



EXPRESSION OF INTEREST - STORYTELLING SESSION

As part APSAD 2025, we are running **Storytelling Sessions** to offer opportunities for those in attendance to share about their work / programs.

The presentations will be a maximum of **5-minutes** in length. The presentations will be very informal by nature, and you will not need to develop any materials (PowerPoint etc.). Priority will be given to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and community voices, however all are welcome to submit an expression of interest.

If you are interested and keen to share more about your work, we'd love to hear from you by **COB 28 July 2025**. Please return this form or send an email to apsadconference@ashm.org.au. We will also accept a video submission that describes the proposed elements of the abstract.

Any questions, please email us or call us on +61 (0)458 291 166.

To submit an expression of interest, the following details must be provided:

Presentation Title: BushMob MoC, Honesty and Evidence.

Presenter: Jock MacGregor

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Background:

I am the CEO of BushMob Aboriginal Corporation in Alice Springs and have worked with BushMob for 17 years, mostly out bush with young people. BushMob was born from community need and from Aboriginal ways of supporting young people through connection, care and country.

From the beginning, BushMob has focused on walking alongside young people, not fixing them. Over the past year, we have gone back to those roots. We have worked closely with our Board, community members, staff and most importantly young people to rebuild our Model of Care.

Program or Project Details:

BushMob's new Model of Care captures the foundations of where we came from while building something that works today. It combines the deep cultural and nurturing practices of local Aboriginal people with the measurable outcomes expected in mainstream systems.

Too often in the Territory, there is a mismatch between Western models of care for young people and the actual role that culture plays in healing. Many services talk about "community consultation," being "culturally informed" or working in a "two-way" approach. We made the choice to move beyond that. Instead of borrowing the words, we did the work to understand what both systems offer and how they can actually sit together, not just side by side.

Learnings:

Young people in the Territory have been failed by systems that treat them like adults, overlook trauma and



undervalue the strength of community. The biggest lesson from our work is simple but powerful: healing comes through care, culture and connection.

If we really listen to the evidence and to the people who have been here all along, it is clear. Change does not start with control. It starts with walking with young people, respecting their story and building something they can belong to.