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Calendar of Indigenous peoples' events January to June 2019

Girra Maa, the Indigenous Health Discipline at the Graduate School of Health (GSH) UTS has developed this calendar of 'lively and active' events to provide you with a snapshot of the wide range of Indigenous peoples' resources and happenings available to tap into.

It's not a complete list of course – there's always more happening than we know about. But, here we hope you will find inspiration, a way to be connected, and info to share with others. We aim to be as inclusive as possible. We are in awe of these gatherings, conferences, music, tourism, storytelling, school holiday fun, arts and markets... arranged by what's on each month particularly in the Sydney area but also nationally.

We aim to create you a similar calendar for July-Dec 2019; the end of the year always treats us to many excellent events. Just a note about conferences – they're the meeting dates rather than when Abstracts are due, and at the end of our calendar we've added a few that involve Indigenous people but are not *by* Indigenous people as such. In the spirit of spreading the word about the strengths of Australia's First Peoples - enjoy!



Blak Box – Four Winds

9 January to 2 February 2019

Tuesday to Sunday, at 6:00pm, 7:15pm and 8:30pm

55 Minute Sessions

**Blacktown Showground Precinct
Richmond Road, Blacktown, NSW**

In Urban Theatre Projects' Blak Box, elders and future leaders from Blacktown's Aboriginal community invite audiences into a surround-sound listening pavilion, to hear stories and gain a deeper and broader understanding of contemporary Aboriginality.

In a 21st century campfire experience inspired by the concept of 'deep listening', a soundscape of music and storytellers ranges over thousands of years: a cross-generational dialogue bridging the past and the future.

After a successful opening season at Barangaroo, Blak Box moves to Blacktown - the largest Aboriginal community in Australia - for Sydney Festival. Blak Box is designed by award-winning architect Kevin O'Brien and the deep listening experience Four Winds is curated by Daniel Browning, with lighting by Karen Norris.

Cost: \$35 + Booking Fee: <http://urbantheatre.com.au/2019/blakbox/>

Indigenous Australian Engineering School (IAES) Networking Function 2019

Wednesday, 16 January 2019

5:30pm – 7:30pm AEDT

**Refectory, Level 5, Abercrombie Business School,
Corner Abercrombie Street and Codrington St, University of Sydney
Darlington, NSW 2006**

The Indigenous Australian Engineering School gives 25 Indigenous high school students from across Australia, who are entering years 10, 11 & 12 in 2019, the opportunity to come to Sydney and explore the possibilities of studying and working within various areas of engineering. The Networking Function is a wonderful opportunity for the students to meet with representatives from a variety of different engineering companies and find out more about life as an engineer.

Free to attend. Register here: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/iaes-networking-function-2019-tickets-52804279020?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

2019 Indigenous Australian Engineering School Graduation Dinner

Friday, 18 January 2019
6:30pm – 10pm AEDT

The Refectory, Holme Building
Science Road, University of Sydney
Camperdown, NSW 2006

To celebrate the conclusion of the Indigenous Australian Engineering School and congratulate the efforts of participants, you are invited to attend the Graduation Dinner hosted by the Faculty of Engineering & Information Technologies on behalf of Engineering Aid Australia.

Dress: Jacket and tie. Free to attend but you need to register:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/2019-indigenous-australian-engineering-school-graduation-dinner-tickets-52799297119?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

Gumbaynggirr Cultural Fun Day

18 January 2019
10am- 3pm, Free event

Sealy Lookout Dr, Coffs Harbour, NSW

This is a Community Fun Day at Sealy Lookout with plenty of Cultural Activities to keep the kids involved. This event is part of the Coffs Harbour and District LALC School Holiday Program which is open to everyone and is free!

For more information:

Contact the Coffs Harbour LALC Office, 02 6652 8740 or go to:
<http://coffsharbourlalc.com.au/event/gumbaynggirr-cultural-fun-day/>

Eora Centre Community Day

23 January 2018
10am – 3pm, Free event

TAFE NSW, 333 Abercrombie Street, Sydney NSW

A great day with live music, free BBQ, art workshops and course information and College tours regarding: Aboriginal Cultural Arts, Aboriginal Cultural and Political Studies, Aboriginal Languages, Music, Screen and Media studies.

<http://www.eora.net/default03.htm>; <https://www.facebook.com/events/540665949747482/>

Baraya: Sing up country, and The Vigil

Part of Sydney Festival

25 Jan 2019, Free event

Barangaroo Reserve, Sydney NSW

Bayala means 'speak' in local language. Local language is being reawakened, in a sharing and celebration of the Indigenous heritage of Sydney. Come to one of three drop-in choir rehearsal sessions across Sydney Festival and learn a song in local language. Then join in the Vigil at dusk on the 25/1.

<https://www.barangaroo.com/see-and-do/whats-on/baraya-sing-up-country/>

Wugulora Morning Ceremony

26 Jan 2019

7:45-8:30am, Free event

Barangaroo Reserve, Sydney NSW

Join the Premier and Governor of NSW to celebrate our traditional custodians, watch Koomurri Aboriginal Dance Troupe perform a smoking ceremony, then sing the national anthem as the Aboriginal and Australian flags are raised on the Sydney Harbour Bridge.

<https://www.barangaroo.com/see-and-do/whats-on/wugulora-morning-ceremony/>

March to Yabun

Invasion Day 2019 march led by FIRE: Fighting in Resistance Equally

26 January 2019

11am – 2pm

Hyde Park South Corner of Elizabeth and Liverpool Streets,
Sydney NSW

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1750661138392701/>

Yabun

26 January 2019

10am to 7pm

Victoria Park, Camperdown
Sydney NSW

The largest one day gathering and recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures in Australia, held annually on 26 January upon the traditional lands of the Gadigal people in Sydney.

Established in 2001, Yabun (meaning 'music to a beat' in Gadigal language) features live music, a bustling stalls market, panel discussions and community forums on Aboriginal issues, children's activities and traditional Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultural performances.

The festival is free and open to everyone to join us in this one of a kind event which honours the survival of the world's oldest living culture!

UTS staff can register to volunteer. <http://yabun.org.au/>

COOEE Festival

26 January 2019

9am – 5pm AEDT; Free event

Regatta Park, Penrith, NSW

COOEE will be held at Regatta Park, Emu Plains - Western Sydney. COOEE is all about celebrating the survival of the oldest living culture in the world, an inclusive day for all to join us! It's free! The official line-up includes: Baker Boy, Street Warriors, MC Sean Choolburra, Nulungu Dreaming, Col Hardy, Jarrod Hickling, Lance Cheney and more.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/500306513783258/>

PEPA Palliative Approach for Aboriginal Health Professionals

Thursday, 31 January 2019

11.45am registration, start 12pm - 4.30pm.

**Training Room Geraldton Regional Aboriginal Medical Service
60 Rifle Range Rd Geraldton WA6530**

PEPA will be holding an interactive workshop on the palliative approach and how to care for patients who have a life-limiting or chronic illness. The target audience is Aboriginal Health Workers, Aboriginal Liaison Officers, Outreach Workers, Interpreters. Topics covered include:

- the palliative approach
- communicating with your palliative patients
- advance care planning
- end of life care.

<https://healthinonet.ecu.edu.au/key-resources/conferences/4081/?title=PEPA%20Palliative%20Approach%20for%20Aboriginal%20Health%20Professionals>

February 2019

Experience the oldest living culture through Aboriginal Art

Saturday, 2 February 2019
1pm – 3pm AEDT

Meet at The Learning Centre
Via the Woolloomooloo Gate
Royal Botanic Garden Sydney
Mrs Macquaries Road
Sydney, NSW 2000

Come and join one of our Indigenous Educators in a Contemporary Aboriginal art class, drawing on traditional styles of Aboriginal and Torres Straits Islander Art.

Using contemporary materials such as; brushes, pigment rich paints on eco-friendly paper, you will be able to leave with your unique artwork along with significant knowledge of Indigenous Australia.

Suitable for all ages – no experience required. Tickets are \$41 per person. Registration essential:
<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/aboriginal-art-class-tickets-49925610846?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

Walking in Ancestors' Footprints

Sunday, 3 February 2019
10am – 12pm AEDT

The WILD PLAY Discovery Centre
Dickens Drive, Centennial Parklands, NSW 2204

Follow in the footsteps of Aboriginal people and discover the significant connection between land and culture. On this journey you will be welcomed with a traditional ceremony that cleanses and wards off bad spirits. You will then be taken on a walk that meanders through stunning locations within the Centennial Parklands. Your experienced Indigenous guide will demonstrate traditional plant use, identify bush food sources and provide an enchanting narrative of the wetlands and their special relationship with this unique environment.

Discover how to make bush soaps, experience traditional fishing techniques by the ponds, and enjoy a traditional bush tea and damper to take away at the end of the day.

Tickets \$40. Register here: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/walking-in-ancestors-footprints-tickets-50340901993?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

Public Lecture: The genius of Australian Indigenous languages, and why they are important for all of us

Wednesday, 6 February 2019
6:30pm to 7:45pm AEDT

ARC Centre of Excellence for the Dynamics of Language
NIDA - National Institute of Dramatic Art
215 Anzac Parade, Kensington, NSW

Speaker, Rachel Nordlinger, is the Director of the Research Unit for Indigenous Language, in the School of Languages and Linguistics at the University of Melbourne and a Chief Investigator in the ARC Centre of Excellence for the Dynamics of Language.

Australia's Indigenous languages exhibit many interesting and unique properties that have contributed greatly to our understanding of how human beings process and perceive the world around them. However, much of this knowledge has remained within the purview of language scientists, and the broader Australian community still has little awareness of how fascinating Australian Indigenous languages are, and what they teach us about the nature of language more broadly.

In this talk, Professor Rachel Nordlinger discusses some of her favourite features of these languages – ranging from unusual grammatical properties, to intriguing word meanings, to the questions they raise about how languages are learned and processed. In doing so, Professor Nordlinger presents the true genius of these languages, and argues that, as well as being important to the communities who speak and treasure them, they should be valued by all of us who are interested in what it is to be human.

Register here: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/public-lecture-the-genius-of-australian-indigenous-languages-and-why-they-are-important-for-all-of-tickets-53087326623?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

Christine Anu- In Conversation and Song

Presented by The Hills Shire Library Service

Thursday, 7 February 2019
7pm – 8:10pm AEDT

Pioneer Theatre Castle Hill
14 Pennant Street
Castle Hill, NSW 2154

For nearly 30 years, Christine Anu has entertained audiences across music, movies, television and radio. Christine is also the first Indigenous female entertainer in Australia to showcase her rich

cultural heritage and the beauty of her first-language, bringing songs such as 'Kulba Yaday' into the mainstream.

Throughout the show, Christine will not only share personal anecdotes about her life and illustrious career but Christine will also perform a selection of songs spanning her acclaimed music career, including songs from the Torres Strait Islands, Sunshine on a Rainy Day and our unofficial national anthem My Island Home, which was selected by the National Film and Sound Archives to be inducted into the Sounds of Australia Registry alongside Midnight Oil and the Wiggles.

Tickets \$35 + booking fees. 70 minute duration (no intermission).

Register here: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/christine-anu-in-conversation-and-song-tickets-52890987367?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

Storytelling by the fire with Dean Kelly

Friday, 8 February 2019

7pm – 9pm AEDT

Bring warm / wet weather clothing just in case!

La Perouse Museum

1542 Anzac Parade, La Perouse, NSW 2036

Join Indigenous guide and storyteller Dean Kelly under the stars on a La Perouse Beach as he shares the Creation Story – how the Yuin people were created and the seven chapters of creation. Dean will also talk about his Cultural Disciplines with guests; including respect, patience, observation, responsibility, self-connection, belief and self-awareness.

Tickets \$10. Register here: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/storytelling-by-the-fire-with-dean-kelly-tickets-51861965535?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

Apology Day – 13 February

On 13 February 2008 Prime Minister Kevin Rudd moved a Motion of Apology to Australia's Indigenous Peoples in the House of Representatives apologising for past laws, policies and practices that devastated Australia's First Nations Peoples – in particular members of the Stolen Generations.

<https://www.reconciliation.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/ra-letstalk factsheet-apology v1.pdf>

13th Aboriginal Drug and Alcohol Network (ADAN) Symposium

19 – 21 February 2019

Aboriginal Health & Medical Research Council
Level 3, 66 Wentworth Avenue, Surry Hills NSW 2010
P O Box 1565, Strawberry Hills NSW 2012
(02) 9212 4777; ahmrc@ahmrc.org.au

The Aboriginal Health & Medical Research Council (AH&MRC) Aboriginal Drug & Alcohol Network (ADAN) Leadership Group will be hosting the 13th ADAN Symposium this year in Coffs Harbour in NSW.

The Symposium is run by and for Aboriginal Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) workers and aims to:

- provide a forum for workers to network and collaborate
- highlight new approaches in drug and alcohol treatment, care and management applicable to Aboriginal communities
- enable delegates to share successful and best practice service delivery programs and models
- enable workers to engage in cultural and peer support
- identify priorities to be addressed at future meetings of the Aboriginal Drug and Alcohol Network.

The Symposium is targeted primarily for Aboriginal AOD workers who work within Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services, Non-Government Organisations and Local Health Districts in the field of drugs and alcohol.

<https://healthinonet.ecu.edu.au/key-resources/conferences/4039/?title=ADAN19%20-%2013th%20Aboriginal%20Drug%20and%20Alcohol%20Network%20%28ADAN%29%20Symposium%20>

NRL Indigenous All Stars game

15 February 2019
AAMI Park, Melbourne

The 2019 NRL Harvey Norman All-Stars event is transforming in 2019. In what will be a modern tribal showcase of First Nations players proudly representing their cultures, the Australian Indigenous All-Stars are set to take on the New Zealand Maori Kiwis for the very first time at AAMI Park Melbourne!

Both men's and women's teams will compete in an exciting double header.

<https://www.aamipark.com.au/events/nrl-all-stars/>

2019 National Aboriginal Wellbeing Conference

27 – 28 February 2019

Opal Cove Resort
Coffs Harbour, NSW

The 2019 National Aboriginal Wellbeing Conference will explore the opportunities mainstream services have to apply culturally inclusive practices for Aboriginal people and families and speakers will share their practice wisdom and knowledge.

Delegates will have the opportunity to attend a range of workshops that will explore what future Aboriginal dreaming can look like and how to maintain Aboriginal identity whilst engaging with mainstream services.

For information about costs, EOI and registration go to:

<https://healthinonet.ecu.edu.au/key-resources/conferences/4022/?title=2019%20National%20Aboriginal%20Wellbeing%20Conference>

Or: Spirit Dreaming
0418 477 093; mel@spiritdreaming.com.au

Designing www.welcometocountry.com

By First Australians Capital

5 March 2019

6pm – 8:30pm AEDT

Freda's, 107-109 Regent Street
Chippendale, NSW 2008

This event is a part of Sydney Design Festival 2019: Accessing Design. Welcome to Country is the online destination offering an opportunity for visitors to connect directly with Indigenous tours, events and cultural experiences across Australia. Tourism offers a way for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities to live on their country, earn an income and share their culture, on their own terms. The Indigenous tourism sector is growing significantly each year in both demand and supply, however there are challenges connecting across channels and cultures.

In this discussion, First Australians Capital CEO, Jocelyn King, will chat to Service Design Lead, Sasha Abram about some of the challenges faced by Indigenous entrepreneurs in starting and running their own tourism businesses. They will discuss working in a cross-cultural design team on Welcome to Country, and will share some of their design process so far, including: how to respectfully build a community-endorsed marketplace, that is co-designed with Indigenous tourism operators, whilst also aiming for best practice in the digital design space.

Approx \$21. Register here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/designing-wwwwelcometocountrycom-tickets-53041050209?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

March 2019

Aboriginal Cultural Awareness for Workplaces

By Blakworks Employment Solutions

5 March 2019

8:45am – 1pm AEDT

Venue to be confirmed

Central Coast, NSW

Build a workplace that respects, welcomes and supports Aboriginal people.

If you're working on Aboriginal employment or developing a Reconciliation Action Plan, this cultural awareness will help you build a basic understanding of Aboriginal cultures, disadvantage, experiences, and what you can do in your workplace to make Indigenous employment work.

It's not just an Aboriginal cultural education program, but one designed specifically to assist employers wanting to build a workforce representative of the communities they serve.

Designed to support any organisation committed to reconciliation and forms a crucial part of any Aboriginal employment initiative. This program will help you to improve retention of Aboriginal staff by helping your employees, supervisors, and workplaces understand Aboriginal experience and what they can do to make Indigenous employment work.

The workshop provides a holistic look at Aboriginal cultures, experience, and the workplace in a dynamic and, at times humorous style that encourages open questioning and discussion.

Tickets \$66-99. Registrations essential: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/aboriginal-cultural-awareness-for-workplaces-tickets-49881690479?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

Overcoming Indigenous Family Violence Conference

5 – 6 March 2019

Perth, WA.

The 2019 Overcoming Indigenous Family Violence Conference will be an exploration into the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander family violence space. This conference has been developed through collaboration with an advisory board of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander experts in the field.

Some areas of exploration include:

- government initiatives
- frontline service delivery specialising in prevention
- early intervention and responses
- relationship building
- working with perpetrators of family violence towards positive behaviour change
- the empowerment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

Some highlighted conference and workshop sessions will include:

- Senator Patrick Dodson, Shadow Assistant Minister for Indigenous Affairs and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders speaking about the Labor Party's plan for Indigenous Affairs and overcoming family violence
- Djinda Services will present on the specialised services they provide for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who have experienced or are at risk of family violence
- Zonta House - refuge association - will feature ways in which they assist women with crisis accommodation
- Aboriginal Males Healing Centre will highlight work that is being done with strengthening cultural identity, boosting self-esteem and how this is impacting on rates of family violence.

A Pre-Conference workshop will be held on Monday 4 March and a Post-Conference Workshop will be held on Wednesday 6 March.

Registration is essential: <https://healthinfonet.ecu.edu.au/key-resources/conferences/4043/?title=%20Overcoming%20Indigenous%20Family%20Violence%20Conference>

Or: Aventedge, Overcoming Indigenous Family Violence
Level 7, 55 Market Street, Sydney NSW 2000
(02) 9188 8950; info@aventedge.com

3rd National Social & Emotional Wellbeing Forum

13 – 15 March 2019

Hilton Cairns

34 The Esplanade

Cairns, Queensland 4870

The 3rd National Indigenous Social & Emotional Wellbeing Forum has been developed together with community and industry leaders to provide attendees with the tools on how to better support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and youth at risk and how to create communities that allows these children and youths to thrive. The forum will have international keynote speakers and speakers from all across Australia.

This forum will help delegates to:

- provide support and meet the needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and youths
- collaborate and create communities that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people to thrive
- tackle drug, alcohol and gambling addictions
- support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people in detention.

To register go to: <https://healthinfonet.ecu.edu.au/key-resources/conferences/4063/?title=3rd%20National%20Social%20%26amp%3B%20Emotional%20Wellbeing%20Forum>

Or: Akolade
(02) 9247 6000; info@akolade.com.au

Close the Gap for Vision by 2020 National Conference 2019

14 – 15 March 2019

**Alice Springs Convention Centre
Alice Springs**

The Close the Gap for Vision by 2020 National Conference 2019 will aim to bring together people involved in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander eye care from various disciplines across Australia. The conference is targeted at anyone interested in improving eye health and care for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

The 2019 conference theme is 'Strengthen & Sustain' and welcome abstracts from all working in or interested in improving Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander eye health. The conference welcomes any topic that is of interest and relevant to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander eye health and efforts to close the gap for vision and this could include eye care in primary care; eye-care stakeholder collaborations; community-led and cultural engagement approaches and initiatives; workforce development; challenges in coordination and case management; improving outcomes and access to services; health system changes and reform.

Register here: <https://healthinonet.ecu.edu.au/key-resources/conferences/3938/?title=Close%20the%20Gap%20for%20Vision%20by%202020%20National%20Conference%202019>

Or: Carol Wynne
Indigenous Eye Health
Level 5, 207-221 Bouverie Street
Melbourne School of Population and Global Health
University of Melbourne, Carlton Vic 3010
(03) 8344 3984; carol.wynne@unimelb.edu.au

World No Tobacco Day Community Fun Run 2019

**17 March 2019, Free event
Hallam, Victoria**

Dandenong and District Aborigines Co-operative Ltd (DDACL) are inviting community members to join them for their fourth annual fun run/walk to celebrate World No Tobacco Day, Aboriginal culture, and having fun with your mob.

The run starts at 10.30am followed by a BBQ lunch, and there will be live music, face painting and a number of stalls from Aboriginal organisations and others like South East VACCA, Cranbourne Gardens, Monash

Dental and more. There will be lots of support on the day for those interested in cutting back or giving up the smokes with the Quit Victoria stall and the DDA CL TIS Team.

This event isn't just restricted to runners, participants are welcome to walk the course too. It's free but registration is essential. The first 200 registrations will receive a deadly event t-shirt designed by Aboriginal artist, Ian Harrison.

Registration will open towards the end of January 2019. Go to: <https://healthinonet.ecu.edu.au/key-resources/conferences/4085/?title=World%20No%20Tobacco%20Day%20Community%20Fun%20Run%202019>

Or: Chris Tsagaris, Dandenon and District Aborigines Co-operative Ltd
(Ph) 0488 115 569

Harmony Day

Celebrating Cultural Diversity

21 March 2019
Across Australia

Harmony Day celebrates Australia's cultural diversity. It's about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. **For more information about events near you, go to:**

<https://www.harmony.gov.au/events/harmony-day-events/>

True Tracks; a pathway to Indigenous engagement

Thursday, 21 March 2019
9:30am – 1pm AEDT
Office of Terri Janke and Company
310/30-40 Harcourt Parade, Rosebery, NSW 2018.

A professional development workshop designed to assist corporate and government agencies with their Indigenous engagement programs, by introducing a solutions-driven and holistic approach to managing Indigenous Cultural and Intellectual Property (ICIP).

The True Tracks method has already been successfully applied to a range of industries and agencies, including; information technology, construction, communication, design, museum & gallery, science, research, arts and education.

Tickets \$396 (approx.). Register here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/true-tracks-a-pathway-to-indigenous-engagement-tickets-53039330064?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

Indigenous Peoples' Contribution in Australia and Globally

22 – 23 March 2019

Bruce, ACT

This conference aims to showcase Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander contributions to the following fields: weather; culture; communication; national identity; myths and symbols; agriculture; family; art; dance and song; tourism; land rights and politics.

Submit abstracts by 28 February 2019 to info@sietaraustralasia.com. The event is presented by SIETAR Australasia and the University of Canberra, Office of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Leadership and Strategy.

<https://healthinonet.ecu.edu.au/key-resources/conferences/4055/?title=Indigenous%20Peoples%26rsquo%3B%20Contribution%20in%20Australia%20and%20Globally>

Or: University of Canberra
11 Kirinari Street, Bruce ACT 2617
(02) 6201 5111; oatsils@canberra.edu.au

Aboriginal Health Council of Western Australia (AHCWA) Annual State Conference

27 – 28 March 2019

Esplanade Hotel, Fremantle, WA

The Aboriginal Health Council of Western Australia will be holding their annual conference in March 2019. The theme of the 2019 conference is *Lead the way, challenge the possibilities, imagine the future*.

Special guests will provide the forum with exciting new information on health initiatives and government updates on where the sector will be heading, in and beyond 2019. Delegates will be provided with an opportunity for professional development, networking and capacity building whilst sharing their wisdom, Aboriginal ways of working and successful program experience.

Register here: <https://healthinonet.ecu.edu.au/key-resources/conferences/4025/?title=Aboriginal%20Health%20Council%20of%20Western%20Australia%20%28AHCWA%29%20Annual%20State%20Conference>

Or: Aboriginal Health Council of Western Australia
450 Beaufort St, Highgate WA 6003; Ph: (08) 9227 1631

Guriwil the Whale - a cultural experience with Dean Kelly

Friday, 29 March 2019

7pm – 9pm AEDT

Bring warm / wet weather clothing and a torch.

La Perouse Museum

1542 Anzac Parade, La Perouse, NSW 2036

Indigenous storyteller Dean Kelly will take guests on a journey to learn more about Guriwil the whale, and people's connections and responsibilities to this important animal. Dean will cook locally-caught seafood on the fire, sharing different traditional recipes and stories about the sea and our connections to it.

Tickets \$10. Register here: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/guriwil-the-whale-a-cultural-experience-with-dean-kelly-tickets-51862094922?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

April 2019

National Close the Gap Day

National Close the Gap Day commemorates the launch of the campaign on 2 April 2007, and is held each year around that time. The day gives people the opportunity to show their support for closing the 17-year life expectancy gap between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders and other Australians.

More information can be accessed at:

<https://www.humanrights.gov.au/our-work/aboriginal-and-torres-strait-islander-social-justice/projects/close-gap-indigenous-health>

<https://www.oxfam.org.au/what-we-do/indigenous-australia/national-close-the-gap-day/>

<https://closingthegap.pmc.gov.au/>

Share A Tale

9 – 11 April 2019

Alice Springs, Northern Territories

Share a Tale will provide a forum for conversations about remote dialysis, community-led healthcare and keeping culture strong. As of November 2018, renal dialysis treatments in very remote areas will be funded through a new Medicare Benefits Schedule item. As Australia's first provider of very remote

dialysis, Purple House is proud of how they care for patients in remote communities and excited about what this means for getting more people home to country.

Purple House will host this special event with the aim of bringing together remote health and dialysis communities, to share experiences in supporting dialysis patients in some of the most remote parts of Australia. There will be a focus on two main themes:

- *Tjukururru Wangkantjaku* (doing things the right way)
- *Kuunyi* (holding people close).

Participants may register their interest via the online Expression of interest form. Go to:

<https://healthinonet.ecu.edu.au/key-resources/conferences/4072/?title=Share%20a%20Tale>

Or: Purple House
69 Flynn Drive, PO Box 5060
Alice Springs NT 0871
(08) 8953 6444; enquiries@purplehouse.org.au

Echidna & Co. – Aboriginal Holiday Program

By Botanic Gardens and Domain Trust

Monday 15 April 2019

10am – 12pm AEST

Suitable for children 5 - 12 years of age

The Bowden Centre

Mount Annan, NSW 2567

Come in and join one of our Indigenous Educators in a fun, educational, hands-on clay making experience.

Learn about the Echidna through fun games and activities. Using clay and bush materials you will be creating your very own Echidna, a Native Australian Animal which you will be able to take home at the end of your experience.

Cost \$22 per child. Registrations essential: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/echidna-co-aboriginal-holiday-program-tickets-53893693488?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

May 2019

Quality Assurance for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Medical Services (QAAMS) National Workshop

8 – 9 May 2019

Adelaide, South Australia

Quality Assurance for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Medical Services (QAAMS) provides culturally appropriate and clinically effective diabetes management to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people through the use of resources and training.

The workshop program will include full training for people undertaking competency certification for the first time and competency update for those previously trained. The workshop program will also allow for interactive group sessions, presentations from services and education about diabetes care.

2019 is the 20th year for the QAAMS program and this workshop will also celebrate this milestone.

The workshop is open to all health service staff including Aboriginal Health Workers and Health Practitioners, diabetes educators, nurses and doctors.

Register here: <https://healthinonet.ecu.edu.au/key-resources/conferences/4038/?title=Quality%20Assurance%20for%20Aboriginal%20and%20Torres%20Strait%20Islander%20Medical%20Services%20%28QAAMS%29%20National%20Workshop>

Or: Pauline Rudevics
QAAMS Program Management Group
(08) 8201 7555; pauline.rudevics@flinders.edu.au

National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Transport Conference

14 – 15 May 2019

Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre

Perth, WA

The National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporation Community Transport Network is holding its 2019 conference in Perth, Western Australia (WA). NATSICCTN members work together as a collective voice to advocate on the issues of transport and access for Aboriginal people and communities.

<https://healthinonet.ecu.edu.au/key-resources/conferences/3693/?title=National%20Aboriginal%20%26amp%3B%20Torres%20Strait%20Islander%20Transport%20Conference>

Or: National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporation Community Transport Network; 0439 519 320; conference@natsic.com.au

World Indigenous Housing Conference 2019

20 – 24 May 2019

Gold Coast, Queensland

The World Indigenous Housing Conference (WIHC) 2019 is an opportunity for Indigenous leaders, government officials, policy specialists, architects, builders and academics to come together to look at housing in a holistic way and to share success stories and challenges in the field of Indigenous housing. The WIHC will be hosted by National Congress of Australia's First Peoples.

More information will become available closer to the conference date:

<https://healthinonet.ecu.edu.au/key-resources/conferences/3842/?title=World%20Indigenous%20Housing%20Conference%202019>

Or: National Congress of Australia's First Peoples
PO Box 1446, Strawberry Hills NSW 2012
Ph: (02) 8070 3100 or freecall 1800 266 477
info@nationalcongress.com.au

National Sorry Day – 26 May

National Sorry Day is an annual day of commemoration and remembrance of all those who have been impacted by the government policies of forcible removal that have resulted in the Stolen Generations.

In 1998, Western Australian Kerry Fletcher wrote the *Sorry Song* on behalf of all of us whose hearts ache when we think of the pain those children and communities suffered and the pain which they still endure today.

For more information go to:

https://www.humanrights.gov.au/sites/default/files/content/pdf/social_justice/bringing_them_home_report.pdf

<https://www.reconciliation.org.au/national-sorry-day-an-important-part-of-healing/>

1967 Referendum – 27 May

The 1967 referendum was when Australians voted overwhelmingly to amend the constitution to include Aboriginal people in the census and allow the Commonwealth to create laws for Aboriginal people. As a result of the political climate, this referendum saw the highest YES vote ever recorded in a Federal referendum, with 90.77 per cent voting for change.

For more information go to: <https://www.creativespirits.info/>
and the National Archives of Australia, <http://www.naa.gov.au/>

National Reconciliation Week – 27 May to 03 June

National Reconciliation Week is celebrated across Australia each year. The dates commemorate two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey - the anniversaries of the successful 1967 Referendum and the High Court Mabo decision (described later).

For more information go to:

<https://www.reconciliation.org.au/national-reconciliation-week/>
<https://www.reconciliation.org.au/national-reconciliation-week/nrw-events/>

June 2019

Mabo Day – 03 June

On 3 June, 1992, the High Court of Australia delivered its landmark Mabo decision which legally recognized that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have land rights due their relationship to the land that existed prior to colonization and continues today.

This recognition paved the way for land rights called Native Title. 2012 marked the 20th anniversary of the Mabo decision.

For more information visit the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies: <https://aiatsis.gov.au/>

2019 Lowitja Institute International Indigenous Health and Wellbeing Conference

17 – 20 June 2019
Darwin, Northern Territory.

The 2019 Lowitja Institute International Indigenous Health and Wellbeing Conference will have a global focus and will bring together health and research professionals from across the globe. The conference will facilitate discussion on how health research and translation can work for the health and wellbeing of Indigenous and tribal peoples in the region and beyond.

Information about abstracts, registration, sponsorship, and the program will be available soon at:
<http://www.nirakn.edu.au/event/2019-lowitja-institute-international-indigenous-health-and-wellbeing-conference/>

Or: The Lowitja Institute
Suite 1, Level 2, 100 Drummond Street
Carlton Vic 3053
(03) 8341 5555; conference@lowitja.org.au

Aboriginal Mental Health Assessment & Suicide Prevention - 3 Day Workshop

25 – 27 June 2019
Brisbane, Queensland

Participants taking part in this three day workshop will:

- complete the Aboriginal Mental Health Cultural Competency Profile
- achieve accreditation in
 - the Westerman Aboriginal symptom checklist - Youth and Adults
 - the Acculturation Scale for Aboriginal Australians
 - the Acculturative Stress Scale for Aboriginal Australians.

Cost: \$2,575.00.

<https://healthinonet.ecu.edu.au/key-resources/conferences/4068/?title=Aboriginal%20Mental%20Health%20Assessment%20%26amp%3B%20Suicide%20Prevention%20-%203%20Day%20Workshop>

Or: Indigenous Psychological Services
(08) 9362 2036; ips@ips.iinet.net.au

Regular events

Barangaroo Aboriginal Cultural Tours

Barangaroo Reserve, Sydney NSW

Barangaroo's program of Aboriginal Cultural Tours immerse you in the native history of Sydney Harbour and the importance of the land to Australia's Aboriginal heritage and its significance to the clans of the Eora Nation that once lived where Sydney now stands.

The Aboriginal Cultural Tours extend throughout the six-hectare headland of Barangaroo Reserve, taking in the 75,000 native Australian trees and shrubs that are a feature of the Reserve. As the only public space in Sydney to boast this quota of native flora, this tour is a must for the gardening and green enthusiast.

Tickets cost: \$36.50 + booking fee for Adults; \$22 for Seniors and Concession + booking fee

<https://www.barangaroo.com/see-and-do/things-to-do/tours/aboriginal-cultural-tours/>

Blak Markets Online

Online shopping

Blak markets online sells Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island arts and craft – online! This is an easy way to view and purchase Indigenous products the whole year around, not just when our markets (with stalls!) run.

Buying from our Aboriginal Corporation means you have a guarantee of authenticity and that 100% of profit goes towards social change in Aboriginal communities across Australia.

<https://blakmarkets.com/>

Tribal Warrior

Redfern, NSW

Check out Tribal Warrior! They have cruises, education sessions, performances and special events that support an innovative training, mentoring and leadership program. Browse the website to see what is coming up!

<https://tribalwarrior.org/>

Giingan Gumbayngirr Cultural Experience

Monthly tours from January

10am – 1pm

Sealy Lookout Dr, Coffs Harbour, NSW

Each month, we run our award winning (NSW Tourism Awards 2017) cultural tourism experience, the “Giingan Gumbayngirr Cultural Experience” at the iconic Sealy Lookout, Korora (just north of Coffs Harbour).

The Giingan Experience is about Gumbayngirr culture, people and language. The day is made up of three components run across the day:

- Giingan Markets 8:30am – 1:30
- Giingan Tour 10:00am – 1:00pm
- Nyanggan Gapi Café 8:30am – 2:00pm

The Giingan Markets have products made locally by Aboriginal stallholders and is open to everyone whether they go on the tour or not.

The Giingan Experience tour takes place at an important cultural site of the Gumbaynggirr people, the stunning location of “Niigi Niigi” (Sealy Lookout) within the Orara East State Forest. Bask in the ambience of 360 degree views and immerse in our culture through stories, songs, language and the uses of native plants.

By taking part in the experience, guests are making a direct contribution to the revitalisation of Gumbaynggirr language and culture. We are competing against time to revitalise the Gumbaynggirr language. We work closely with our community and Elders, and have a strong personal relationship with our last remaining Elder whose first language is Gumbaynggirr- Uncle Cecil ‘Bing’ Laurie.

Book here: https://bmnac.org.au/giingan-tourism-experience/make-a-booking/?fbclid=IwAR0UmOMvOgqquwtTCmsgLFXsjsgx_eTCpoY0FB2oRBUyHOFtUj2THUIWs0

Promoting Participation in the National Cervical Screening Program to Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Women

From 02 Nov 2018 to 13 March 2019 with national events including:

30 JAN 2019: Surf Club
Coffs Harbour, NSW

13 FEB 2019: Albany Golf Club
Albany, WA

26 FEB 2019: Diggers on the Darling
Bourke, NSW

13 MAR 2019: Thyme Cafe
Broken Hill, NSW

The Benchmarque Group
Level 1, 176 Wellington Parade, East Melbourne Vic 3002
1300 001 228; admin@benchmarqueiq.com.au

The Promoting Participation in the National Cervical Screening Program to Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Women course aims to educate healthcare providers on the changes to the National Cervical Screening Program and promoting the benefits of regular cervical screening to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women.

The program is available to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Workers and Health Practitioners, registered nurses, enrolled nurses, general practitioners, allied health professionals, practice managers, non-clinical support staff, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community leaders.

Delivered by registered training organisation The Benchmarque Group, the course includes a half-day face-to-face workshop and an online assessment. It is an accredited Unit of Competency: BSBCUS402 Address customer needs, fully funded by Australian Government Department of Health. Please note this is only open to female attendees.

For information about specific events/courses go to: <https://healthinonet.ecu.edu.au/key-resources/conferences/3994/?title=Promoting%20Participation%20in%20the%20National%20Cervical>

Other conferences to note

2019 Indigenous Affairs Conference

Reimagining public administration: First Peoples, governance and new paradigms

20 – 21 February 2019

Australia and New Zealand School of Government (Head Office)

Level 4, 204 Lygon Street, Vic 3053

(03) 8344 1990; m.portelli@anzsog.edu.au

The theme of the 2019 Indigenous Affairs Conference is *Reimagining public administration: First Peoples, governance and new paradigms*.

The conference is presented by The Australia and New Zealand School of Government in partnership with the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet.

Public sector leaders, not-for-profits, academics and Indigenous community organisations from across Australia and New Zealand are invited to explore new ideas and discuss better ways of engaging with Indigenous communities including Indigenous knowledge and culture in public service practice. The conference will also look at the relations between the New Zealand government and Māori people, what Australia can learn from the New Zealand experience, and how we can build stronger links between the two nations' First Peoples.

This year's conference will feature a mixture of interactive breakout sessions and plenaries, exploring topics such as:

- policy specific workshops on justice, education, health and the arts
- the role of self-determination in future government – First People's relations
- Indigenous knowledge and practice in public administration and public sector leadership.

Plenaries will be held at Deakin Edge, with breakout sessions occurring at National Gallery of Victoria and Australian Centre for the Moving Image, all located within Federation Square.

For the conference program and registration go to: <https://healthinonet.ecu.edu.au/key-resources/conferences/4017/?title=2019%20Indigenous%20Affairs%20Conference>

Optimising Fetal and Neonatal Wellbeing Conference

22 February 2019

Novotel on Collins

270 Collins St, Melbourne, VIC

The conference includes a focus on opportunities for Indigenous healthcare students and professionals. It will bring midwives from all across Australia to share the latest developments and best practices related to fetal and neonatal wellbeing in midwifery care. The day will be an examination of the role of the midwife in managing fetal and neonatal wellbeing during pregnancy and the perinatal period.

Speakers will cover the following topics:

- mitigating the impact of traumatic birth experiences on mothers and babies
- optimising perinatal mental health and wellbeing
- pasteurised donor human milk for premature babies
- transforming opportunities for emerging Indigenous healthcare students and professionals through collaboration
- transabdominal fetal ECG technology: optimising physiological processes in complex labour and birth.

HealthTimes in partnership with the Australian College of Midwives are hosting this event.

Tickets to this conference are limited and early registration is advised. Go to:

<https://healthinonet.ecu.edu.au/key-resources/conferences/4031/?title=Optimising%20Fetal%20and%20Neonatal%20Wellbeing%20Conference>

Rural Innovations Changing Healthcare (RICH) Forum: Resilience of Rural Communities

20 March 2019

Venue to be confirmed

NSW

The Agency for Clinical Innovation (ACI) Rural Health Network is running the Rural Innovations Changing Healthcare (RICH Forum). The forum, *Resilience of rural communities*, is 'virtual' in design, where participants can join by videoconference or by live webstream to share inspiring journeys which have overcome adversity and hardship, to share lessons learned and strengthen the workforce and service delivery across rural health sectors.

Abstracts are invited which showcase 'Resilience of rural communities' in:

- health care, services and processes
- creative recruitment and retention
- self-care for rural health workers
- Indigenous and culturally appropriate care
- generalist and flexible workforce models
- professional development and leadership
- geographic isolation
- innovation and support.

Abstracts are open for oral papers or ePosters for the RICH 2019 Program.

For more information go to: <https://healthinonet.ecu.edu.au/key-resources/conferences/4086/?title=Rural%20Innovations%20Changing%20Healthcare%20%28RICH%29%20Forum%3A%20Resilience%20of%20Rural%20Communities>

Or: Jenny Preece
Rural Health Network Manager
0427 567 289; Jenny.Preece@health.nsw.gov.au

15th National Rural Health Conference: Better together

24 – 27 March 2019
Hobart, Tasmania

The theme of the 15th National Rural Health Conference is *Better together* and will focus on the achievements of the past and ways of working together for a better future for rural and remote health in Australia.

Go to: <https://healthinonet.ecu.edu.au/key-resources/conferences/3797/?title=15th%20National%20Rural%20Health%20Conference>

Or: Leanne Coleman
Manager, Programs and Events
10 Campion Street, Deakin ACT 2600
(02) 6285 4660; conference@ruralhealth.org.au

23rd International Union of Health Promotion and Education (IUHPE) World Conference on Health Promotion

7 – 11 April 2019
Rotorua, Aotearoa New Zealand

The 23rd International Union of Health Promotion and Education (IUHPE) World Conference on Health Promotion is an international conference that is to be held in Aotearoa New Zealand. The theme for this year is Waiora: Promoting Planetary Health and Sustainable Development. The theme is centred on the traditional Maori concept of 'Waiora'.

When translated the word Waiora means 'healing and healthy waters', Waiora refers to the interconnectedness of physical and spiritual worlds with the environment. By highlighting this theme, Waiora, international attendees will learn of the dependence of individual health and wellbeing on the health of the planet. The theme will also show the major global challenge that is faced today in balancing ongoing development with environmental stewardship.

For more information go to: <https://healthinfonet.ecu.edu.au/key-resources/conferences/4084/?title=23rd%20International%20Union%20of%20Health%20Promotion%20and%20Education%20%28IUHPE%29%20World%20Conference%20on%20Health%20Promotion>

Or: Australian Health Promotion Association
38 Surrey Road, Keswick SA 5035
(Ph) 1300 857 796

The 3rd Justice Health Conference

Justice health is public health

9 to 10 April 2019

**International Convention Centre
Sydney, NSW**

The Justice Health Conference is a national conference convened by the Public Health Association of Australia (PHAA). The theme *Justice health is public health* will focus on justice health being about more than just prisons.

Around 60% of adults in the corrective services system and more than 80% of those in youth justice being supervised in the community, and almost all of those held in prison or detention are released back into the community, means that the health issues of people involved in the criminal justice system are health issues for the wider community.

With higher rates of mental illness, behavioural problems, disability, risky alcohol consumption, tobacco smoking, illicit drug use, chronic disease and communicable disease than people in the general community, this is a group with significant and complex health needs that impacts the broader community. Public health is about preventing ill-health through addressing underlying issues and inequities which impact on people's health. The World Health Organization has promoted, and PHAA endorses, the concept that "Prisoner Health is Public Health".

The purpose of the Conference is to once again highlight the health needs of people involved in the criminal justice system which are often viewed as separate from, or unrelated to, the health of the general community. Involvement with the criminal justice system has significant impact in terms of breaking up families, economic and financial impacts, and health outcomes. The wider impacts are often overlooked when the focus is on punishment. It is pertinent to ask whether the public health successes enjoyed in other areas (safer roads, gun control etc) can be similarly applied to offending and the justice sector.

With the massive over-representation of Aboriginal people in the justice system this has particular resonance with the Indigenous peoples in Australia.

For more information go to: <https://www.phaa.net.au/events/event/justice-health-conference-2019>

Disclaimer

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