to improving the health and welfare of Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people in Walgett, her strong advocacy and promotion of rural communities, as well as her outstanding contribution at Regional, State and National levels on behalf of all Aboriginal people. 🙌



**Christine Corby
and Ken Wyatt, Director
of the Centre for
Aboriginal Health**

Aboriginal Eye Care




The AH&MRC manages an Aboriginal Eye Care Program in partnership with the International Centre for Eye Care Education (ICEE). The Program has established clinics through AMSs at 70 metropolitan, rural and remote locations.

The program delivers three levels of service:

- Aboriginal Eye Health Coordinators (trained by ICEE) conduct screening and educate others in screening techniques.
- People referred from screenings or health services are examined by an optometrist.
- Ophthalmologist services, including ophthalmic surgery, are provided at regional hospitals.

“Since the ICEE/AHMRC Eye care Program commenced with its first one-day clinic at Walgett in December 1999, more than 9,000 eye examinations have been conducted by ICEE optometrists and more than 8,000 pairs of glasses, low vision aids and contact lenses have been supplied through the NSW Government spectacle program.

It is recommended everyone sees an optometrist regularly throughout your life as eyes and vision change. For further information regarding eye clinics please contact ICEE on 02 9385 7435 or the AH&MRC on P: 02 9698 1099 or E: ahmrc@ahmrc.org.au

Further details of this program can also be obtained from the AH&MRC website W: www.ahmrc.org.au 

“see an optometrist regularly throughout your life”

Diabetes series available free on DVD & video

The Rural Health Education Foundation has made available a series of three programs on diabetes on DVD and VHS video.

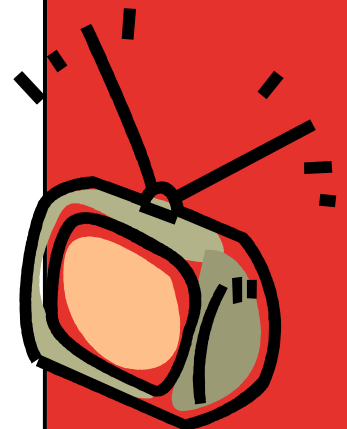
This free offer is provided with support from the Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing, as part of its aim to improve the prevention, detection, diagnosis and treatment of diabetes by delivering key educational materials to GPs and other health professionals.

The three programs are:

- [Type 1 Diabetes](#) (program 510, 13 September 2005)

- [Taking Action to Prevent Diabetes](#) (program 317, 18 November 2003)
- [Diabetes: Identifying and Treating the Complications](#) (program 304, 18 March 2003)

To order your free DVD or VHS video set (one set per person or organisation within Australia), email rhef@rhef.com.au, or ring 02 6232 5480, specifying your preferred format, your name, organisation, postal address, contact telephone number and/or email address. For more information on this offer visit www.rhef.com.au/news/060307/060307.html 



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AH&MRC Consultancy Service

The AH&MRC Consultancy Service is a business unit of the AH&MRC, answerable to its Board. The Consultancy Service is able to undertake projects, research and consultancies of significance, aimed at improving the health and wellbeing of Aboriginal people in NSW.

The Consultancy Service includes in-house specialists and external associates who can produce culturally sensitive, well researched, innovative and professionally presented solutions and responses aimed at improving health outcomes for Aboriginal people in NSW.

The Consultancy Team has proficiency and experience in all aspects of consultancy work including: preparation of extensive reports; conducting research and surveys; providing advice; facilitating education workshops;

organising conferences with a state wide focus; and preparing submissions.

Clients include ACCHSs, the Office of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health (OATSIH), the NSW Department of Health and the National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO).

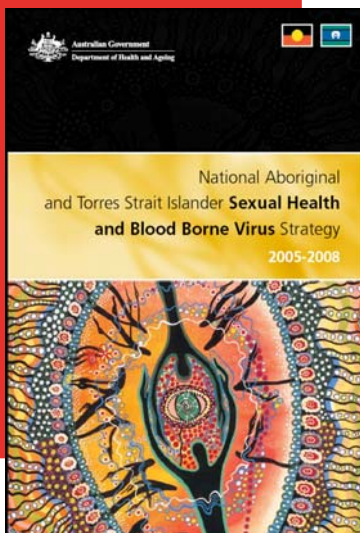
Recent projects include:

"Increasing access to services in NSW for Aboriginal people at risk of blood-borne infections and those already living with blood-borne infections".

"Review of the Aboriginal Health Management Training Program".

"Planning, Organisational and People Development Strategic Review" for Wellington Aboriginal Corporation Health Service. 🙌

The latest Sexual Health and Blood Borne Virus Strategy



Blood Borne Virus & Sexual Health Updates

The AH&MRC provides a broad range of training and capacity building programs in the areas of sexual health, blood borne viruses, harm minimisation and alcohol and other drugs. Training and education sessions are tailored to participant's needs. Topics covered can include:

- Basic information on transmission and prevention of blood borne viruses and sexually transmitted infections
- An overview of harm minimisation strategies, particularly in relation to injecting drug use
- An overview of latest data on HIV, hepatitis C, hepatitis B and sexually transmitted infections (STIs) in Aboriginal communities
- An update on care, treatment and support for Aboriginal people

living with blood borne viruses

- The impact of new policies and strategies around blood borne viruses and sexual health on Aboriginal health workers, Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services and other services

- Promotion of the latest resources for Aboriginal communities on blood borne viruses and sexual health

The AH&MRC is offering training updates to all Aboriginal Medical Services, free of charge. The sessions can range from half a day to a full day, depending on the service's needs. If you would like more information, or would like to book a session, please contact: Nicole Alexander or Sallie Cairnduff at the AH&MRC on
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E: scairnduff@ahmrc.org.au 🙌

Collaborative Centre for Aboriginal Health Promotion

The Collaborative Centre for Aboriginal Health Promotion (CCAHP) has been established as a Centre of Excellence in Aboriginal Health Promotion. The primary roles of CCAHP are:

1. To provide a leadership role in Aboriginal health and health promotion initiatives
2. Administering the NSW Aboriginal Health Promotion Grants Scheme
3. Building capacity of Aboriginal communities through effective health promotion initiatives and developing workforce capacity in Aboriginal health and health promotion
4. Gathering, reviewing and disseminating information about Aboriginal health and health promotion
5. Promoting Aboriginal health and safety
6. Prioritising and supporting Aboriginal health and health promotion research

Currently the CCAHP is working towards: producing a range of Aboriginal Health Promotion Forums;

developing a clearinghouse of best practice Aboriginal Health Promotion; developing an Aboriginal Health Promotion workforce development strategy; developing relationships with key stakeholders; developing a strategic plan for the centre; instigating a statewide safety promotion and injury prevention committee; building links with research organisations to develop an evidence base of Aboriginal Health Promotion initiatives.

Aboriginal Health Promotion Community Grants

A total of 21 Aboriginal Health Promotion Community Grants totalling \$941,000 were allocated in May and June to 15 Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services in NSW. The primary aim of the grants is to provide funding to build the capacity of Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services (ACCHSs) in partnership with other local organisations, in developing and implementing innovative health promotion initiatives. Funding for the 2006/2007 Aboriginal Health Promotion Community Grants will be verified within the next few months.



COLLABORATIVE CENTRE FOR
ABORIGINAL HEALTH PROMOTION

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Alcohol & Other Drug Cert III & IV, 2007-08

The Aboriginal Health College and the AH&MRC, in conjunction with the Drug and Alcohol Office of Western Australia, have customised a Certificate III and IV in Community Services Work focusing on AOD and Aboriginal Communities. The Cert III & IV are unique in that they are aimed at building capacity and supporting the identified training needs of Aboriginal Health Workers in the field. The delivery for the Cert III and Cert IV will be

conducted in block release mode, commencing in Semester 1 2007 and continue throughout 2008. Both courses will be eligible for Abstudy assistance.

The AHC is seeking expressions of interests from interested people. Enrolments close January 2007.

For further information regarding either of these courses and enrolment, please contact Kim Hill at the AH&MRC
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The Aboriginal Health & Medical Research Council of NSW

The Aboriginal Health & Medical Research Council of New South Wales

(AH&MRC) is the peak organisation for Aboriginal health in NSW and is comprised of over 50 Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisations throughout the state. Since 1985, the AH&MRC has been providing support and assistance to member organisations to provide culturally appropriate holistic primary health care for the improvement of Aboriginal health.

The AH&MRC is the NSW affiliate of the National Aboriginal Community

Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO) - the peak national Aboriginal health organisation representing over 130 Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services across the country. As the peak body for Aboriginal health in NSW, the AH&MRC plays a vital role in directly assisting Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services; supporting Aboriginal Community Controlled health initiatives; liaising with non-Aboriginal agencies and developing, evaluating and advising on a wide range of health programs, policies, strategies, research and educational courses in Aboriginal health. 🙌

Appear in AH&MRC Newsletter

We want your stories for future newsletters! Stories can be up to 200 words and might be about your service, your project, coming events, conference reports or anything else to do with Aboriginal health.

Remember to include a story title and who you are. We'd love to have

photos to accompany your stories (ideally in .tif format - please contact us to discuss alternatives).

Stories and questions can be emailed to newsletter@ahmrc.org.au. Please note that your story may be edited, depending on space etc. 🙌

Support Us

The AH&MRC is a non-profit organisation which is registered as a Public

Benevolent Institution by the Australian Taxation Office. The organisation relies on public support from individuals, community groups, corporations, trusts and foundations, as well as government funding to continue to improve the health and well-being of Indigenous people within NSW. All donations provide direct health and health related services to redress ill health within Aboriginal communities.

There are countless ways that you

can help the AH&MRC. The choice is yours. Here are some ideas to get you started:

1. Make a donation
2. Arrange a fundraiser
3. Leave a bequest
4. Remember someone by making an in memoriam gift
5. Mark a significant occasion by making a celebratory gift

If you would like further information on how you can help please contact the AH&MRC P: 02 9698 1099, F: 02 9690 1559, E: ahmrc@ahmrc.org.au 🙌

Suggest a name for our newsletter.

Email ideas to:
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