

Diabetes WA Aboriginal Health Forum

Working together today for a stronger tomorrow

This forum will showcase innovative programs and initiatives, the latest diabetes research and will feature keynote speakers from across Australia.

This forum should not be missed by anyone working in the area of diabetes and Aboriginal health!

Where: Technology Park Function Centre
2 Brodie Hall Drive
Bentley WA 6102

This venue is wheelchair accessible and free parking is available.

Date: Wednesday 27 June 2018

Time: 9:00am - 4:00pm
Registrations, tea & coffee from 8.30am

Cost: Free

Open to all health professionals.

Video conferencing facilities are available.

Register your attendance at diabeteswa.com.au/booking-request-form/ or call 1300 001 880.

Forward enquiries, video conferencing requests and dietary requirements to aboriginalhealth@diabeteswa.com.au or call Natalie Jetta on 9436 6202.

Registrations close 21 June 2018



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KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Odette Pearson: The SA Aboriginal Diabetes Strategy 2017 – 2021: its development and where we are at now.



Dr Pearson has a joint appointment as a Senior Research Fellow with Wardliparingga Aboriginal Research Unit, South Australian Health & Medical Research Institute and the Sansom Institute for Health Research, University of South Australia. Her experience and post-doctoral training in Aboriginal health policy, health systems and inequity comprises a unique comprehensive skillset relevant to existing and emerging complexities of Aboriginal health and well-being.

Odette seeks to understand how institutional policies and practices drive health and social inequities experienced by Indigenous populations. Integral to her research is the inclusion of Aboriginal communities in defining their health and wellbeing needs and outcomes. Odette led the development of the South Australia Aboriginal Diabetes Strategy.

Moorditj Djena: Aboriginal Podiatry & Diabetes Service WA



The Moorditj Djena – “Strong Feet” program is a holistic culturally secure, mobile outreach service for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community in the Perth Metropolitan area. It is governed by the East Metropolitan Health Service, Community & Population Health, Metropolitan Aboriginal Community Programs. The Moorditj Djena program focusses on the identification, prevention and management of high risk foot conditions, on diabetes and nutrition education, and on enabling clients to self-manage their diabetes-related conditions.

Erich Barkmeyer and Patricia Elarde: Facebook Peer Support Group Qld



Tricia, a Torres Strait Islander woman, has a dual role of Manager of the Indigenous Health Unit within Diabetes Queensland and NDSS Priority Leader for Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander people. The national role involves national coordination and leadership assistance to Diabetes Australia for various aspects of diabetes education and support programs for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples, fostering relationships to assist in the promotion of the NDSS resources and training for the Indigenous diabetes workforce.



Erich Barkmeyer is a Project Officer in the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Team at Diabetes Queensland. He has been with Diabetes Queensland for 4 years and one of the projects he manages is the Facebook Peer Support Group for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Queenslanders living with type 2 diabetes.

David Follent: 1 Deadly Step program NSW



David Follent is national secretary and NSW director of the board of the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Workers Association (NATSIHWA), and a Senior Project Officer with in the Aboriginal Chronic Care Team within NSW Health’s Agency of Clinical Innovation (ACI).

The 1 Deadly Step program promotes screening, early detection and follow up of chronic disease in Aboriginal communities in NSW. The unique component of 1 Deadly Step is the involvement of sport and its ability to engage Aboriginal people that would not normally be screened for chronic disease. Following recommendations from the evaluations, ACI is about to embark on a 1 Deadly Step, Phase 3, which will focus on the development of a flexible and sustainable model.