WA Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Sector Conference 2025 Aboriginal Health Council of Western Australia



2025 WA Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Sector Conference - Agenda

Day 1 - Wednesday 2 July 2025		
8.00am - 9.00am	Conference Registration, Networking and Exhibits	
9.00am - 9.05am	Introduction Sharon Wood-Kenney – Master of Ceremonies	
9.05am - 9.35am	Conference Opening Ceremony Welcome to Country – Nick Abraham, with Ngalak Nidja dance group	
9.35am - 9.40am	Introduction and Housekeeping Sharon Wood-Kenney – Master of Ceremonies	
9.40am - 9.50am	Conference Welcome Vicki O'Donnell OAM – Chairperson, Aboriginal Health Council of WA	
9.50am - 10.10am	Opening Keynote Address Hon. Meredith Hammat MLA - Minister for Health and Mental Health, WA Government	
10.10am - 10.30am	Keynote Speaker: Nurturing Tomorrow Today Patricia Turner AM – Chief Executive Officer, National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO)	
10.30am - 11.00am	Morning Tea, Networking and Exhibits	
11.00am – 11.45am	Keynote Speaker: Insights: Coalition Government Policy Reform, The Treaty Principles Bill and Implications for Indigenous Rights and Health Hine Martin – Director of Health Equity, Wise Group New Zealand	
11.45am – 12.15pm	Reflecting on COVID-19 and the Remarkable Performance of the WA ACCHS Sector Dr Marianne Wood – Medical Advisor, Aboriginal Health Council of WA	
12.15pm – 1.15pm	Lunch, Networking and Exhibits	
1.15pm - 2.15pm	Sector Success Stories:	
1.15pm – 1.35pm	1. Our Story Our Way: Producing the Pilbara's First Regional Closing the Gap Report Ashley Councillor – Chief Executive Officer, Pilbara Aboriginal Health Alliance and Natalia Kacperek - Chief Data Officer, Department of Premier and Cabinet (Data Unit)	

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	Sector Success Stories (continued):
1.40pm – 2.00pm	2. Improving the Screening Process for Group A Streptococcal Infection in a Health Clinic Dr Lorin Monck – Senior Medical Officer, Bega Garnbirringu Health Service
2.05pm – 2.35pm	Presentation: The Journey of the Aboriginal Environmental Health Model of Care for Western Australia Vicki O'Donnell OAM and Wendy Casey – Co-Chairs, Aboriginal Environmental Health Model of Care Committee
2.35pm – 2.55pm	Presentation: Traditional Medicine Dr. Lorraine Anderson – Medical Director, Kimberley Aboriginal Medical Services and Hannah Mann – Founder and Director, Kimberley Pharmacy Services
2.55pm - 3.20pm	Afternoon Tea, Networking and Exhibits
3.20pm - 3.50pm	The Youth Voice – AHCWA Youth Committee / Youth Conference Update Vincent Carter – Senior Manager Communications, Kimberley Aboriginal Medical Services and Chair of the AHCWA Youth Committee
3.50pm - 4.00pm	Update on Recommendations from 2024 Conference Wrap up and Close Day 1 Vicki O'Donnell OAM – Chairperson, Aboriginal Health Council of WA
6.30pm - 11.00pm	2025 AHCWA Awards Dinner (Awards Dinner ticket holders only)

Day 2 - Thursday 3 July 2025		
8.00am - 9.00am	Conference Registration, Networking and Exhibits	
9.00am - 9.15am	Day One Recap and Scene Setting for Day Two Sharon Wood-Kenney – Master of Ceremonies	
9.15am - 9.45am	Social Emotional Wellbeing Pilot Program Update Irene Muthui – Social Emotional Wellbeing Clinical Lead, Geraldton Regional Aboriginal Medical Service	
9.50am – 10.20am	Growing Family Domestic Sexual Violence (FDSV) Programs in Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services in WA Rachel Radcliffe – Social Emotional Wellbeing Program Manager and Sarah Haythornthwaite – Family Domestic Sexual Violence Program Adviser, Aboriginal Health Council of WA	
10.30am – 11.00am	Morning Tea, Networking and Exhibits	
11.00am - 12.30pm	Lateral Violence and What We Do About It Mick Gooda - Former Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner	
12.30pm - 1.30pm	Lunch, Networking and Exhibits	

1.30pm – 2.30pm	Sector Success Stories:
1.35pm – 1.55pm	3. Mothers of Angels Glenys Benning – Community Elder (Nykina) and Marianne Cannard – Counsellor, Derby Aboriginal Health Service
2.00pm – 2.20pm	4. Our Hearts in Our Hands: A Community Focused Approach to Heart Health in Balgo Alexis Briggs – Remote Area Nurse Megan O'Connor - Rheumatic Heart Disease (RHD) Health Promotion Officer Lucille Bin Sulaiman - Rheumatic Heart Disease (RHD) Coordinator Kimberley Aboriginal Medical Services
2.30pm - 2.45pm	Afternoon Tea, Networking and Exhibits
2.45pm – 3.30pm	Keynote Speaker Tim Kelly - West Coast Eagles
3.30pm – 4.00pm	Wrap Up, 2025 Actions and Recommendations and Conference Close Vicki O'Donnell OAM - Chairperson, AHCWA
4.15pm – 5.00pm	Men's Health Gathering (Men Only Session) Ashley Councillor – CEO, Pilbara Aboriginal Health Alliance and Vincent Carter – Senior Manager Communications, Kimberley Aboriginal Medical Services

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