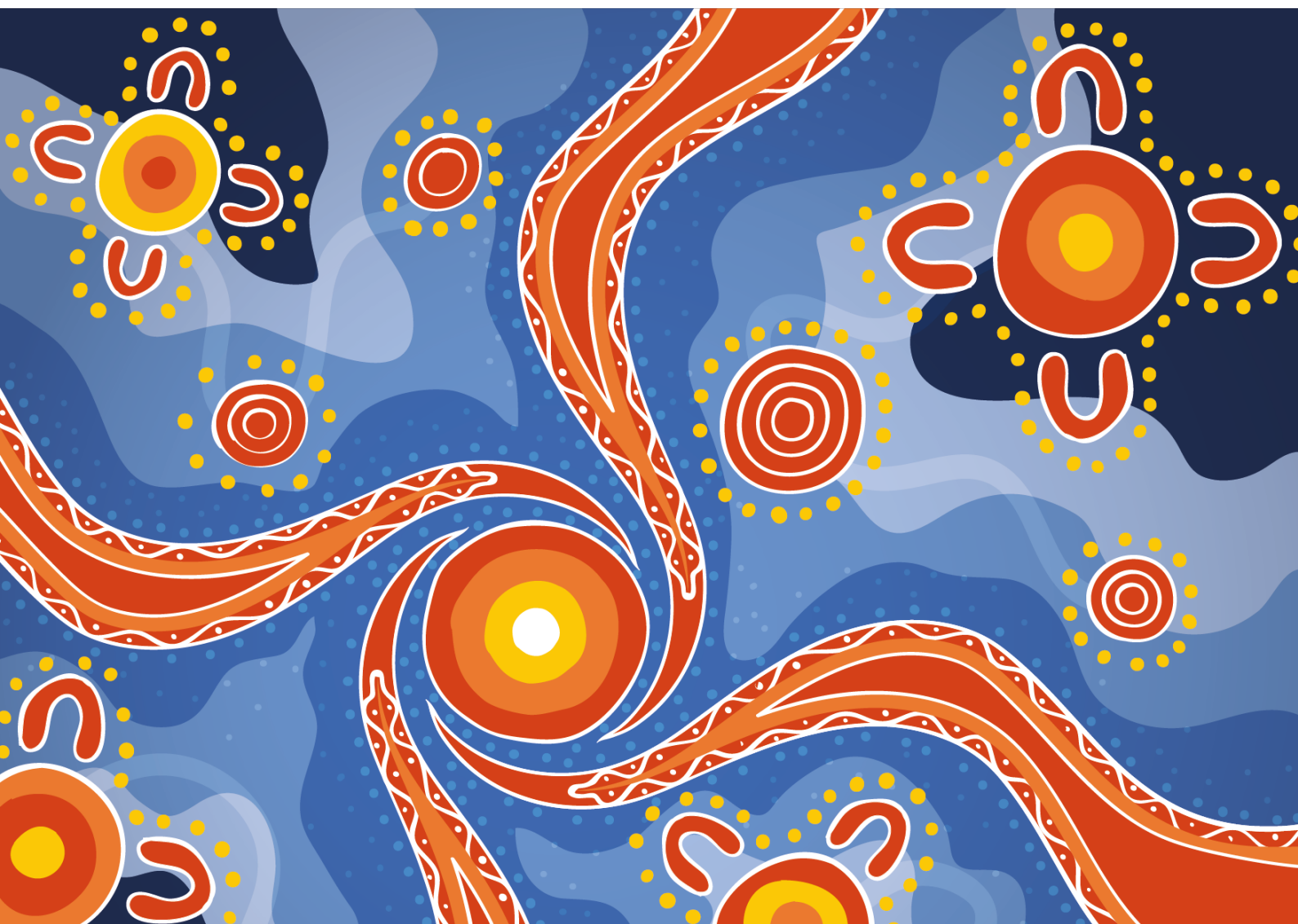


Aboriginal Leaders' Forum No. 6

24 November 2016, 8:45am–1:30pm

Tauondi College, Lipson Street, Port Adelaide



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We acknowledge this land that we meet on today is the traditional lands for Kaurna people and that we respect their spiritual relationship with their country. We also acknowledge the Kaurna people as the custodians of the Adelaide region and that their cultural and heritage beliefs are still as important to the living Kaurna people today. We also pay respects to the cultural authority of Aboriginal people visiting/attending from other areas of South Australia/Australia present here.

DISCUSSION TOPICS

- Transforming Health
 - How Transforming Health is improving health outcomes for Aboriginal people
 - How Aboriginal people are being made aware of the reforms and included in consultations and decision making that affects them.
- Impact of drugs, alcohol and addiction on Aboriginal communities
 - Epidemiology of drug and alcohol use in Aboriginal rural and remote communities
 - Patient pathways for people presenting to hospital for acute drug abuse
 - Drug and alcohol services program delivery
- Emerging issues and future directions.

PARTICIPANTS

Aboriginal Leaders:

Cathy Leane, Donna Quinn, Doug Turner, Elsa Barton, Eunice Aston, Frank Lampard, Karen Glover, Kathy Mickan, Kerri Reilly, Kim Morey, Margaret McCallum, Mike Turner, Odette Gibson, Sharon Clarke, Bill Wilson, Simone Kenmore, Tamara Mackean.

Guest speakers and presenters:

Jackie Ah Kit, Dorothy Keefe, James Ward, Chris Holmwood, Mark Thompson.

Health Performance Council (HPC):

Steve Tully (HPC Chair), David Roder, Debra Kay, Jennene Greenhill.

HPC Secretariat:

Jane Austin, Nick Cugley, Jill Fraser.

Facilitated by:

Klynton Wanganeen and Steve Tully.



1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Welcome and acknowledgment that we meet on Kurna Land.

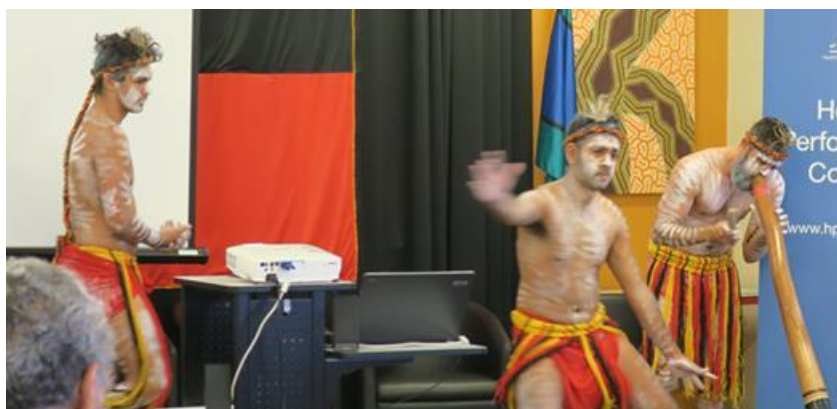
Thanks to Aboriginal Leaders who travelled long distances to attend the forum.

Klynton Wanganeen, on behalf of delegates, thanked Jackie Ah Kit for her work as Chair of the Transforming Health Aboriginal Expert Advisory Group. This group is an initiative of the Aboriginal Leaders' Forum and is made up of key Aboriginal professional staff representatives from across the health system. The group advises the Transforming Health Ministerial Clinical Advisory Group (MCAG) on issues affecting Aboriginal people.

Steve Tully introduced Health Performance Council (HPC) members David Roder, Debra Kay and Jennene Greenhill. Debra and Jennene joined the HPC in August 2016 and this is their first Aboriginal Leaders' Forum.

2. TAUONDI CULTURAL PERFORMANCE

Jack Buckskin and the Tauondi Cultural Performers gave the Welcome to Country ceremony and dance performance.



3. TRANSFORMING HEALTH

Dorothy Keefe (Clinical Ambassador for Transforming Health) and Jackie Ah Kit (Chair, Aboriginal Expert Advisory Group) discussed with delegates:

- How Transforming Health is improving health outcomes for Aboriginal people
- How Aboriginal people are being made aware of the reforms and included in consultations and decision making that affects them

Key points:

- Jackie thanked delegates for being endorsed as Chair of the Advisory Group and advised that its Terms of Reference and membership have been finalised. Kerri Reilly from CHSALHN is the Deputy Chair.
- Since the last Forum in May 2016, the Advisory Group has held three meetings including a workshop and gallery walk on Transforming Health data as it relates to Aboriginal people.
- Data and analytics are very important in Transforming Health. Jackie thanked the Health Performance Council for its work on the Aboriginal Population Compendium to State of Our Health which was used in the workshop and gallery walk.
- Advisory Group is looking at Transforming Health models of care and working on priority areas that can be presented to Transforming Health Ministerial Clinical Advisory Group (MCAG). Advisory Group will focus on areas that have the biggest impact for Aboriginal people and monitor for unintended consequences of Transforming Health on Aboriginal people.
- Dorothy gave her undertaking that SAHMRI's strategies/plans developed for Aboriginal heart & stroke, diabetes and cancer will be incorporated into Transforming Health models of care.
- The discussion panel heard that the health system needs to change to respond differently to Aboriginal people in order to achieve equitable outcomes – examples given included safety and quality standards and the patient journey. Panel acknowledged this but Advisory Group needs more information on exactly what differences work. For example, more outcomes research required into the effectiveness of different models of *supportive* care for Aboriginal people.
- The discussion panel heard suggestions that more Aboriginal contact staff (e.g. Aboriginal Liaison Officers in hospitals), ensuring Aboriginal patients are discharged with their prescribed medication, increasing levels of transport to hospital for emergencies via ambulance and ensuring follow-up appointments are kept as some potentially simple and effective options for the Advisory Group to consider in the prevention of adverse outcomes such as unplanned readmission rates as Transforming Health is rolled out.
- The discussion panel heard that the Indigenous Advancement Strategy (IAS) is one way in which the Australian Government funds and delivers a range of programmes targeting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. Forum discussed relative effectiveness of giving funding to non-Aboriginal NGOs to improve health outcomes for Aboriginal people vs. providing funding to Aboriginal groups to manage their own health care.



4. IMPACT OF DRUGS ALCOHOL AND ADDICTION ON ABORIGINAL COMMUNITIES

James Ward (SAHMRI), Chris Holmwood (DASSA) and Mark Thompson (DASSA) presented on:

- Epidemiology of drug and alcohol use in Aboriginal rural and remote communities
- Patient pathways for people presenting to hospital for acute drug abuse
- Drug and alcohol services program delivery.

Key issues raised in the Q&A session following the presentations:

- Alcohol and tobacco consumption still have the biggest impacts on poor health outcomes in the Aboriginal population but methamphetamine and cannabis are increasingly leading contributors.
- Drug addiction and associated issues linked to suicide ideation.
- Families feel disempowered to intervene when they see addiction in family members. Families don't feel equipped with the necessary knowledge and skills to provide support.
- Responses to drug and alcohol addiction need to take into account Aboriginal cultural differences when developing plans and protocols which may differ from mainstream models of care.
- Outreach testing for HIV and other blood-borne viruses (BBVs) essential.
- Hepatitis C is a particular problem in prisons across Australia and this affects Aboriginal people in particular given the over-representation of Aboriginal people in prison. The forum heard that safe needle exchange programs in prisons could be a very effective method of addressing the spread of Hepatitis C (and other BBVs) in prisons.
- Support services such as public housing stock, especially in country areas, help the response to alcohol and drug addiction in Aboriginal communities which can be linked to homelessness (for example, family members being asked to leave household due to addiction), violence (including domestic violence) and sexual exploitation.
- Language is important when framing drug use. For example, avoid calling them "recreational" drugs.
- As a result of the discussion delegates identified Aboriginal prisoner health and homelessness as two key potential topics to address at future forums.



5. EMERGING ISSUES AND FUTURE DIRECTIONS

Emerging issues raised by delegates:

- Aboriginal housing and homelessness. Government is outsourcing public housing, so need to look at NGOs that have been successful in providing housing services to Aboriginal people.
- Prisoner health
- Child protection in light of the Nyland report.
- How do we conceptualise health and wellbeing for Aboriginal people not just using Western model of care?

Future directions

- Output report from this Forum to go to all participants including guest speakers.
- Planning Group to re-convene to discuss outcomes and plan next steps, including convening of the next Forum.



FORUM CLOSED AT 1:30PM.

Thank you to all participants for your valuable contributions.

APPENDICES

Aboriginal Leaders' Forum Planning Group:

- Klynton Wanganeen – Aboriginal Leaders' Forum Facilitator
- Alex Brown, Kim Morey and Odette Gibson – Wardliparingga Aboriginal Research Unit, SAHMRI
- Tanya McGregor – Aboriginal Health Branch, SA Health
- Jackie Ah Kit – Women's and Children's Health Network, SA Health
- Tamara Mackean – Southgate Institute for Health, Society and Equity, Flinders University
- Shane Mohor and Amanda Mitchell – Aboriginal Health Council of SA
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Aboriginal Leaders' Forum program and guest speaker bios

See attachment.





EVENT PROGRAM

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Thursday, 24 November 2016

8.45am to 1.30pm

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Program

8.45am	Registration – Tea and coffee
9.15am	Welcome , introductions and updates since the May 2016 forum <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Klynton Wanganeen (Facilitator) - Steve Tully (Chair, Health Performance Council)
9.45am	Tauondi Cultural Performance
10.45am	Morning tea
11.00am	Transforming Health – A conversation with Dorothy Keefe (Clinical Ambassador for Transforming Health) and Jackie Ah Kit (Chair, Aboriginal Expert Advisory Group) on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How Transforming Health is improving health outcomes for Aboriginal people - How Aboriginal people are being made aware of the reforms and included in consultations and decision making that affects them.
Noon	Impact of drugs, alcohol and addiction on Aboriginal communities Presentations and panel discussion with James Ward (SAHMRI), Chris Holmwood (DASSA) and Mark Thompson (DASSA) on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Epidemiology of drug and alcohol use in Aboriginal rural and remote communities - Patient pathways for people presenting to hospital for acute drug abuse - Drug and alcohol services program delivery.
1.00pm	Conclusions from the forum and discussion of future directions
1.30pm	Catered lunch , professional networking and close of session

The Health Performance Council proudly supports the Aboriginal Leaders' Forums and we would like to acknowledge the efforts and contribution of our Planning Group members:

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Speakers



Assoc Prof James Ward

Head Infectious Diseases Research Aboriginal Health, SAHMRI

James Ward, a Pitjantjatjara Nurrunga man, is the Head of Infectious Diseases Research Program-Aboriginal Health at the South Australian Health and Medical Research Institute (SAHMRI). He has progressed research in the areas of sexually transmissible infections (STIs), blood borne viruses (BBVs), vaccine preventable diseases and offender health. James is recognised as a key opinion leader on issues confronting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' health. He has led national research projects in Aboriginal health; sexually transmissible infections and blood borne viruses, including issues surrounding injecting drug use. His important work has made a significant impact over recent years, contributing to the development of national guidelines, as well as influencing policy and practice surrounding Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' health in Australia.



Dr Chris Holmwood

Addiction Medicine Specialist, DASSA

Chris is an Addiction Medicine Specialist and has been with DASSA for the past ten years. Prior to that Chris was Clinical Director of the South Australian Prison Health Service for five years. Chris' original medical training was in general practice and clinical education, and he was Director of GP Training for SA/NT back in the 1990s, and worked also at Flinders University with the Department of General Practice and Evidence Based Care from

2000-2002.

Chris' main professional interest is in improving health service responses for people with alcohol and drug related problems.



Mr Mark Thompson

Coordinator Aboriginal Clinical Services, DASSA

Mark is the Coordinator, Aboriginal Clinical Services and Strategy and has been with DASSA for the past eight years with a focus on the APY lands, Coober Pedy, Ceduna, Port Augusta and Adelaide. Mark has previously worked as an Aboriginal Health Worker (clinical) with a focus on Men's health and continued to develop and raise awareness of Aboriginal Men's Health when working as a Senior Project Officer in the former Aboriginal Health Division, SA Health. Mark was also successfully engaged by the National Centre for Education and Training on Addiction (NCETA) to develop video resources for a nationally focused Indigenous Worker Wellbeing Stress and Burnout project. Mark is a descendant of the Luritja (NT) and Arabana (SA) people and is proactive in supporting and mentoring Aboriginal workers.

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