



# KAMS

Kimberley Aboriginal Medical Services

## Remote Kimberley community perspective on Point of Care testing

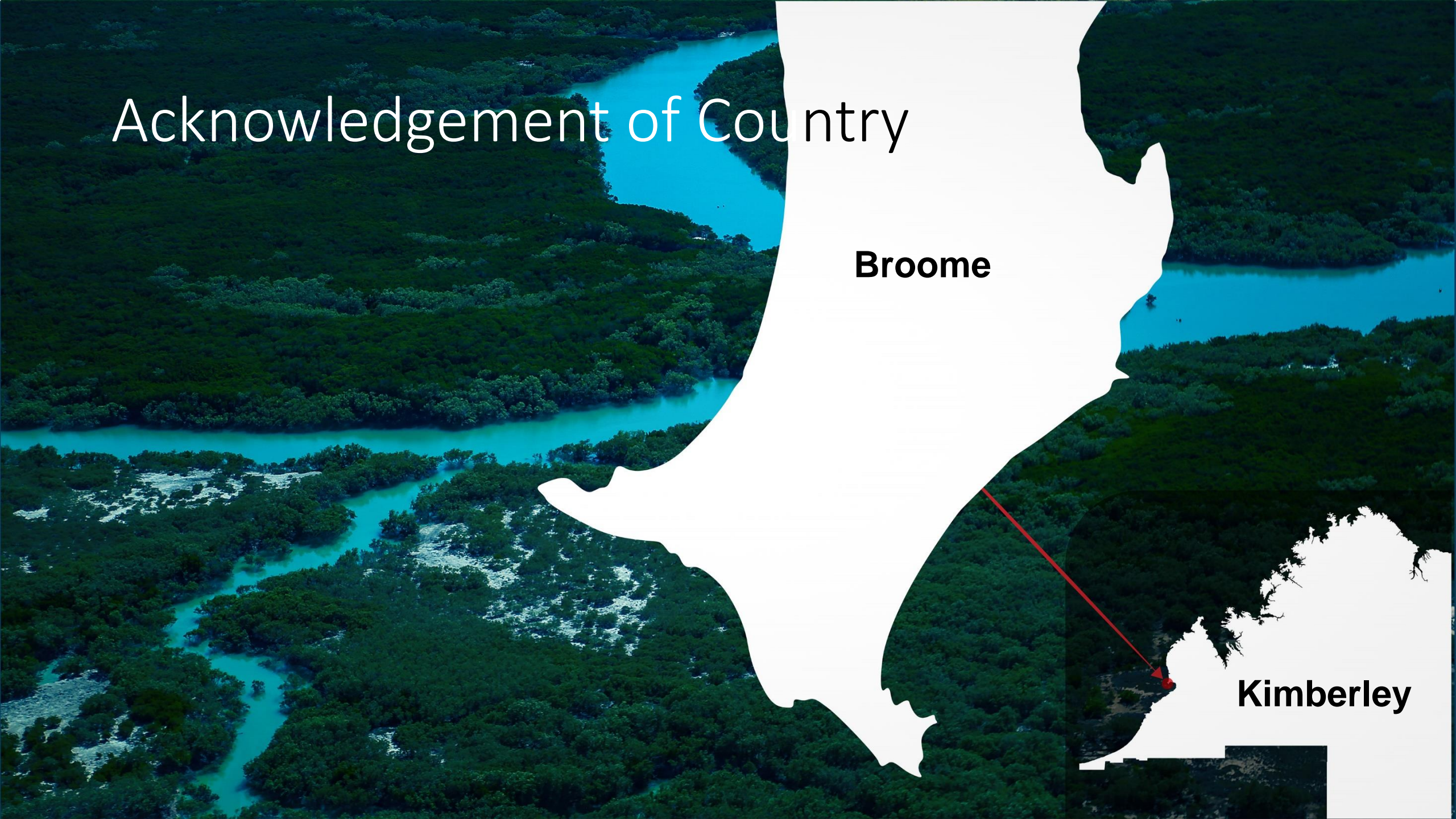
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# Acknowledgement of Country

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**Kimberley**



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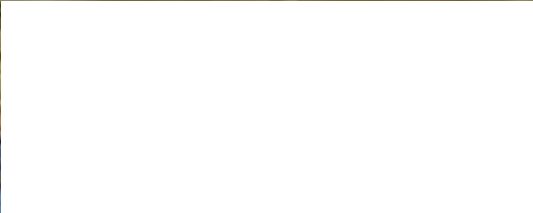
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# How is this related to Point of Care testing?

- Continuity of care
- Reduces the time to diagnosis and therefore treatment can start immediately
- Reduces risk of transmission of infectious diseases
- Continuation of comprehensive primary care



# Encouraging patient and clinician flexibility in models of care





# ACCHS Model of Care

The Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services (ACCHS) Model of Care is underpinned by eight determinants that are required for the wellbeing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People and their Communities.

## Definition of Health



### Community Engagement

Involving local community members in service delivery enables the Practice to engage clients in appropriate healthcare. Aboriginal people must be included in leadership positions and decision making processes.

### Multi-disciplinary Team Approach

Utilising the skills and knowledge of a variety of healthcare professionals allows for the complex care needs of clients to be met.

### Aboriginal Workforce

An Aboriginal workforce delivering primary healthcare ensures a culturally safe environment.

**Roles include:** Aboriginal Health Worker/ Practitioners and other Health Professionals, Transport Drivers, Health Promotion Officers, Liaison Officers, Practice Managers, SEWB Workers, Receptionists, and Environmental Health Workers

### Cultural Safety

It's important for clients to feel safe, welcome, and empowered.

**This can include:** Aboriginal staff - familiar faces, Family environment, Layout of clinic, Longer appointments, Use of local artwork/ posters, Communication style, Service is holistic addressing the social determinants of health, Respect for cultural protocols



**AHCWA**  
Aboriginal Health Council  
of Western Australia

AHCWA aims to promote and strengthen the ACCHS model of care. A model that is built around the delivery of comprehensive, holistic and culturally secure primary health care services.

# ACCHS sector Model of Care

- Underpinned by 8 fundamental dimensions pivotal to the health and wellbeing of Aboriginal people and their Communities



# Fundamental Dimensions

Person

Physical

Spiritual

Emotional

Community

Culture

Language

Country



# Communication in Remote Aboriginal Communities

To work effectively with, and communicate well with communities, you need to be:

- aware of culture
- skilled with Indigenous concepts
- advanced in theories of justice and human rights
- able to work without racism or other prejudices

Ref: Indigenous Health infonet



# COVID POCT Program

- Highly successful through use of GeneXpert system
- Improved health outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people
- The Program has averted many thousands of infections
- The Program has avoided up to \$1.8 billion in health costs
- Informed and culturally competent governance
- Model of care provided by the ACCHS sector



# Prevention beyond COVID-19

- Use of POCT for testing a range of diseases
- Governance and Leadership
- Clinical Improvements
- Recognition of the Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Sector as a core part of the architecture for delivering comprehensive primary health care in Australia



# HPV POCT Program



# Other forms of POCT

TTANGO for STI's

iStat for biochemistry

Haemocue for Haemoglobin

HBA1c

INR

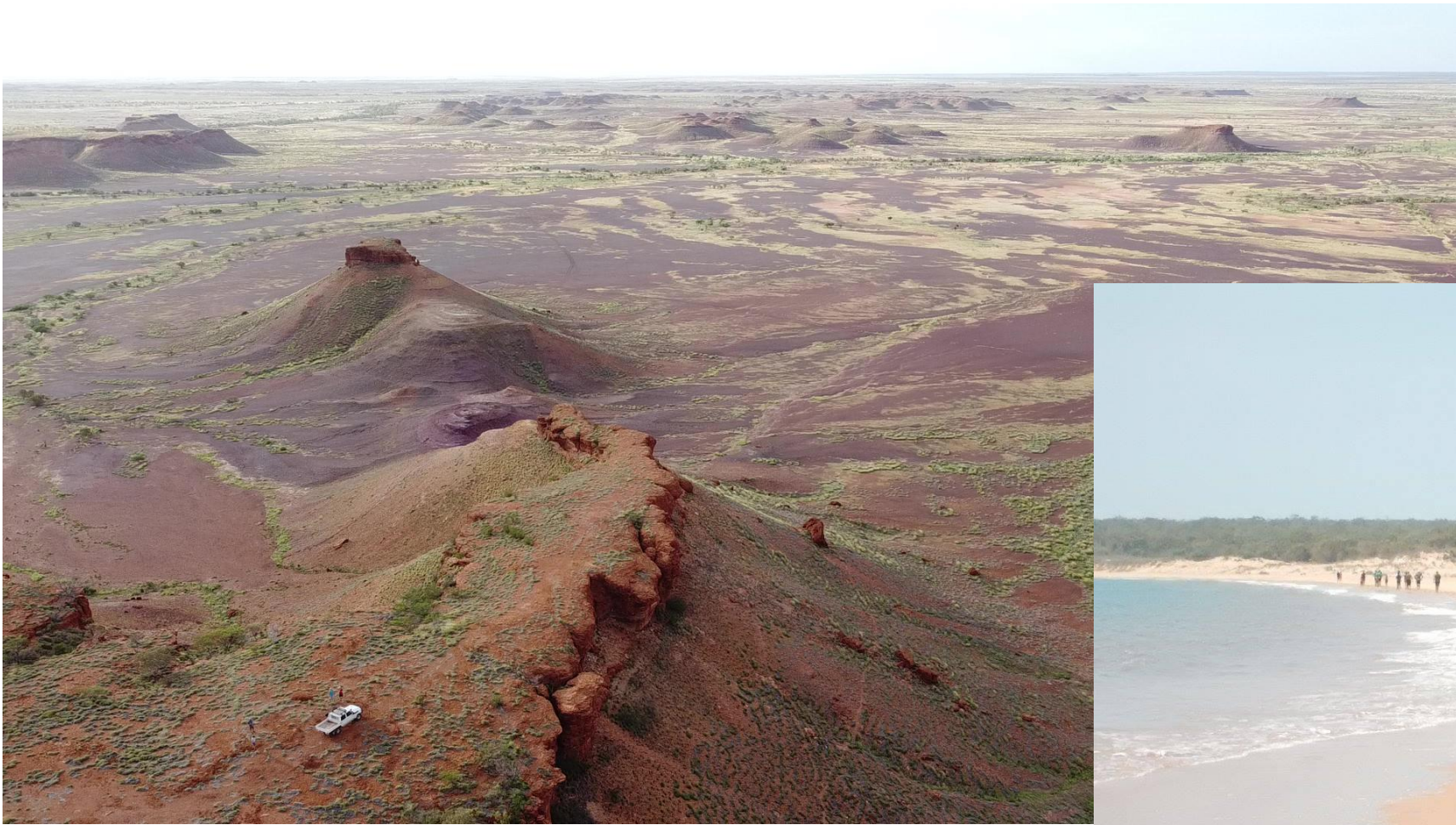




**Where to now**







# Kids have a lot to gain from POCT too





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