



ACCHS Ear Health Forum | Wednesday August 6, 2025

Agenda



When	Topic	Details
8:00am - 9:00am	Arrival and Registration	
9:00am	Welcome to Country	Professor Len Collard
9:15am	Welcome, House keeping and Introductions	Lorraine Tau <i>Ear Health Program Coordinator</i>
9:30am	Moorditj Koort Aboriginal Corporation – Good news story Sharing insights and targeted initiatives in supporting school children and strong partnership with Cockburn integrated health demonstrating the power of collaboration.	Nakita Little <i>Director of Clinical Services and team</i>
9:50am	Aboriginal Health Council of Western Australia Elder Care Support (ECS) program—funded by NACCHO and delivered through ACCHOs—work alongside Ear Health professionals like you. You'll hear how clinical touchpoints like the 715 Health Assessment and child development checks can help identify Elders and families in need of broader support.	Helene Casey <i>Senior Public Health Program Officer-Ageing</i>
10:15am	Nirrimbuk Environmental Health Service Will walk us through the journey of the program and sharing a detailed before and after overview, key milestones and the difference their work has made in communities.	Christine Hoy and Chicky Clements <i>Nirrimbuk Environmental Health Manager and team</i>
10:30am - 11:00am	Morning Tea	
11:00am	South West Aboriginal Health Service - Good news story This discussion will highlight the impact of culturally responsive care and community-led initiatives in improving maternal and child health outcomes.	Jodie Ingrey <i>Child and Maternal Health and team</i>
11:20am	Telethon Speech and Hearing - continuing to make a positive impact in the Pilbara and wheatbelt region, highlighting the value of educational tools, and collaboration. Community feedback has been overwhelmingly positive, reinforcing the importance of culturally sensitive, accessible education in supporting children and families across the region.	Trude Hallaracker <i>Ear Health Outreach Lead and team</i>
11:40am	Aboriginal Health Council of Western Australia Discussion on the current state of Closing the Gap reform, highlighting how ACCHS are driving change across WA and how our collective efforts align with national priorities to improve outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples	Klaudia Shenton <i>Principal Policy and Strategy Manager</i>
12:00pm	Sonic Innovations Discussion on funded hearing equipment options and provide practical guidance on navigating the latest Ear and Hearing Equipment Portal. The session will also cover updates to the equipment list and calibration requirements.	Erika Vaz and team <i>Project Coordinator</i>
12:15pm - 1:15pm	Lunch	



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1:15pm	Telethon Speech and Hearing Many years of experience working with children, including outreach over the last 5 years. Megan is responsible for TSH speech therapy services in the West Pilbara and Wheatbelt and has a focus on developing speech, language and literacy services that are meaningful and impactful for the community.	Megan Harrap <i>Acting Head of Growth and Projects at TSH/ Speech Pathologist</i>
2:10pm	Kimberly Aboriginal Medical Service - an overview of the Hearing Health program, the team will also share the development of the program mascot and highlight key success stories from the Kimberley region.	Jodie Millroy and Lucille Bin Suliman <i>Hearing Health Program Officer</i>
2:20pm	ACCHS Model Care discussion A discussion on the ACCHS Model of Care, with a focus on how it connects to ear health. This session will explore how the strengths of our holistic, culturally safe approach can better support ear health outcomes—and seek your valuable feedback to help shape the way forward.	Lorraine Tauí <i>Ear Health Program Coordinator</i>
3:00pm - 3:30pm	Afternoon Tea	
3:30pm	Panel discussion This session will feature a range of panel members to reflect on what works well, where there are opportunities for improvement, and future priority areas.	Joe Ghandour, Trude Hallaracker, Azizah Roe, Lucy Mitchell.
4:00pm	Ear Health Resources and Activity	Lorraine Tauí <i>Ear Health Program Coordinator</i>
4:20pm	AHCWA/RHW Ear Health Team - providing an overview of discussions throughout the day.	Lorraine Tauí and Fiona Lucey
5:00pm	Day Ends	