‘Closing the Credibility Gap’

The University of Melbourne Aboriginal Health Symposium on the Implementation of the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Plan

Symposium Program

Thursday 21 and Friday 22 November 2013

Kenneth Myer Building,
Melbourne Brain Centre
30 Royal Parade, Parkville
The University of Melbourne
Welcome

On behalf of the Symposium Organising Committee, it is our great pleasure to welcome all delegates to this inaugural ‘Closing the Credibility Gap’: The University of Melbourne Aboriginal Health Symposium on the Implementation of the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Plan.

We would like to acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land on which the event is being held, the land of the Wurundjeri people, and pay our respects to their Elders and families. We also acknowledge Elders past and present, the Koori community in Victoria and our families from across Australia.

The idea for the Symposium arose through discussions with senior researchers within Onemda VicHealth Koori Health Unit, across the University of Melbourne and with researchers and collaborators in other sectors. Its aim is to focus on what is required to implement the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Plan, 2013–2023.

This is a significant topic and to support the theme effectively, we have brought together Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health leaders with service providers, policy makers, research designers, funders and students to share their views on the key requirements of implementation.

We would like to thank the staff of Onemda, the Centre for Health and Society and Murrup Barak – Melbourne Institute for Indigenous Development for supporting this initiative, and acknowledge the support of both the University of Melbourne and the Victorian Health Promotion Foundation. Thanks also to the presenters for giving us their time and the wisdom of their experience.

We hope that you view the ‘Closing the Credibility Gap’ Aboriginal Health Symposium as a point of interest and an opportunity to learn more about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health programs and services not only in Victoria but Australia wide.

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The ‘Closing the Credibility Gap’ Aboriginal Health Symposium is an initiative of the Onemda VicHealth Koori Health Unit within the Centre for Health and Society, Melbourne School of Population and Global Health, at the University of Melbourne.

The Symposium takes a strengths-based approach to the task of closing the ‘legitimacy gap’ in implementing successful programs that positively impact on the health and wellbeing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. A ‘legitimacy gap’ occurs when there is a discrepancy between what we say we will do (e.g. the Health Plan), real performance (implementing the Plan) and the expectations of community and government (outcomes generated through the implementation process).

Thus, the aims of the Symposium are to:

» cover a broad survey on topics consistent with the content of the Health Plan to inform policy makers, academics, students, service providers and health professional groups and associations

» provide perspectives from the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander leadership on key implementation requirements needed to close the gap in health disparities

» focus on strategic frameworks, social determinants and ‘whole of life’ strategies and partnerships

» inform the novice and the expert alike in cross-jurisdictional fields that positively impact on the health and wellbeing of Australia’s First Peoples.

**Co-Convenors**

Professor Kerry Arabena: Chair of Indigenous Health and Director, Onemda VicHealth Koori Health Unit, The University of Melbourne

Associate Professor Shaun Ewen: Associate Dean (Indigenous Development), Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences, The University of Melbourne

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Developing the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Plan – Lessons for the Future  
Ms Jody Broun (National Congress of Australia’s First Peoples and National Health Leadership Forum) |
| 10:00–10:30am | Presentation 2:  
Using Sport to Promote Social Change from Brazil to Richmond  
Ms Belinda Duante (Korin Gamadj Institute, Richmond Football Club) |
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Tertiary Institutions – Catalysing Change in Indigenous Health  
Associate Professor Shaun Ewen (Onemda, The University of Melbourne) |
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A Culturally Respectful and Non-Discriminatory Health System  
Associate Professor Yin Paradies (Deakin University) |
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Developing Sustainable Regional Capacity – The Southern Queensland Experience  
Professor Cindy Shannon (The University of Queensland) |
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Healthy Ageing – Is there a Place for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People who Suffer from Dementia  
Mr Fred Tanner (National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Dementia Advisory Group) |
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My Educational Journey in Understanding Serial Killers – Cytotoxic T Cells and the Immune Response to Cancer  
Dr Misty Jenkins (Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre) |
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Culturally Mediated Screening in Aboriginal Primary Health Care  
Dr Ray Lovett (Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies) |
| 3:00–3:30pm | Presentation 9:  
Summation and Where to from Here  
Professor Kerry Arabena (Onemda, The University of Melbourne) |
| 3:30pm | AFTERNOON TEA AND CLOSE |
Symposium Information

Venue
The Symposium is being held on the University of Melbourne’s Parkville Campus at the Kenneth Myer Building, Melbourne Brain Centre, 30 Royal Parade. A venue map can be found at: www.melbournebraincentre.edu.au/content/contact-us.

Special Requirements
We endeavour to ensure delegates with special needs are catered for. Please advise Event Coordinator Maurice Shipp (maurice.shipp@unimelb.edu.au) of any special dietary or disability requirements.

Getting There
Tram – Take either Trams 18 (City to Brunswick), 19 (City to North Coburg) or 20 (City to Coburg) heading north on Elizabeth Street and alight at the corner of Royal Parade and Grattan Street. Alternatively, take any tram heading north on Swanston Street, alight at the University of Melbourne and walk across the campus.
Train – Attendees are advised to take a train to Melbourne Central Station and then board a connecting tram from Elizabeth or Swanston Streets (see above). Alternatively, take a train to North Melbourne Station and then catch the frequent Bus 401.
Bus – The following buses travel to the University of Melbourne precinct: Bus 205 (from Doncaster Shoppingtown via Kew); Bus 401 (from North Melbourne); Bus 402 (from Footscray to East Melbourne); Bus 505 (from Moonee Ponds via Parkville Gardens) and Bus 546 (from Heidelberg). For timetables, maps and further information visit: www.metlinkmelbourne.com.au.
Taxi – There is a taxi rank outside the Women’s/Royal Melbourne Hospital site on Grattan Street near the corner of Royal Parade. Taxis are available for booking on request by calling 13CABS.

Parking – For those driving to the Symposium, we recommend parking at University Square Car Park, which can be accessed via Berkeley or Bouverie Streets, off Grattan Street. The cost is $8 for up to 4 hours, or $15 per day, Monday to Friday 6.30am–11.00pm. On-street parking is available around the University campus, but is extremely limited during business hours. Time restrictions may apply for some locations.

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Biographies

1. **Professor Kerry Arabena**
A descendant of the Meriam people of the Torres Strait, Kerry Arabena’s work has brought her to the forefront of Indigenous affairs in Australia. A former social worker with a Doctorate in Human Ecology, Kerry is the Chair of Indigenous Health and Director of Onemda VicHealth Koori Health Unit at the University of Melbourne.

Prior to taking up this position in January 2013, she was Director of Indigenous Health Research at Monash University. With an extensive background in public health, administration, community development and research, Kerry is also Chair of the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Equality Council and a Director of Indigenous Community Volunteers.

Kerry was the inaugural Chair of the National Congress of Australia’s First Peoples, an Australian of the Year Finalist in 2010 and recipient of the prestigious JG Crawford Prize for Academic Excellence at the Australian National University in 2011.

2. **Mr Paul Briggs OAM**
Paul Briggs, a Yorta Yorta man, is a prominent leader whose vision is to build a sustainable, inclusive and engaged Indigenous community through the empowerment of family and youth. In 1988 Paul founded the Koori Resource and Information Centre, which is renowned for its creation of multiple organisations including the Rumbalara Football and Netball Club, Koori Economic Employment and Training Agency, and the First Nations Credit Union and First Nations Foundation. His vision of using sport to engage Indigenous youth in education led in 2004 to the establishment of the highly successful Academy of Sport, Health and Education.

Paul was founding Chair of the Victorian Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (VACCHO), and in 2005 joined the Council of the University of Melbourne. More recently, he has taken on the role of Chair of the Kaiela Institute, and is a Board member of the Victorian Indigenous Leadership Network, the University of Melbourne’s Murrup Barak and the Goulburn–Murray Aboriginal Health Promotion Alliance. Paul was awarded a Medal of the Order of Australia for services to his community and to broader Australia.

3. **Ms Jody Broun**
A Yindjibarndi woman from the Pilbara, Jody Broun has dedicated herself to the service of Australia’s First Peoples throughout her 25-year career, spending much of that time in senior public service positions. She has been the Executive Director of Aboriginal Housing and Infrastructure at Western Australia’s Department of Housing and Works, Director of Equal Opportunity in Public Employment, Executive Director of Policy and Coordination at the Aboriginal Affairs Planning Authority and Director General of the NSW Department of Aboriginal Affairs.

Jody is also a well-known and respected artist who explores the stories of her family and country in her art. She was the winner of the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Award in 1998 and the Canberra Art Award in 2005.
Ms Belinda Duarte

Belinda Duarte (née Jakiel) is a Wotjobaluk woman committed to the development of Indigenous people. As a former elite athlete, she is working on innovative projects to influence the health and wellbeing of Indigenous Victorians, and improve relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people.

Belinda has held a range of positions including as a Board member at VicHealth since 2001, a Director of the National Aboriginal Sporting Chance Academy, a Director of the Indigenous Leadership Network of Victoria, an Ambassador of the Go for your Life program, and of ybbblue: National youth depression initiative. A graduate of the Australian Indigenous Leadership Centre, Belinda has worked as General Manager of the Indigenous Employment Program AFL SportsReady, and State Manager of Aboriginal Outreach for the Victorian Equal Opportunity and Human Rights Commission.

She is currently the inaugural Director of Korin Gamadji Institute based at Richmond Football Club and Chair of the National Aboriginal Sporting Chance Academy.

Associate Professor Shaun Ewen

Deputy Director of the University of Melbourne’s Centre for Health and Society, and inaugural Associate Dean (Indigenous Development) for the Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences, Shaun has a clinical background in physiotherapy, a Masters in Political Science and International Relations and a Doctorate in Education.

He strategically leads the Faculty’s activities in Indigenous Development, collaborating across the Faculty to meet the aspirations of the Reconciliation Action Plan. Shaun also leads the bi-national Leaders in Indigenous Medical Education Program, a project of the Medical Deans Australia and New Zealand. This project was awarded the Melbourne School of Population and Global Health Award for Excellence in Knowledge Transfer in 2010 and the Rio Tinto Award for Excellence and Innovation in Indigenous Higher Education in 2011.

Ms Jill Gallagher AO

Jill Gallagher is a Gunditjmara woman from Western Victoria and long-term advocate for Victorian Indigenous people, especially women. For the past 30 years, she has provided leadership in various fields including Indigenous health, culture and heritage. Jill worked in Aboriginal heritage for 20 years and was instrumental in the development and implementation of the current Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Inspectors training program.

Working for VACCHO since 1998, she has been CEO for the past 12 years. Under her stewardship, VACCHO has grown in influence and was recently instrumental in achieving bipartisan support in Victoria for the ‘Statement of Intent’ to close the gap in Indigenous life expectancy. Jill was awarded an Order of Australia in 2013 for distinguished service to Victoria’s Indigenous community.
Dr Misty Jenkins
Misty Jenkins, a Gunditjmara woman, is a National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) Postdoctoral Biomedical Research Fellow at the Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre. She recently received a prestigious L’Oréal for Women in Science Fellowship for her work on cancer research and ‘killer T cells’.
Misty was awarded a NHMRC RG Menzies Fellowship and CJ Martin Overseas Biomedical Fellowship from 2008–12. She was mentored by Nobel Prize-winning immunologist Professor Peter Doherty, and worked with Professor Gillian Griffiths at Oxford University as a Postdoctoral Research Fellow. She also worked at the University of Cambridge from 2008–10 as a Fellow of St Edmund’s College.

Ms Jana Kelly
Jana Kelly is a proud Mutti Mutti woman with a Master in Clinical Family Therapy, who has been working at the Bouverie Centre as a family therapist and trainer for the past five years. In this role Jana has delivered award courses and professional development nationally to Aboriginal professionals working with families and community. Alongside this she has driven the growing awareness of the challenges faced by Aboriginal families and professionals on both a local and national level in a diverse variety of settings.
Jana realised her passion for working with Aboriginal families when employed at the Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency in the Aboriginal Children in Out of Home Care program, and also delivering cultural competence training across Victoria.

Dr Ray Lovett
Ray is a Wongaibon man from far west New South Wales who is a Postdoctoral Research Fellow at the National Centre for Epidemiology and Population Health, Australian National University (ANU). He has worked in Aboriginal health services (community and government sectors), and at the policy and clinical levels in both nursing and public health. He has also worked in the private sector on business improvement, evaluation and health service planning and standards. Ray was recently appointed Health Research Fellow at the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies.
In 2001 Ray was a semi-finalist in the young Australian of the Year (NSW) and in 2007 was a finalist in the Young Leader category of the inaugural National Excellence Awards in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health. In 2012 he was awarded Student of the Year by the Lowitja Institute and recently won the ANU’s Student of the Year Award.
Ms Joanne Luke

Joanne Luke is a Research Assistant at the Onemda VicHealth Koori Health Unit working on the epidemiology of cardiovascular disease. Her background is in microbiology and she completed a Master of Public Health at the Institute of Koorie Education.

Joanne now works at the Victorian Aboriginal Health Service as a researcher, and maintains a position at the School of Population and Global Health at the University of Melbourne.

Associate Professor Yin Paradies

Yin Paradies is a Principal Research Fellow at the Centre for Citizenship and Globalisation, Deakin University. He conducts internationally recognised research on the health, social and economic effects of racism as well as anti-racism theory, policy and practice.

Yin’s work has been cited in the highest ranked journals of several disciplines, and he has received a number of awards for his research. These include the 2011 Victorian Young Tall Poppy Science award, the 2010 VicHealth Award for Advocacy, 2007 Scholar of the Year at the National Aboriginal and Islander Day Observance Committee (NAIDOC) celebration, the Chairman’s Special Commendation in the 2007 Northern Territory Research and Innovation Awards, a 2003 American–Australian Fulbright Postgraduate Award, and a 2003/4 Wellness Scholarship from the School of Public Health at the University of California, Berkeley. In 2002, Yin won the Australia Day Council’s Science and Technology Award and overall Young Achiever of the Year Award in the Northern Territory Young Australian of the Year Awards.

Professor Cindy Shannon

Cindy Shannon is a descendant of the Ngugi people from Moreton Island in Queensland. She has more than 20 years experience in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander affairs, specialising in health for the past 15 years.

Cindy was appointed as the Pro Vice-Chancellor (Indigenous Education) at the University of Queensland in early 2011 – its first senior management position dedicated to improving Indigenous education. She is also Director of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies Unit.

Cindy was previously Director of the Centre for Indigenous Health and guided the development and implementation of Australia’s first degree-level program that specifically targets Aboriginal Health Workers. She also led the establishment of the Institute for Urban Indigenous Health in South East Queensland in 2010.

Cindy chaired the National Indigenous Australians’ Sexual Health Committee from 2001–2008 and was appointed Chair of the Queensland Ministerial Advisory Committee on AIDS, Sexual Health and Hepatitis. She also participated in the 2020 Summit as a member of the group advising on a long-term national health strategy.
Mr Alister Thorpe

Alister Thorpe is a Gunna (East Gippsland), Yorta Yorta (Goulburn Valley), and Gunditjmara (Western Districts) man with many family and connections throughout Victoria. He completed his Master of Public Health through the Institute of Koorie Education at Deakin University.

Alister works at Onemda on various projects including the Support Systems for Aboriginal Primary Health Care Services Project and the development of a Victorian Aboriginal Child Health Development and Wellbeing Survey. He has also worked in several Indigenous community organisations including the Victorian Aboriginal Health Service as a research assistant.

Alister has a strong interest in protecting and promoting his Indigenous cultural heritage and working with the community on health and wellbeing, in particular with young people.

Mr Fred Tanner

Fred Tanner is of Arabunna / Southern Arrernte and Yankunytjatjara descent from South Australia. He has an Associate Diploma in Community Administration and a double degree in Arts and Law.

In 1989 Fred met his wife Deb, who worked as an assistant speech therapist until her retirement on health grounds in 2007. Shortly afterwards Deb was diagnosed with early onset dementia and Fred took on the role of carer while working for the State public service. Unfortunately, Deb passed away in June 2013. Prior to and since Deb’s passing, Fred has become an advocate for more financial investment into research for a cure, better care and services to people affected by dementia, and has told their story at conferences and in videos, such as The Fading Moon.

Fred is Chairperson of the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Dementia Advisory Group to Alzheimer’s Australia, a member of the SA Consumers Policy Alliance, a volunteer for Alzheimer’s Australia SA branch, and the only male member of Teamtc, which fundraises to assist younger onset dementia sufferers and their families.

Mr Peter Waples-Crowe

Peter Waples-Crowe is a contemporary Koori artist who describes his practice as a series of life maps. His art focuses on the areas of identity, dislocation, popular culture, sub-cultures and his Aboriginality. Peter is currently enrolled in a Master of Fine Arts at Monash University. He was selected for the Telstra National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Awards (2005 & 2006), and won the Koorie Heritage Trust acquisition award at the Victorian Indigenous Art Awards in 2009.

Peter is also a public health and community development team leader in the Victorian Aboriginal community, with close to 20 years experience in Aboriginal health. A graduate of the NSW Public Health Officer program, he has worked in a variety of health areas and settings.
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