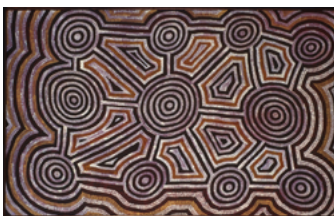


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Communiqué



Director's welcome

Welcome to my final Communiqué as Director of the Australian Indigenous HealthInfoNet.

I have recently returned from leave visiting my daughter and grandchildren (the grandchildren are adorable... thanks for asking :). During my absence, the recruitment process for the new Director was completed. The successful candidate is outstanding. An announcement regarding the new Director will be made once contract negotiations are finalised.

It has been the greatest honour of my professional life to have been gifted the opportunity to work for over a decade at the iconic Australian Indigenous HealthInfoNet, but it is now time to hand over the reins to the next generation of leadership. I am extremely proud of our achievements during that time.

As I noted in my April Communiqué marking my 10 years at the HealthInfoNet, there are so many people that I need to thank. At the risk of repeating myself, I want to acknowledge once again the wonderful support I have received during my time as Director. Firstly, our funding partners. To state the obvious, we could not exist without your support over the last 27 years. Thank you. To our amazing Advisory Board members, many of whom have been stalwart supporters since the beginning of the HealthInfoNet. Thank you. To our formal partners who have walked with us on our journey. Thank you. To the hundreds of Honorary Consultants who provide expert health topic guidance. Thank you. To the hundreds of thousands of users of the HealthInfoNet resources. Thank you. It



has been an honour to support you in your vital work to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and communities throughout Australia.

To the past and present staff of the HealthInfoNet, it has been a privilege to work with you. You are an extraordinary group who serve with passion, dedication, compassion and exemplary professionalism. While, like anyone, I am not without my foibles and shortcomings, I leave knowing that with your support, I have done the best I had to offer. Thank you. The incoming Director is fortunate indeed to be joining such a team and I wish you all the very best for the future.

While I will be leaving the HealthInfoNet in the very capable hands of the new Director, I am determined to stay active in my commitment to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and communities and sincerely hope that our paths will cross again from time to time. In the meantime, stay safe and well.

Cheers,
Neil



Professor Neil Drew

The Australian Indigenous HealthInfoNet acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the lands and waters of Australia and the Torres Strait. We respect all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people—their customs and their beliefs. We also pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging with particular acknowledgment to the Whadjuk people of the Noongar nation, the traditional owners of the lands where our offices are located.

We welcome two new partners



Australian Psychological Society is the largest professional association for psychologists in Australia, representing over 27,000 members. The APS is committed to advancing psychology as a discipline and profession. The APS provide expert, evidence-based and technical guidance in the development of policy, advocacy,

psychological resources and professional development for the wellbeing of all Australians. It spreads the message that psychologists make a difference to people's lives, through improving scientific knowledge and community wellbeing.

Allied Health Professions Australia is the recognised national voice for allied health

professions, representing and advocating for the role of allied health professionals in health, aged care, disability, education and all systems where allied health services have a role. Allied health professionals represent almost a third of the country's health care workforce and deliver over 200 million health services annually.

Access ongoing health status updates

The image shows the cover of a report titled 'Overview of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health status 2023'. The cover has a dark purple background with a white and yellow dot pattern. At the top right, there is a logo for 'Australian Indigenous HealthInfoNet' featuring a stylized lizard. The title is written in white and yellow text. The bottom of the cover features a large, colorful illustration of a lizard, likely a wallaby or similar marsupial, in a traditional Indigenous art style with vibrant colors and dot patterns. At the bottom left, there is a small white box with text: 'Core funding is provided by the Australian Government Department of Health and Aged Care'. At the bottom right, there is a QR code and the logo for 'ECU EDITH COWAN UNIVERSITY'.

In addition to the annual publication of the Australian Indigenous HealthInfoNet 'Overview of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health status', you can now also access the latest information and statistics released since the publication of the Overview. This important initiative means we continue to deliver timely, accessible and relevant information as it comes to hand. Each year the annual Overview will continue to be published, but users wanting current information prior can now access it.

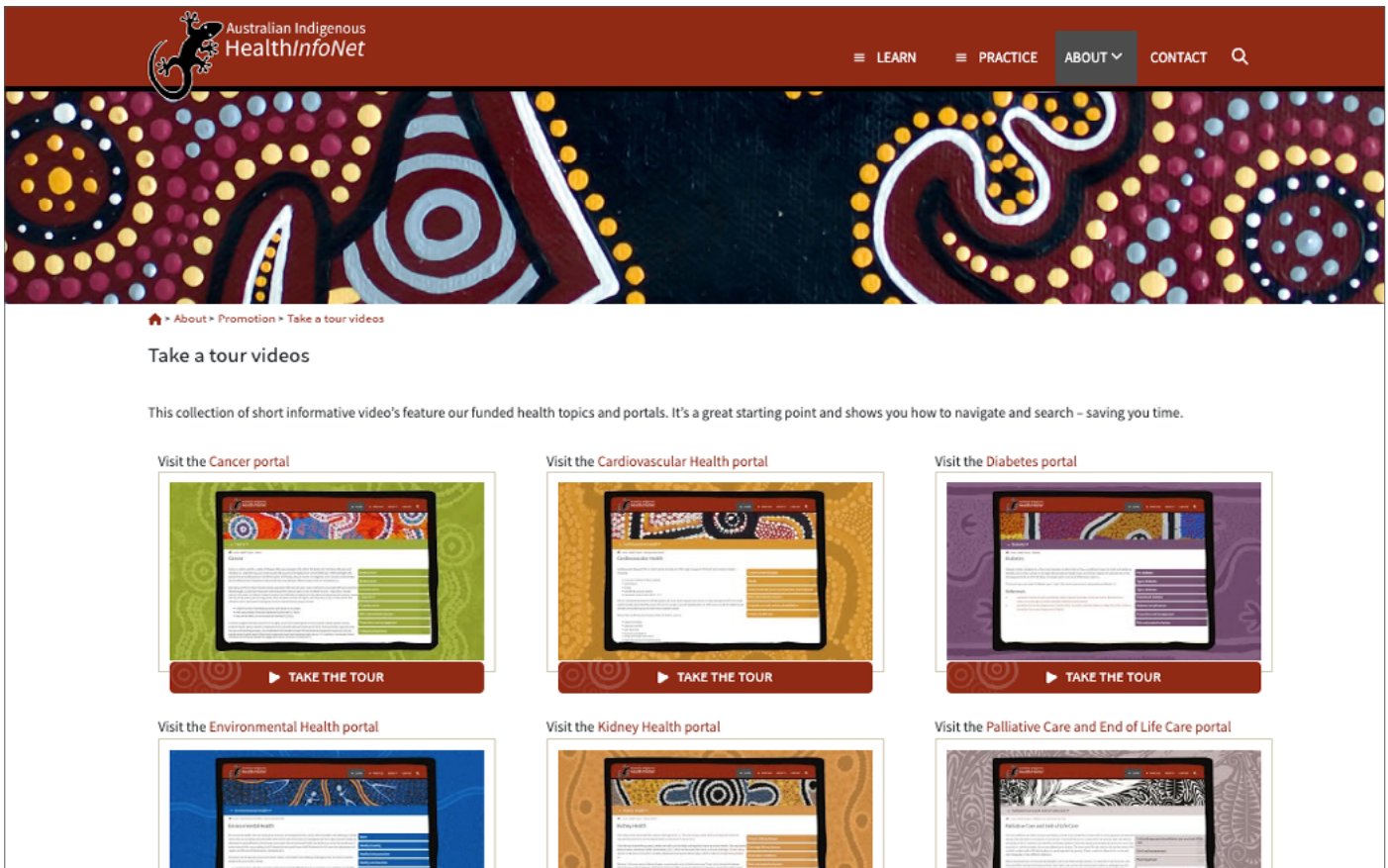
This new online resource aims to provide timely and accessible updates for those working and researching in the field of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health.

[Click here to view the latest information and statistics.](#)

Updates involve the collection, collation and analysis of a wide range of relevant information, including both published and unpublished material as they become available.

Information and statistics are updated for:

- measures of population health
- funded health conditions
- factors contributing to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health
- background information.



Australian Indigenous HealthInfoNet

LEARN PRACTICE ABOUT CONTACT

Home > About > Promotion > Take a tour videos

Take a tour videos

This collection of short informative video's feature our funded health topics and portals. It's a great starting point and shows you how to navigate and search – saving you time.

- Visit the Cancer portal
- Visit the Cardiovascular Health portal
- Visit the Diabetes portal
- Visit the Environmental Health portal
- Visit the Kidney Health portal
- Visit the Palliative Care and End of Life Care portal

Take a short video tour of our portals

Not getting the most from our website? We know it's vast and comprehensive and that's why we've made a short series of 'how to use' videos across our portals and chronic condition health topics.

Take a tour videos - Australian Indigenous HealthInfoNet

Why not play these short 3-minute training videos at your staff meetings, add them to your staff intranet, send links to new staff as

part of their induction training or directly to new members and clients who need access to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander resources to support them in their work. Get straight to the resources you need even faster.

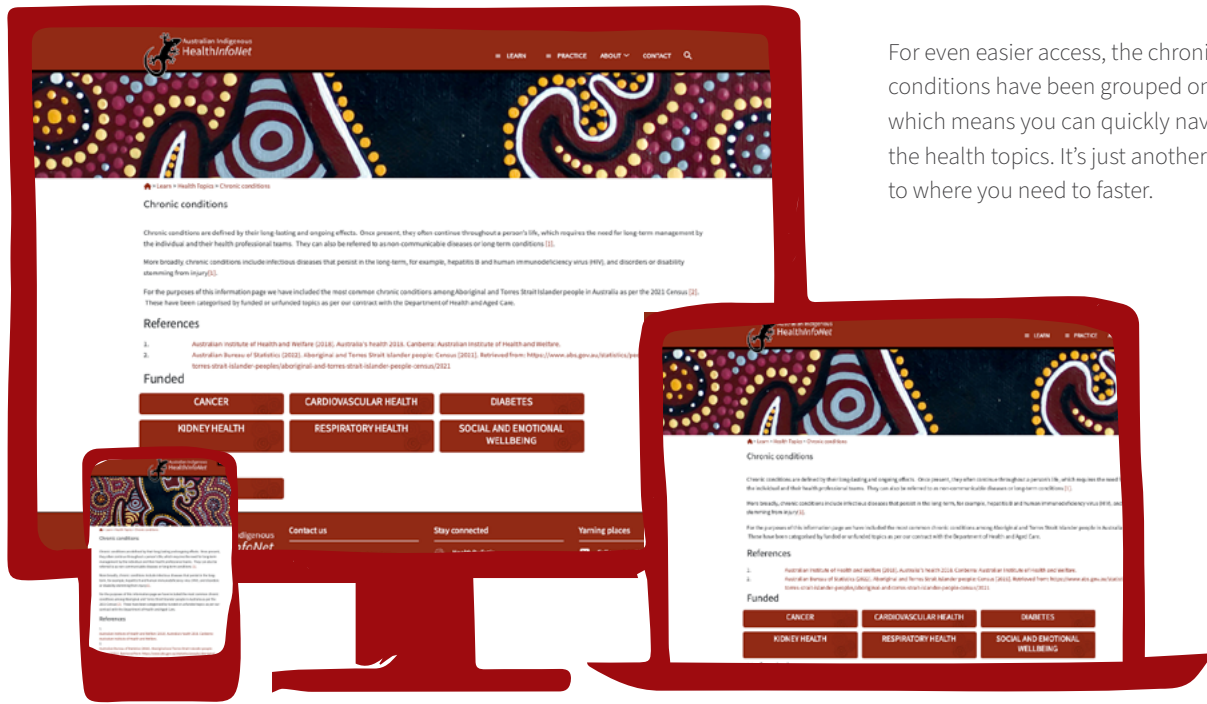
TIS CEO's workshop



Ashleigh Parnell from our team attended the National Best Practice Unit - Tackling Indigenous Smoking (NBPU TIS) CEOs Workshop (24 June) and Planning Days (25-26 June) which included staff from the NBPU TIS, National Coordinator TIS Professor Tom Calma and staff from the Department of Health and Aged Care. The workshop and planning days were held on Nggunawal and Ngambri Country (Canberra). [View the Tackling Indigenous Smoking \(TIS\) program website here.](#)

National Best Practice Unit Tackling Indigenous Smoking as well as National Coordinator TIS Professor Tom Calma and Department of Health and Aged Care representatives

Easier access to Chronic conditions resources



For even easier access, the chronic conditions have been grouped on one page which means you can quickly navigate to all the health topics. It's just another way to get to where you need to faster.



Australian Indigenous HealthBulletin

Our online HealthBulletin celebrated 42 years

The HealthBulletin aims to keep users informed of current information of relevance to those working and researching in the field of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health. It provides access to recently published

journal articles, reports, resources and theses featured on the Australian Indigenous HealthInfoNet website, across a range of health topics.

Subscribe to keep up to date.

Connect with us on LinkedIn

The AOD Knowledge Centre is now also on LinkedIn. Join the conversation and keep up to date with new AOD resources <https://www.linkedin.com/company/alcohol-and-other-drugs-knowledge-centre-aodkc/>

The HealthInfoNet is also there [Australian Indigenous HealthInfoNet: My Company | LinkedIn](#)

We continue to perform above industry standards across our social media platforms and continue to engage with and reach some of our users via these platforms which then link back to our websites.



In season

Our offices are on the land of the Whadjuk Noongar peoples. It's the season of Djilba here and we are now in First spring August-September. Traditionally at this time there are a mix of wet days, cold nights and warm days.

Searching our site is now even easier

Renae Bastholm our creative IT Manager continues to improve the back end of our sites enhancing the search functionality to make it even easier for you our users to take a deeper dive into our vast collection of resources to find exactly what you need.

What users can do now is:

- Refine by year published for all the library entries
- Access a more intuitive search so you know exactly what the search results are for
- A new search help page to guide you through all the features.
- Search results include website pages and topics which suitably match your search



Budget 2024-25: Information of relevance to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health

As we do each year, we collated and linked to the information from the Federal budget in May relevant to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health. Australian Government Budget 2024-25: information of relevance to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health - [Australian Government Budget 2024 25 information of relevance to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health - News - About - Australian Indigenous HealthInfoNet \(ecu.edu.au\)](#)

Call for papers for the Journal of the Australian Indigenous HealthInfoNet



We are seeking papers from researchers and practitioners that address key issues in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health. The Journal of the Australian Indigenous HealthInfoNet aims to facilitate access to information that supports those working in the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health sector. The Journal reflects its wide range of readers – policy makers, service providers, researchers, students and the general community – by keeping people informed about recent research and promoting knowledge exchange.

The Journal of the Australian Indigenous HealthInfoNet has been published online since 2020. In that time, it has received over 31,000 downloads, in 115 countries

and 700 institutions around the world. We invite you to submit an article to this rapidly growing publication. **Visit our journal here to submit your work.** All submissions are subject to double-blind peer review.

We accept:

- original research articles - full reports of significant research
- health topic reviews - general evidence-based summaries of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health and reviews of specific topics.
- brief reports - brief research reports or summaries of innovative health promotion or preventive health programs.

Conferences

1. QAAMS (Quality Assurance for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Medical Services) Workshop 1-2 May Adelaide (exhibited)
2. AHCWA WA Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Sector Conference 1-2 May Perth (exhibited)
3. National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Environmental Health (NATSIEH) Conference 3-16 May 2024 Melbourne (presented and exhibited)
4. International Federation of Environmental Health (IFEH) World Congress 20-24 May Perth (presented)
5. Essential Services Health Summit 27-29 July Adelaide (exhibited)



QAAMS delegate Janette Bridger with HealthInfoNet's Michelle Elwell



WA Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Sector Conference hamper winner Lillian Macale with HealthInfoNet's Courtney King



Essential Services Health Summit delegate Kate Leo



NATSEIH Conference delegate Hollie Zimmermann with HealthInfoNet's Michelle Barratt.

Staff news



Aleina Humphreys and Tara Hoyne



Kane Rigby

Two of our staff celebrated milestone birthdays this quarter, Aleina and Tara. Congratulations to both. We also farewelled Pauline Shanley (Business Manager) who left in early July after 16 years with the HealthInfoNet taking extended leave then retiring. Also Kane Officer (Research Assistant) who headed off to another opportunity after close to two years with us. I wish them both well in the future and thank them for their contribution.



Pauline Shanley