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## Message from the Practice Support Team



Hi, my name is Eva Moshovis. I was born in Australia but my background is Greek. I am a Practice Support Officer at AH&MRC and my focus is on improving ear health for Aboriginal people within NSW by supporting our Member Services to increase screening rates and knowledge around hearing health.

I have been working at the AH&MRC for two and a half years. While working here I have been studying speech pathology which has improved my understanding of allied health and the importance of hearing in order for children to reach their developmental milestones.

I am very passionate about the role that children play in our society, as they are the future of our nation. I believe it is essential that all children are given equal opportunities to learn despite the barriers that they may face. If you would like to contact AH&MRC about any ear health or pediatric related inquiries, please email me at [emoshovis@ahmrc.org.au](mailto:emoshovis@ahmrc.org.au)

## AH&MRC Updates



### NSW Aboriginal Cancer Roundtable

On the 17th of February the Cancer Council NSW, in partnership with AH&MRC, hosted a Roundtable with a focus on improving cancer outcomes for Aboriginal people living in New South Wales.

The aim of the Roundtable was to bring together key partners in cancer control activity for Aboriginal people in NSW. The Roundtable provided an opportunity for key stakeholders to discuss the important work undertaken so far and agree to a strategic direction and governance structure moving forward.

Thank you to everyone that came along and made it such a productive and collaborative meeting!



### [Kinchela Boys Home - Mobile Education Bus Launch](#)

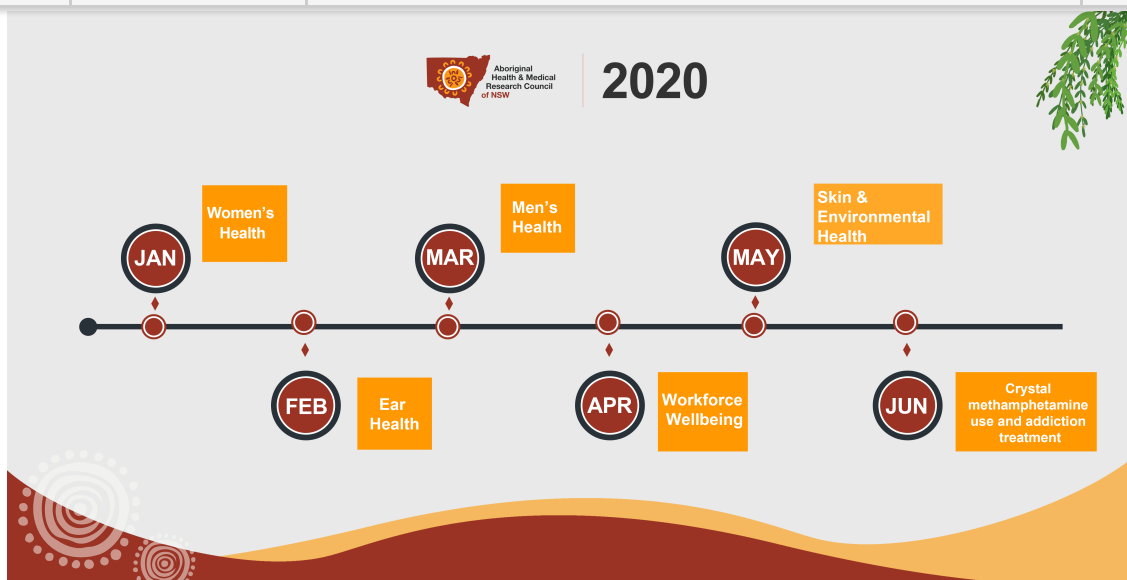
On Thursday the 13th of February AH&MRC attended the launch of the Kinchela Boys Home Mobile Education Bus. The date marked the 12th anniversary of the National Apology to Stolen Generations Survivors. It was an important day to commemorate and acknowledge the wrongs of the past and recognise that there is still a lot of work that needs to be done for Survivors.

Kinchela Boys Home will be travelling across NSW with their Mobile Education Bus to visit communities and provide much-needed awareness and history regarding their stories and the experiences of Stolen Generations Survivors.

*'Their crucial outreach work will ensure that we not only know the truth about what happened at the boys' home, but contribute to the important healing process as we remain conscious of the intergenerational trauma and disadvantage that can live on in descendants of survivors.'* - Georgina Harrison, Department of Education Deputy-Secretary

Congratulations to Kinchela Boys Home for such an amazing achievement!

[Find out more](#)



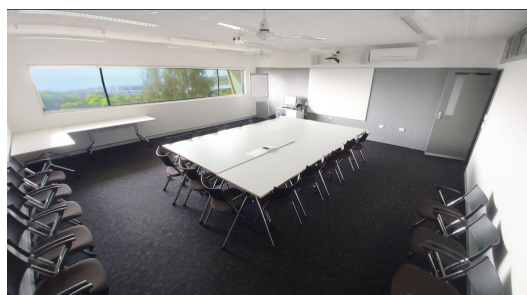
### [AH&MRC and RACGP Webinars](#)

The AH&MRC has partnered with the Royal Australian College of GPs to develop a webinar series for the Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Service (ACCHS) sector. The webinars are on topics relevant to ACCHSs and are aimed at all healthcare professionals employed within services and can earn them CPD points. The webinars are recorded monthly and published on the RACGP Website.

The topics currently posted on the RACGP website are:

- Nicotine replacement therapy
- Hepatitis C epidemiology
- Syphilis: clinical overview, screening and treatment
- Influenza preparedness
- 715 Aboriginal Health Check

[Find out more](#)



### [AH&MRC Venue Hire](#)

AH&MRC venue hire rooms have been refreshed and are available for hire. With ocean views and bush surrounds, AH&MRC is an ideal location for your next meeting – a retreat from the city but only a 15km distance away.

We have a variety of rooms to suit your meeting and event needs, from a 160 capacity auditorium to various breakout and meeting rooms that can be arranged to a style based on your needs – U shaped, board room, workshop and classroom. We also have onsite our expert Events Team who will be able to assist you in the planning and execution of your event to ensure that it is a success.

For more information or to submit a booking enquiry please [click here](#).

For further inquiries contact our Events Team; Melissa Sutton [msutton@ahmrc.org.au](mailto:msutton@ahmrc.org.au) or Danni Li [dli@ahmrc.org.au](mailto:dli@ahmrc.org.au)

[Find out more](#)



## Ethics EOI

### [HREC is seeking representatives](#)

The AH&MRC Human Research Ethics Committee (HREC) is seeking representatives to fill a number of positions. The role of the HREC is to consider research projects for ethical approval and ensure that the research project represents the views and interests of Aboriginal people across New South Wales.

Positions the HREC is seeking EOIs for include:

- Lay Member Representative
- ACCHS Representative
- Youth Representative
- Legal Expertise Representative
- External Reviewer Panel

[Find out more](#)

### Member Updates



### [Yerlin GP Elly Warren rides to improve cancer outcomes for Aboriginal people](#)

Central Coast GP, Dr Elly Warren, sees this disparity in her work at Yerlin Eleanor Duncan Aboriginal Health Centre in Wyong NSW where she is the lead GP.

To help raise awareness about this issue, Dr Elly is taking to the streets where she will join Tour de Cure's

The ride will start in Newcastle on March 26th and travel through New England via Tamworth/Armidale to the QLD border at Warwick and on to Noosa, finishing on April 3rd.

[Read more](#)

## AH&MRC Governance Support Program

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### AH&MRC partnership with ATSI ICT Aboriginal Corporation

In collaboration with ATSI ICT, we have developed an on-going Governance Support Program that provides vital support services to both Board of Directors, CEOs and staff of our Member Services. The Governance Support Program includes:

- In-house governance & finance workshops
- Expert advice from industry consultants
- Assistance for CEOs & staff
- Support in Board governance
- Constitution/rule book reviews & writing
- Assistance in Board financial fundamentals
- On-going consultancy services for point of call contact for expert advice
- Mentoring services to facilitate service governance

For more information and to register your interest, please contact Angela Draper on:  
[adraper@ahmrc.org.au](mailto:adraper@ahmrc.org.au)

## Industry Updates and Resources

The Mental Health Commission of NSW is seeking an Aboriginal artist/s to submit their Expression of Interest to produce a piece of artwork. The artwork will be used for promotional material in relation to the Commission's Aboriginal Social and Emotional Wellbeing – Models of Care (ASEWB) Project.

The purpose of the artwork is to provide a visual representation of what Social and Emotional Wellbeing means for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and how it impacts every aspect of life.

[Find out more](#)

#### [Hepatitis C Workshop - Get Bloody Serious](#)

Hepatitis NSW has set four dates across 2020 for their one-day hepatitis C workshop "Get Bloody Serious. These workshops are designed for people working in clinical and community sectors seeking an update around hepatitis C or to build confidence in engaging with an affected community.

Guest speakers at the January workshop will be:

- HNSW Ceen & Heard speaker – Jason presenting on living with hepatitis C, and experiences of the new DAA treatment
- Clinical Nurse Practitioner – Sinead Sheils, hepatology nurse practitioner at RPAH's Liver Clinic
- Needle & Syringe Coordinator – Rod Smith is the NSP coordinator at one of NSW busiest community NSPs
- Sianne Hodge – Program Manager at Network of Alcohol and other Drugs Agencies
- Hepatitis NSW Educator – Ruth Bearpark from HNSW facilitating and presenting workshop

Places are limited and bookings are essential. Contact Ruth Bearpark on 02 8217 7727 or [rbearpark@hep.org.au](mailto:rbearpark@hep.org.au) for more information.

[Find out more](#)

## Employment Opportunities



Katungul is seeking an **Otitis Media and Eye Health Coordinator** to provide culturally sensitive primary health care interventions to clients under the supervision of General Practitioners and the Director of Health Services.

This role includes **conducting health assessments and health checks, performing health education, and liaising between clients and Katungul health specialists** in order to improve the type and quality of care provided to clients.

[Find out more](#)



Bulgarr Ngaru Medical Aboriginal Corporation is seeking **Indigenous Youth Case Workers**, one male and one female. The positions aim to **strengthen social and emotional wellbeing wherever possible by providing positive interventions for Aboriginal youth so that they can be strong, healthy and resilient individuals.**

Aboriginality is a genuine occupational requirement of this position, exemptions claimed under Section 14D of the Anti Discrimination Act. NSW 1977.

[Find out more](#)

## AH&MRC Events



### [ADAN Symposium](#)

The Aboriginal Drug & Alcohol Network (ADAN) of NSW would like to invite you to its 14th ADAN Symposium in 2020. ADAN's focus has and will always be on building the capacity and strengthening networks between the Aboriginal Alcohol and Other Drugs (AOD) workforce. The 2020 theme will be "United Pathways", acknowledging the importance of referral pathways and also developing relationships within the sector.

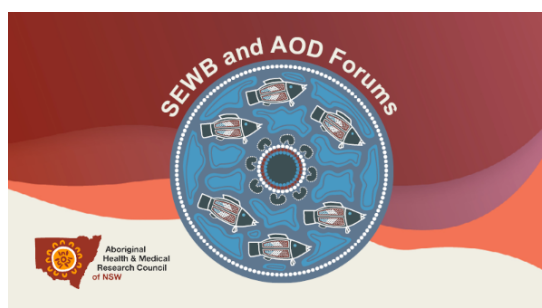
**Date:** 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> March 2020

**Venue:** Break Free, Aanuka Beach Resort, 11 Firman Drive, Coffs Harbour NSW 2450

**Registrations open:** 20<sup>th</sup> September 2019

**Registration link:** <http://bit.ly/2klo4vV>

[Find out more](#)



Free pre-forum workshops will also be offered the day before each Forum. 3 workshop options will be provided:

1. Workforce Wellbeing
2. Trauma-Informed Practice
3. LGBTIQ2A

**What's Included:**

1. Free Registration
2. Catering
3. Pre-Forum Workforce Capacity Building Workshop
4. Travel and Accommodation for AH&MRC Members and Stolen Generation Organisations

**Register now:**

- [Canberra 17th and 18th of March 2020](#)
- [Dubbo 21st and 22nd of April 2020](#)
- [Sydney 9th and 10th of June 2020](#)

**[RACGP Standards 5th Edition and Quality Improvement Workshop Training](#)**

AH&MRC will be running a one-day face-to-face workshop in Sydney, Tamworth, Wagga Wagga and Dubbo. The Workshops will include facilitated group discussions where participants will be encouraged to share their own experiences.

A series of practical activities will also be completed throughout the workshops, designed to promote a deep and inspired understanding of the Standards which can be applied to respective staff roles and responsibilities. Each workshop has a maximum capacity of 30 people so register ASAP.

**Registration**

Please select one of the following dates/locations to register:

- [Tamworth | Thursday 27th February 2020](#)
- [Wagga Wagga | Tuesday 24th March 2020](#)
- [Dubbo | Wednesday 25th March 2020](#)

[Find out more](#)**Sector News****[Roadmap to support smoking cessation during pregnancy](#)**

Following a successful pilot phase, national smoking cessation project – Supporting Indigenous Smokers To Assist Quit ([SISTAQUIT](#)) – is now in the randomised controlled trial phase.

**[Indigenous fall into wider gap](#)**

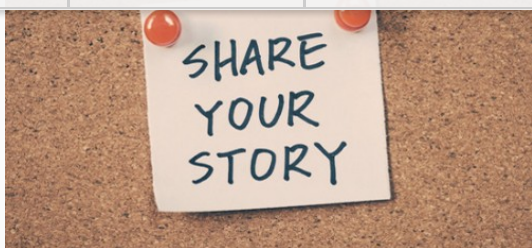
A core tenet of Australia's modern national identity is belief in a fair go. Yet the promise of a fair go is not a reality for everyone in this country. The difference in the life outcomes of First Nations people compared with the rest of Australia is stark.



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