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Expression of interest for research projects

REMARK

The Lowitja Institute is calling for expressions of interest (EOI) for research projects and potential partners in research projects in three priority areas:

• Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander early childhood health
• Cultural determinants of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health
• Cultural competence of mainstream health services and systems.

These priority areas, details about two EOI types, assessment criteria, background information, how to apply and application forms are available from the Expression of Interest Research Projects document.

Closing date is Tuesday 28 April 2015, 5:00pm AEST

Recognise Health
Recognise Health is an initiative of the Lowitja Institute that promotes understanding of the important link between health and wellbeing and constitutional recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Learn more about this initiative, watch the Recognise Health video, and view photos and video of the launch at Parliament House, Canberra, which featured a performance by Archie Roach: Recognise Health.

EthicsHub

EthicsHub is an online resource to support people and organisations working or participating in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health research. This resource, which builds on previous work undertaken by the Lowitja Institute and its predecessor organisations, aims to provide guidance for researchers, the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community, supervisors and students, ethics committees – indeed anyone involved in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health research.

Visit the EthicsHub resource

Conferences

List of forthcoming conferences
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Australian Child & Adolescent Trauma, Loss & Grief Network (ANU) list of conferences
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ADS and ADEA Annual Scientific Meeting, 26–28 August 2015, Adelaide
The Australian Diabetes Society (ADS) and the Australian Diabetes Educators Association (ADEA) will be reaffirming their strong partnership as leaders in diabetes education, management and research at the 2015 Annual Scientific Meeting and Exhibition.

The program will bring together national and international experts to promote the exchange of the latest clinical practices and cutting edge research in diabetes.

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CALL FOR ABSTRACTS: 48th National Conference of the Australian Association of Gerontology (AAG) 'Place, Spirit, Heart', 4–6 November 2015, Alice Springs
The AAG Conference is multidisciplinary and brings together people with a wide range of professional interests. The theme was chosen to reflect some of the characteristics of living and working in remote Australia. Holding the conference in the heart of Australia will provide delegates with an opportunity for both personal and professional reflection. It will be an opportunity to explore the variety of experiences of ageing, especially for people living in rural and remote locations. Closing date for abstracts is 21 April 2015.

Events

Thursday 23 April 2015, in Melbourne, Paul Bourke Lecture 2015: Trapped in the Gap: Doing good in Indigenous Australia, by Associate Professor Emma Kowal, Deakin University.
More information about this lecture

Time & place: 4.00pm, Deakin University Melbourne City Centre, 3rd Floor, 550 Bourke St, Melbourne
RSVP by 17 April 2015

Tuesday 28 April 2015, Australian Institute of Family Studies webinar: Practice based best evidence: What evidence base counts when evaluating good practice in program delivery? This webinar will reflect on the experiences of the FAST program in the NT to explore what counts as good practice in Indigenous community programs.

Time: 11:00am–12:00 noon EST. More information and registration

National Reconciliation Week, 27 May–3 June 2015

Media

"Australia's high Indigenous incarceration rate is an ongoing issue. Previous reviews have been criticised for taking a "one size fits all" approach, but this week's Indigenous health conference in Western Australia has focused on each community's individual needs. Mick Gooda, Australia's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner, explains what this conference brings to the wider discussion on Indigenous health.

Geraldton Aboriginal Medical Service organised the event to develop strategies to improve the wellbeing of Indigenous prisoners, and address these high incarceration rates. Today was its final day..."

Aboriginal incarceration rates at crisis point, says social justice commissioner Mick Gooda, by Sarah Taillier, ABC News, 9 April 2015
Aboriginal incarceration rates have reached crisis point and communities need to unite to address the problem, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander social justice commissioner Mick Gooda says.

Figures from the Productivity Commission show a 57 per cent rise in incarceration rates among Indigenous men, women and children over the past 15 years..." read full report

"A body akin to the Productivity Commission should act as an "objective umpire" to ensure relationships between the federal government and Aboriginal communities were "empowering to the indigenous side", says Cape York leader Noel Pearson.

Mr Pearson appeared on the ABC's Lateline program to discuss the Empowered Communities: Empowered Peoples report which lays out a policy reform agenda, endorsed by eight Aboriginal communities, that redefines the role of government in indigenous policy.

"As long as we see the Aboriginal predicament as a kind of service delivery problem, there's no end to the budgets that we require for Parliament to solve those kind of service delivery needs," Mr Pearson told the show's host Emma Alberici..."

Empowered Communities a chance to close the gap, Marcia Langton, WA Today, 30 March 2015
"What is glaringly obvious in the political administration of Indigenous affairs is the absence of a clear vision and set of policies for overcoming the extreme disadvantages suffered by a large proportion of the Aboriginal population.
What is also clear is that many of the "top-down" policies and programs have had insufficient impact in improving outcomes, especially in shifting people out of intergenerational social security dependence....

Publications

**Australian Burden of Disease Study: Fatal burden of disease in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people 2010**, Australian Institute of Health and Welfare 2015

**Chronic Illness Care for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People: Final Report**, V. Matthews, C. Connors, A. Laycock, J. Bailie & R. Bailie 2015, Menzies School of Health Research, Darwin

**Data Supplement** to the above report


**Victorian Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisation (VACCHO) Newsletters**, including the Summer 2015 edition

**Australian Indigenous Health Bulletin**, including:

*** 'My life is separated': an examination of the challenges and barriers to parenting for Indigenous fathers in prison***

*** Attitudes and characteristics of health professionals working in Aboriginal health***

*** Placental inflammation is associated with rural and remote residence in the Northern Territory, Australia: a cross-sectional study***

*** The epidemiology of gonococcal arthritis in an Indigenous Australian population***

**Australian Policy Online:**

*** Assessing the prison experience for Australian First Peoples: a prospective research approach***

Resources and websites

**Empowered Communities website**

Scholarships, bursaries and awards

**Standing Strong Together Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Award**
The Standing Strong Together Award is presented by the RACGP National Faculty of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health to any Fellow or member of the RACGP and any Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person who has worked together to improve health outcomes for Aboriginal
and Torres Strait Islander people. Nominations are open to all Fellows and members of the RACGP and to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in Australia.

The Award winner will receive a commemorative trophy which will be presented at GP15 in September 2015. The RACGP will fund the cost of the winners' (two representatives) return economy class airfare and accommodation to attend the Academic Session, Fellowship and Awards Ceremony. **Closing date is 5 June 2015.**

**Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Student Bursary Award**
The RACGP’s National Faculty of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health provides one student bursary to enable an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander medical student currently studying at an Australian university to attend the RACGP annual conference GP15 on 21–23 September 2015 at the Melbourne Convention Centre. **Closing date is 5 June 2015.**