



Working together to improve ear and hearing health outcomes

# WA EAR AND HEARING HEALTH FORUM



**AHCWA**  
Aboriginal Health Council  
of Western Australia

**Friday 18 November 2022 | 8.00AM-5.00PM**

The University of Notre Dame Australia | Education Building ND36  
Corner Phillimore and Mouat Streets, Fremantle

*Walyalup*  
**COUNTRY**

## Final program

*This forum has been developed in collaboration with the WA Child Ear Health Strategy partners:*



**WA Country Health Service**  
Department of Aboriginal Affairs  
Child and Adolescent Health Service



**WA Primary Health Alliance**

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8.00am Registration – Tea and coffee on arrival

## OPENING PLENARY

Time	Event
8.30am	<p><b><i>Welcome from the WA Child Ear Health Strategy Chair</i></b></p> <p><b>Professor Peter Richmond</b> MBBS MRCP(UK) FRACP</p> <p>Professor Richmond is a consultant paediatric immunologist and paediatrician, and Head of the Department of Child Health Research at Perth Children’s Hospital. He is also Director of the Child Health Research Network, Child and Adolescent Health Service, and Head of the Vaccine Trials Group at the Telethon Kids Institute.</p> <hr/> <p><b><i>Welcome to Country</i></b></p> <p><b>Matthew McGuire</b></p>
9.15am	<p><b><i>Identifying barriers and enablers for the effective provision of primary health care for Otitis Media in Aboriginal children</i></b></p> <p><b>Dr Gloria Lau</b></p> <p><i>Pre-recorded presentation</i></p> <p>Hear from Paediatric Respiratory and General Paediatric Advanced Trainee Dr Gloria Lau discussing the barriers and enablers in provision of primary health care for Otitis Media in Aboriginal Children.</p>
9.30am	<p><b><i>Child ear health screening in WA</i></b></p> <p><b>Sharon McBride – WA Country Health Service</b></p> <p>This session, facilitated by WA Country Health Service, will showcase their ear health screening programs operating in WA. The session will highlight the importance of screening programs and engaging children and their families in the ear and hearing health pathway.</p>
10.00am	<p><b><i>Local planning forums developing local solutions</i></b></p> <p><b>Joe Ghandour and Lucille Bin Sulaiman – Kimberley Ear Health Coordination Panel</b></p> <p>Delegates will hear how the collaboration of members has led to establishing and endorsing regional Key Performance Indicators. The Panel will discuss the current challenges in coordinating regional data and reporting outcomes.</p>
10.15am	<p><b><i>Developing consistent key ear health promotion messages in the community</i></b></p> <p><b>Rae de Rusett – South West Aboriginal Medical Service</b></p> <p>Highlighting current health promotion resources and initiatives that emphasise engagement with families and the community.</p>
10.30am	Morning tea

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## Research and innovation

### PLENARY

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11.00am	<p><b><i>Closing the gap on Aboriginal children experiencing ear disease and hearing loss to support their mental health and wellbeing</i></b></p> <p><b>Professor Christopher Lawrence</b> – <i>presenting via live stream</i> Curtin University – Dean, Indigenous Engagement, Faculty of Science and Engineering</p> <p>Professor Christopher Lawrence will present on the preliminary research findings of developing a digital health platform for Aboriginal children and youth experiencing hearing loss to support their mental health and wellbeing.</p>
12.00pm	<p><b><i>Telethon Kids Institute update</i></b></p> <p><b>Associate Professor Chris Brennan Jones</b> Telethon Kids Institute</p> <p><b>Valerie Swift</b> Aboriginal Researcher, Project Coordinator</p> <p><b>Tamara Veselinovic</b> Ear Health Researcher</p> <p>Hear from Associate Professor Chris Brennan-Jones, Head of Ear Health at the Telethon Kids Institute, and his team on current ear and hearing innovation research projects.</p>
1.00pm	Lunch
1.45pm	<p><b><i>Health professionals engaging with patients and families</i></b></p> <p><b>Professor Dawn Bessarab and Dr Ivan Lin</b> The University of Western Australia</p> <p>Learn from Professor Dawn Bessarab and Dr Ivan Lin about their work in developing the Clinical Yarning framework. Clinical Yarning is a framework to assist clinicians to improve the effectiveness of their communication in Aboriginal health care. The framework looks to improve the quality and cultural security of care for Aboriginal patients and their families.</p>
2.30pm	<p><b><i>Building the future ear health workforce</i></b></p> <p><b>Mark Fitzpatrick</b> WA Child Ear Health Strategy</p> <p>On behalf of the WA Child Ear Health Strategy Communication, Coordination and Partnerships Working Group, this interactive session will workshop current ear health training and employment pathways from a community perspective.</p>
3.30pm	Afternoon tea

## Breakout sessions

**Time**                      **Event**

### **Breakout sessions – please select one of the following sessions**

3.45pm

#### **Advanced ENT diagnosis**

**Facilitated by Dr Francis Lannigan**

This interactive Q&A session will discuss current ear and hearing health guidelines, screening and referral pathways.

*Aimed at general practitioners.*

#### **Advocating for communities: MBS items for primary health care providers**

**Facilitated by Dr Marianne Wood, Aboriginal Health Council of Western Australia**

This session will provide an update from the Aboriginal Health Council of Western Australia on the process of advocating for an MBS tympanometry item for primary health care providers and provide an update on other ear and hearing health MBS items currently available for Aboriginal health workers and nurses.

*Aimed at health administrators, ear health coordinators, primary health care service providers and researchers.*

#### **Practical upskilling**

**Facilitated by Kathleen Stoop, Hearing Australia and Dr Luke O’Neil**

This audiology and ENT Registrar facilitated practical upskilling session will focus on interpreting tympanograms and demonstrate ear irrigation and suctioning methods. Delegates will have the opportunity to apply their learnings in the session.

*Aimed at Aboriginal health workers and practitioners, audiologists and community health nurses.*

### **CLOSING PLENARY**

4.45pm

#### **Closing address**

5.00pm

#### **NETWORKING SUNDOWNER**

*Includes complimentary drinks and canapés*

Join us to network and connect with peers, colleagues, specialists and presenters at the close of the November 2022 WA Ear and Hearing Health Forum.

**Should you wish to attend this event, please see the registration desk.**

