



Director's Communiqué | Website redesign issue

Director's welcome




As you know last year we celebrated our 20th year. Already in the wings we were gathering the evidence to inform a comprehensive rebuild and redesign of

the website. I am delighted to announce that this month we launched our new responsively designed websites. Both the HealthInfoNet and the Alcohol and Other Drugs Knowledge Centre are now available in this new format Healthinfonet.ecu.edu.au and Aodknowledgecentre.ecu.edu.au (note new location).

Now more than ever those working in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health need prompt access to relevant, reliable information as well as quick, easy search

options. The real dividend for a site of this size and a national user base with diverse needs, is the ease of navigating to the information you need when you need it. Please enjoy this special edition of my Communiqué that introduces you to the key features of our new sites.

 Professor Neil Drew

Evidenced based design

The redesign of the new site was informed by evidence. This was in the form of a comprehensive national user survey of what users want and access most as well as extensive collaboration with other stakeholders across the country. In depth heat mapping of the site was conducted to show us where our users went on key pages and sections and what content was most used. Google analytics across the site also informed the process.

Our ongoing commitment

Our websites will continue to change and evolve into the future as we embrace new and innovative technologies to best deliver the information and respond to the needs of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health sector. Our digital tools are well underway with our eBooks, webinars, animated infographics, short HealthInfoByte films and much more in the pipeline.

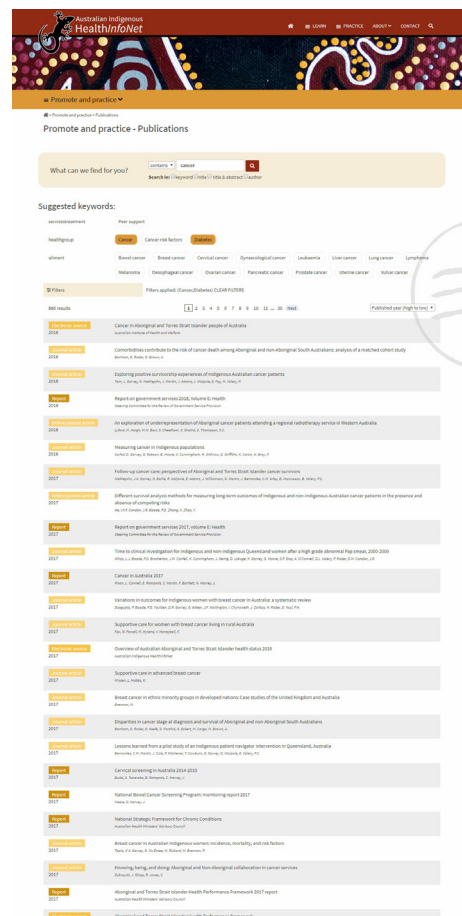
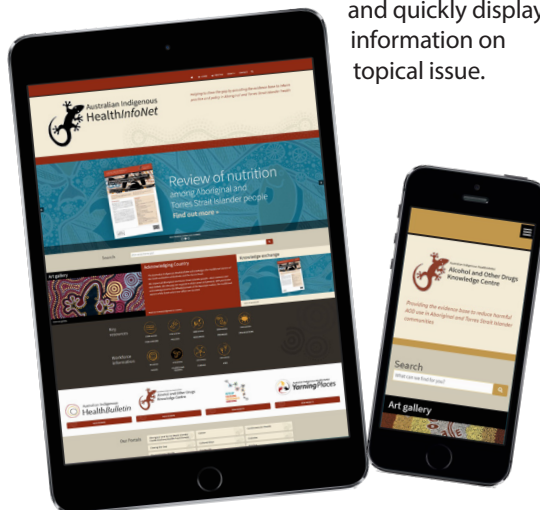
A cleaner, visual and more accessible site

Can be accessed on any platform be it a tablet or mobile phone.

The content you know and trust is still there and a simpler and easier navigation means a shorter search and quicker loading time.

The site is structured to be more intuitive so that you don't have to think too much about where to find something.

The new platform allows us to custom design the information to your needs and quickly display information on topical issue.



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Our IT Team



Renae Bastholm is our IT Manager who joined us in 2014. Renae has an extensive background in building websites utilising the latest technology. Renae is responsible for the custom built responsive design of the new HealthInfoNet web resource as well as the earlier migration of

our site to a cloud server and automating of many aspects of the site database. Re building and designing the HealthInfoNet website, which is vast both in scope and depth of content, was no easy task. Renae spent close to a year on the consultation process, design and build of the new site. When not at work Renae spends time with her husband and three children and regularly goes to comedy nights to unwind. She is an avid supporter of the Fremantle Dockers.

Special thanks to our team

All HealthInfoNet staff were involved in the redesign process. Specifically our Website Enhancement Group who provided crucial guidance and support, Andrea MacRae (the HealthInfoNet project facilitator) who worked closely with



Rob Etherington is our IT Officer working with Renae and also joined us in 2014. Rob supported Renae in building the new site and also is responsible for the production of some of our digital products like our HealthInfoByte short films, animated infographics as well as other graphic design work on the

website. Rob's interests and skills also include photography, animation and film editing which he brings to his work at the HealthInfoNet. In January this year, Rob became a proud father with the birth of his first child, Xavier.

Renae and Millie Harford Mills (the AOD Knowledge Centre and Tackling Indigenous Smoking portal). I am sincerely grateful and proud of all staff who kept the everyday work of the sites ticking over during this massively complex and demanding time.

Our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander art gallery is back

The artwork on our site is crucial to represent the diversity of our users and be inclusive of the many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures throughout Australia. We have also expanded our art collection by adding more pieces from Torres Strait Islander artists.

Pictured here are just two examples.



Robert Nester Mosby - Untitled



Brian Robinson - Carried Lightly

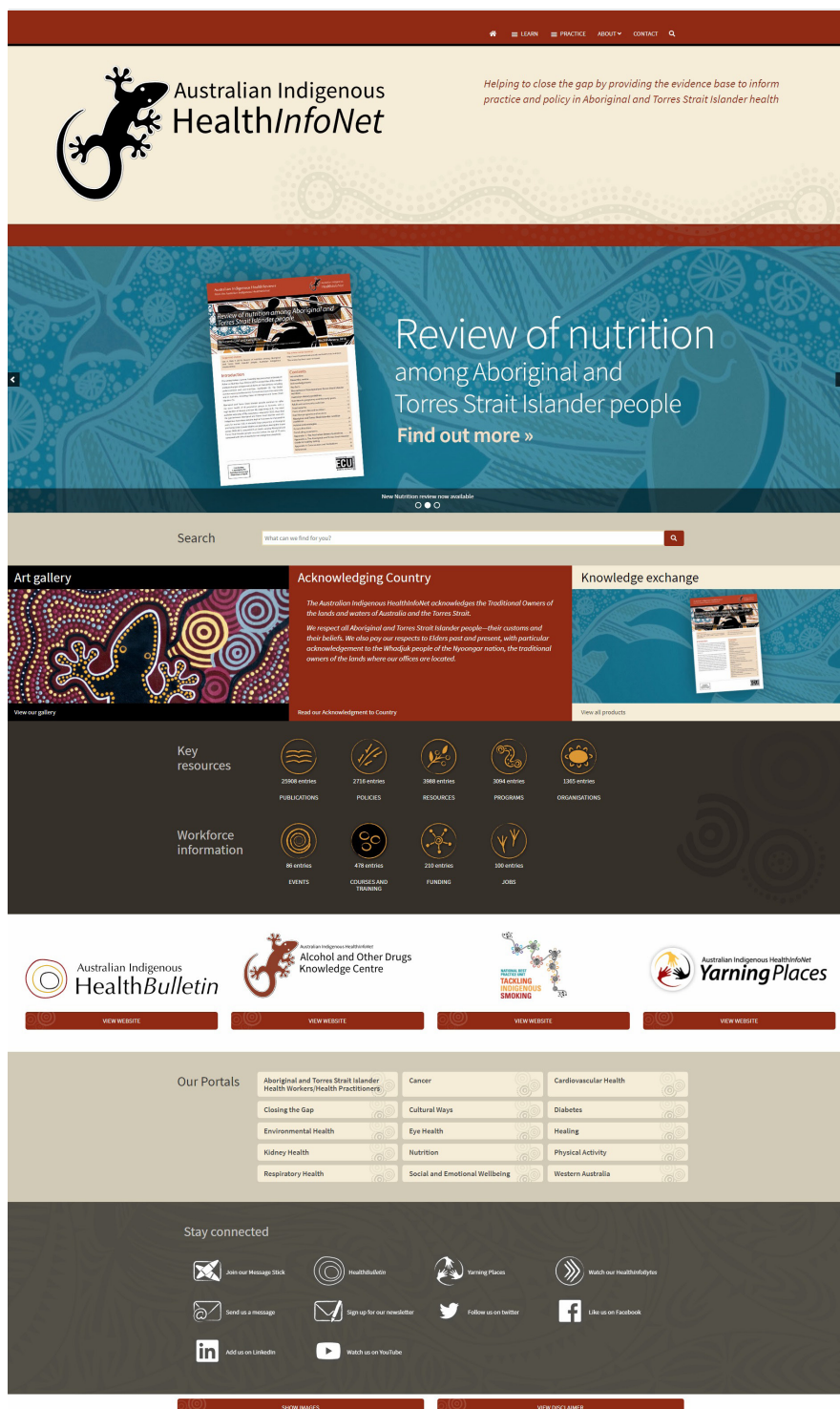
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What's new on the HealthInfoNet website

In addition to our new responsive design, the website now has a host of new features that enhance your experience.

- Modern homepage: the new website features a stylish and uncluttered homepage that clearly highlights the latest information and provides easy access to our most important content.
- Improved search: you can now search the entire website from the homepage. This search provides holistic results, detailing all the relevant publications, policies, resources, programs, organisations and workforce information that relate to any query.



Home page

What's new on the HealthInfoNet website

- While you have always been able to search our extensive collection of publications, you can now search all the different kinds of information we collect, including programs, organisations, events, training, funding and jobs. This makes finding exactly what you need quicker and easier.
- Streamlined navigation: the new navigation structure helps you to navigate the wealth of information on the website. Now, you will simply choose between 'learn' (where you'll find information about health conditions, determinants, the health system, populations and locations) or 'practice' (where you'll have instant access to key resources, workforce information, and access to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Workers and Health Practitioners portal).
- Enhanced coverage of key topics: we now provide enhanced coverage of key health conditions like chronic diseases (cancer, cardiovascular health, diabetes, kidney health, respiratory health, nutrition and physical activity), eye health, healing, social and emotional wellbeing, as well as environmental health and cultural ways. For each of the portals, you will find detailed information and curated content lists for numerous sub-topics, making access to this information more direct and quicker for you.

The screenshot displays the HealthInfoNet website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'LEARN', 'PRACTICE', 'ABOUT', and 'CONTACT' options. Below the navigation bar, a search bar is visible with the text 'What can we find for you?' and a search button. The search results are displayed under the heading 'Promote and practice - Publications'. The results list various articles, including 'Cancer in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people of Australia', 'Comorbidity contributes to the risk of cancer death among Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal South Australians: analysis of a matched cohort study', and 'Exploring positive survivorship experiences of Indigenous Australian cancer patients'. The results are filtered by 'Cancer' and 'Diabetes'.

Publications page

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- Increased coverage of the determinants of health: we now provide more comprehensive coverage of determinants of health, including environmental factors, social and cultural factors, community capacity (covering community safety, family safety, child protection, justice, governance, transport and digital services), and health behaviours (with enhanced coverage for nutrition and physical activity, access to our extensive Alcohol and Other Drug Knowledge Centre, as well as immunisation). This coverage helps us go beyond looking just at health conditions to provide more of the context for better understanding the health of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and communities.
- Redesigned portal for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Workers and Health Practitioners: the newly designed portal provides this integral part of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health workforce with the information they need for their work. This includes information on registration and Medicare, as well as self-care for workers.

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Diabetes

Diabetes (diabetes mellitus) is a disease that leads to high levels of glucose in the blood [1]. Diabetes occurs when a person is no longer able to produce their own insulin (a hormone made by the pancreas to control blood glucose levels or when the body is longer able use insulin effectively), or both.

Diabetes is a serious complex condition that can affect the whole body [2]. It is the world's fastest growing chronic disease [3] and the epidemic of the 21st century [2].

There are three main types of diabetes: type 1, type 2 and gestational diabetes (diabetes in pregnancy).

References

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2. Diabetes Australia (2013). *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders and diabetes action plan*. Canberra: Diabetes Australia.
3. Reference error!

Our knowledge exchange products

Diabetes among Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander people [Infographic]
Australian Indigenous HealthInfoNet Price, S. (2017)
View

Key resources

- 583 entries PUBLICATIONS
- 66 entries POLICIES
- 300 entries RESOURCES
- 178 entries PROGRAMS
- 24 entries ORGANISATIONS

Workforce information

- 45 entries COURSES AND TRAINING
- 8 entries EVENTS
- 14 entries FUNDING
- 1 entries JOBS

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Related topics

- Cardiovascular Health
- Diabetic retinopathy
- Alcohol
- Nutrition
- Bodyweight
- Physical Activity

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Artwork

Jangampa Jukurrpa (Brush-tailed Possum Dreaming)
by Phyllis Napurrula Williams

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What's new on the Alcohol and Other Drugs Knowledge Centre

A new universal search function so you can search the entire Knowledge Centre for content, including our bibliography, resources, programs, and organisations.

There are three new portals that collate the information and resources into important areas of interest:

Harm Reduction Portal which includes content on:

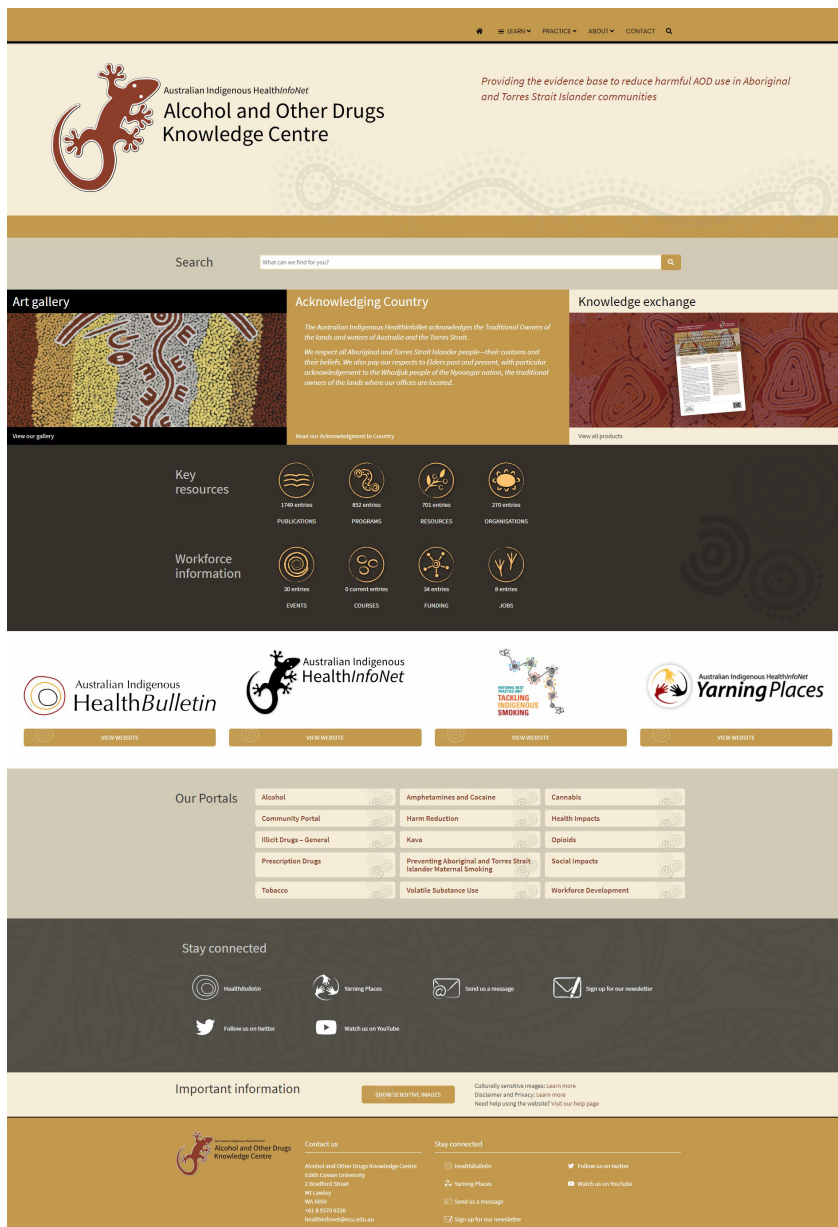
- injecting drug use
- mobile patrols and sobering up shelters
- pharmacotherapies

Health Impacts Portal which includes content on:

- chronic disease
- blood borne viruses
- social, emotional and cultural wellbeing
- Fetal alcohol spectrum disorder
- Preventing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Maternal Smoking (PATSIMS)

Social Impacts Portal which includes content on:

- stronger communities
- justice system

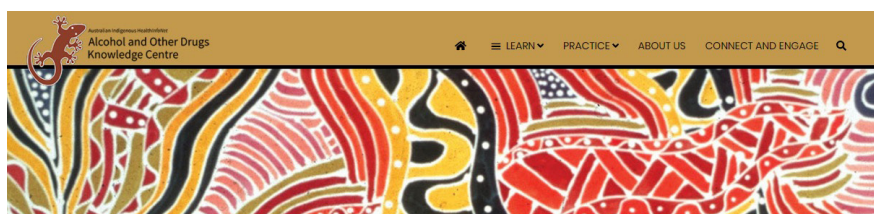


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What's new on the Alcohol and Other Drugs Knowledge Centre

New 'sub topics' for all drug types (including Tobacco, Alcohol, Illicit drugs, Amphetamines and Cocaine, Cannabis, Opioids, and Volatile substance use) so you can easily identify content on:

- Prevalence
- Prevention and education
- Treatment and support
- Regulation and control
- Young people



Learn > Specific drugs > Volatile substance use (including petrol sniffing)

Volatile substance use (including petrol sniffing)

Volatile substance use (VSU) is the intentional breathing in of chemical substances by a user to feel drunk, buzzing or excited [1]. Because the user breathes in (or inhales) the chemical substance, these substances are also known as 'inhalants'. Some every-day products that are used for sniffing include:

- deodorant
- air freshener
- lighter fluid
- fly spray
- petrol.

Inhalants have different effects depending on the way they are inhaled, what type of inhalant it is, how old the user is, and what gender they are [1]. The effects of sniffing inhalants include:

- tiredness
- feeling nauseous
- irregular heart beat
- memory loss
- loss of consciousness
- feelings of wellbeing.

Inhalant use can also lead to sudden sniffing death [2]. Sudden sniffing death can happen when a person who has been sniffing does some exercise, or is stressed or scared (because this puts extra pressure on their heart).

There are some long term harms that can come from sniffing inhalants, including:

- brain damage

[Read More](#)

Prevalence

Prevention and education

Regulation and control

Treatment and support

Key resources



236 entries

PUBLICATIONS



83 entries

RESOURCES



50 entries

PROGRAMS



79 entries

POLICIES



96 entries

ORGANISATIONS

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Artwork




Rain Meets Creek, Creek Meets River, River Meets Sea

by William Miller

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