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Message from the CEO

"The new Closing the Gap Agreement focuses on shared partnership in decision making and health service delivery to improve outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. We need these partnerships across all national and state levels of Government, through to local Communities. The AH&MRC looks forward to working with our Member Services and industry partners to achieve the targets that have been put forward under the new Agreement. As the peak body in NSW for Aboriginal Medical Services, we want to strengthen our vital workforce and provide the support and funding necessary for services to deliver on the key areas of health reform. We look forward to working together to create brighter, healthier futures for Aboriginal people."

- Robert Skeen, AH&MRC CEO.

AH&MRC Updates



[Rod raises \\$26k for ACCHS Sector](#)

Rod McEwin has a passion for windsurfing, the Murray River and playing his part to help improve the health outcomes of Aboriginal people in



[Applications for funding Youth Project](#)

Applications for funding from the Youth Opportunities Program are now open! The Youth Opportunities Program provides one-off, time-limited grants between \$10k and \$50k to non-

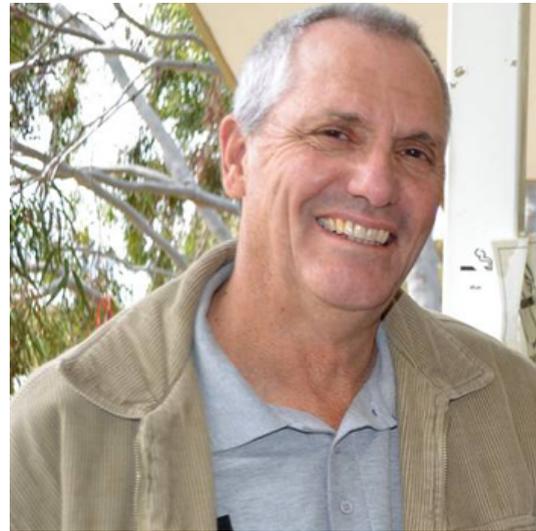
NSW. In 2006, Rod set sail on a windsurfing adventure down the Murray River. Visiting the River, a week or so each year, he has ridden more than 1,800 kilometres and raised more than \$26,000 for the Aboriginal Community-Controlled Health sector. The adventure started when Rod received a call from a friend who made windsurfing boards. [Read more.](#)

profit organisations and local councils to fund youth-led community projects that have a positive youth development focus. Applicants are advised to read the Program Guidelines carefully before completing an application for funding. To download the Guidelines visit the [Youth NSW website](#). To submit an application, [click here](#).



[Immunity 4 Community Winner - Siena](#)

"Hello, my name is Siena Bhuiyan and my tribe is the Anaiwan tribe, but I live on the lands of the Dharawal people. My inspiration for this artwork is the Aboriginal nurses and the winter season. Our Aboriginal nurses play a very important role when it comes to Aboriginal health issues. They are the friendly faces that remind us of all our mothers who look after our wellbeing from the very moment we are created. The winter season is here now, and we all need to be careful especially now with COVID 19." Siena Bhuiyan. To view the winning posters and artist stories [click here](#).



[Ethics Committee Bio - Uncle Danny Jeffries](#)

Uncle Danny Jeffries is a Muruwari man, born and raised in Brewarrina, New South Wales. Uncle Danny is an Aboriginal Representative on the AH&MRC Human Research Ethics Committee (HREC), a position he has held since 2009. Uncle Danny is primarily interested in the provision of services that support children and others in need of support and assistance. Uncle Danny provides cultural and service delivery guidance on applications relating to alcohol and other drugs through his role on the HREC. [Read more](#)



[AMS COVID-19 Resources](#)



[Flu Vaccination Campaign Resources](#)

AH&MRC has created a number of resources for our Member Services to educate, inform and prepare Community in the event of a COVID-19 outbreak. The Latest resources include the [Do What's Best. Get a COVID-19 Test factsheet](#) and the [Getting Your Home COVID-19 Ready workbook](#). Download these resources and more from the related content section of the [COVID-19 page](#).

To promote the importance of immunity for community and all Aboriginal people getting a flu shot this year, AH&MRC has created a [series of videos](#) featuring Awabakal CEO Raylene Gordon. To download the videos and more resources including posters, web banners, email banners, factsheets, social media tiles and a social media frame head to the useful links section of our [flu vaccination page](#).



COVID-19 Testing Video

Training and Opportunities



[Vision Australia Spectacles Program](#)

Vision Australia is implementing eligibility changes for Aboriginal clients accessing the NSW Spectacles Program. For the next six months (July to December 2020), with the possibility of an extension, any Aboriginal client



Governance Support Program

The Governance Support Program is back! AH&MRC are booking workshops and expert services from mid-August. Service delivery will be dependent on COVID-19 and the unfolding situation. Workshops and expert assistance can

prescribed glasses through the optometry services that Brien Holden Foundation coordinates will be eligible for the NSW Spectacles Program, regardless of financial status. [Find out more.](#)

be achieved through an online setting. Contact Beverley Moreton bmoreton@ahmrc.org.au for further information and bookings.



Virtual Red Dust Healing Workshop with Uncle Tom Powell

Including new tools on anxiety, fear & suicide safeguarding

Clinical Governance Training

The Sector Support Unit is running Clinical Governance Training Webinars. The Webinars aim to assist our Member Services in driving quality improvement of clinical systems and clinical care in order to increase Medicare revenue. The training runs for one day and is available for all Member Service staff. If you are interested in receiving the training please contact Richie Garcia RGarcia@ahmrc.org.au or Jade Hansen JHansen@ahmrc.org.au.

[Red Dust Healing Workshop](#)

AH&MRC is seeking expressions of interest to attend the Red Dust Healing Workshops with Uncle Tom Powell. Red Dust Healing is a self-evaluating awareness program derived from an ancient Aboriginal perspective that helps individuals deal with hurt, anger, grief, loss and issues in their lives. For more info contact Shana Quayle SQuayle@ahmrc.org.au or Beverley Moreton BMoreton@ahmrc.org.au. [Register your interest.](#)

Sector News



[Summer May Finlay: A voice for change](#)

When the Black Lives Matter protests swept the world earlier this year, Dr Summer May Finlay was front and centre sharing her views on the movement. Yet the Yorta Yorta woman has always had a strong voice on the needs and rights of First Nations People. [Read more.](#)



[Aboriginal Public Health Team offers culturally-appropriate response to COVID-19](#)

During the swine flu pandemic, people who identified as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander were "disproportionately impacted", and Kristy Crooks did not want to see that happen with the novel coronavirus. [Read more](#)



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