



2nd National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Suicide Prevention

20–21 November 2018

2nd World Indigenous Suicide Prevention

22–23 November 2018

Conferences

Rendezvous Hotel Perth
Scarborough, Western Australia

REGISTRATION BROCHURE AND CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

KEY DATES

30 May 2018	Call for Abstracts Open
30 May 2018	Registration Opens
20 July 2018	Abstract Submissions Close
14 September 2018	Early Bird Registration Close
15 September 2018	Standard Registration Fee Applies

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Invitation to Attend

The National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Suicide Prevention and World Indigenous Suicide Prevention Conference Committee invite and welcome you to Perth for the second **National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Suicide Prevention Conference**, and the second **World Indigenous Suicide Prevention Conference**.

Our Indigenous communities, both nationally and internationally, share common histories and are confronted with similar issues stemming from colonisation. Strengthening our communities so that we can address high rates of suicide is one of these shared issues. The Conferences will provide more opportunities to network and collaborate between Indigenous people and communities, policy makers, and researchers. The Conferences are unique opportunities to share what we have learned and to collaborate on solutions that work in suicide prevention. This also enables us to highlight our shared priorities with political leaders in our respective countries and communities.

We invite you to join us for these significant Conferences to listen, learn and further empower our Indigenous communities to reduce suicide and its impact on Indigenous people.

Professor Dawn Bessarab
Poche Centre for Indigenous Health

Mr Glenn Pearson
Telethon KIDS Institute

Disclaimer: The terms 'Aboriginal', 'Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander' and 'Indigenous' are used interchangeably. It is acknowledged that there are many cultural differences between and within Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and the use of differing terms does not intend to disregard such differences.

Conference Care and Safety Plan: Creating a Trauma Informed Space

Creating a trauma informed space for the safety of both participants and presenters requires a significant risk management plan to ensure that difficult topics can be discussed safely.

We believe that it is important to raise and discuss complex issues. However, given the levels of trauma and lived experience in our communities, particularly with direct loss and grief through multiple tragedies, we offer these points as key ways we believe this can be done safely:

- Strength based approaches: Firstly, the speakers at both conferences need to be informed that the safety of attendees is a priority for the conference organisers. Whilst a broad range of topics are encouraged, they should have positive and hope filled messages.
- A safety plan will be developed, that will be trauma informed and culturally safe that will take into account both spiritual and environmental safety for participants and presenters.

CULTURAL CUSTOMS IN DISPLAYING IMAGES OF DECEASED RELATIVES

Out of respect for all cultural groups presenting at the conferences, if you are going to display an image/photo in your presentation, please let people know at the beginning of your presentation. This is extremely important to avoid any cultural trauma and or shock to participants.

Organising Committee

Professor Tom Calma AO	Conference Patron
Glenn Pearson (Co-Chair)	Telethon KIDS Institute
Professor Dawn Bessarab (Co-Chair)	Poche Centre for Indigenous Health, The University of Western Australia
Professor Pat Dudgeon	Centre of Best Practice in Aboriginal Torres Strait Islander Suicide Prevention, The University of Western Australia
Barb Ahmat	Centre of Best Practice in Aboriginal Torres Strait Islander Suicide Prevention, The University of Western Australia
Will Austin	Culture is Life
Sally Bishop	Department of Health
Catherine Brown	National Mental Health Commission
Adele Cox	National Indigenous Critical Response Service
Leilani Darwin	Lived Experience Representative
Neil Drew	Australian Indigenous HealthInfoNet
Belinda Duarte	Culture is Life
Rebecca Johnson	Tekwabi Giz National LGBTI Health Alliance.
Nikki Kelso	Suicide Prevention Australia
Donna Murray	Indigenous Allied Health Australia
Sue Murray	Suicide Prevention Australia
Rob McPhee	Kimberley Aboriginal Medical Service
Michael Naera	New Zealand, International Representative
Richard Weston	Healing Foundation
Michael Wright	Telethon KIDS Institute

About the Conferences

2nd National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Suicide Prevention Conference Perth 2018

The urgent need for successful initiatives to reduce the high rates of Indigenous suicide and self-harm among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in Australia is widely acknowledged by governments and Aboriginal communities.

The Centre of Best Practice in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Suicide Prevention (CBPATISIP) has been funded by the Commonwealth Department of Health to focus on Indigenous suicide prevention with particular emphasis on high-risk groups, the identification and adaption of best practice in Indigenous suicide prevention, postvention innovation and activity.

In June 2016 the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Suicide Prevention Evaluation Project (ATSISPEP) *Solutions that Works: What the Evidence and Our People Tell Us Report* was launched in Canberra. The Report summarises the evidence base for what works in Indigenous suicide prevention, including responses to the social determinants of health that are 'upstream' risk factors for suicide.

A common success factor in community-based interventions or responses to Indigenous suicide is their development and implementation through Indigenous leadership and in partnership with Indigenous communities. This is due to the need for responses to address cultural and 'lived experience' elements as well as enable Indigenous people to exercise their right to self-determination and be involved in service design and delivery as mental health consumers.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander suicide rates remain high in Australia, with Indigenous Australians being more than twice as likely to die by suicide than non-Indigenous Australians (Australian Bureau of Statistics, 2016). Young Indigenous people (aged 15-24) are particularly vulnerable, being over five times more likely to die by suicide than their non-Indigenous peers (Dudgeon et al., 2016).

We welcome all services, projects and programs that are working in Indigenous suicide prevention, social and emotional wellbeing and Indigenous mental health. We encourage you to submitting an abstract, to attend, to share learnings and experiences, to develop networks and to take home examples of what works.

2nd World Indigenous Suicide Prevention Conference Perth 2018

In 2016, the Turamarama Declaration was endorsed at the inaugural World Indigenous Suicide Prevention Conference in Rotorua, Aotearoa/New Zealand. Since then, the Declaration has travelled the globe with the majority of people supporting the Turamarama Declaration as a means for addressing Indigenous suicide.

The second World Indigenous Suicide Prevention Conference will be an international event that encourages Indigenous nations worldwide to gather and validate our cultural norms and realities, whilst looking at how we contribute to reducing suicide and solutions that work and promote the strength of Indigenous led suicide prevention program

We are proud to host this Conference to create an international stage for engagement, sharing and future shaping of globally relevant Indigenous led solutions in Indigenous suicide prevention, data collection and research.

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AIMS

- Foster a strong commitment to Indigenous governance and maximise opportunities for the voices of communities across all nations to be heard.
- Increase sector commitment to participate in a collaborative approach to Indigenous suicide prevention.
- Empower and enhance community participation in Indigenous suicide prevention activities.
- Facilitate the continuation and development of quality Indigenous suicide prevention initiatives.
- Host an international celebration of Indigenous led solutions to suicide prevention.
- Foster an international gathering of Indigenous leaders, communities and researchers in all disciplines to share knowledge, culture, and research, to promote the strength of Indigenous led suicide prevention programs and to inspire new relationships and connections.
- Enable a forum that engages with a broad range of critical issues for Indigenous communities leading to clear outcomes for actions and solutions.



KEY ELEMENTS

- Plenary panel sessions showcasing Australia and the Indigenous populations around the globe.
- Recognising the importance of the voices of those with lived experience, LGBTIQ community members, Elders and youth. The Program will have strong representation from each of these groups.
- Provide a high impact with presentations and workshops, highlighting the intersection of data sovereignty, research, policy, practice and lived experience with multiple opportunities for engagement and learning.
- Cultural ceremonies.
- Culturally informed workshops.
- International youth cultural exchange.
- Engagement with Primary Health Networks.
- Extend the reputation of CBPATISIP as a nationally and internationally recognised and sought after centre for its expertise and innovation in transformative Indigenous multidisciplinary research, evaluation and conceptualisations around best practice.

Confirmed Speakers



Grand Chief Alvin Fiddler

Nishnawbe Aski Nation



Rebecca Johnson

Tekwabi Giz
National LGBTI Health Alliance



Dr Keri Lawson-TeAho

University of Otago



Michael Wright

Telethon KIDS Institute



Professor Helen Milroy

Centre for Aboriginal Medical
and Dental Health, The University
of Western Australia



Adele Cox

National Indigenous
Critical Response Service



Ms Pat Turner

The National Aboriginal
Community Controlled Health
Organisation (NACCHO)



Dr Kahu McClintock

Te Rau Matatini



Mr Steven Oliver

Performer and Writer



Will Austin

Culture is Life



Professor Linda Nikora

Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga
and Te Wānanga o Waipapa,
The University of Auckland



Leilani Darwin

Lived Experience Representative



Professor Tom Calma AO

Conference Patron, Chancellor,
University of Canberra;
Co-Chair Reconciliation Australia



Program Outline

Delegates have the opportunity to register for either the second National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Suicide Prevention Conference or the second World Indigenous Suicide Prevention Conference. Alternatively join us for both conferences and receive a discounted 4 day registration fee.

2nd National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Suicide Prevention Conference		2nd World Indigenous Suicide Prevention Conference	
Tuesday 20 November	Wednesday 21 November	Thursday 22 November	Friday 23 November
Program Highlights: • Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony • Official Opening • Welcome Performance • Panel Discussions with Adele Cox, Pat Turner • Concurrent Sessions including LGBTIQ, Youth, Elders and Lived Experiences • Welcome Sundowner	Program Highlights: • Welcome Performance • Panel Discussions including Leilani Darwin, Michael Wright, Will Austin and Rebecca Johnson • Concurrent Sessions including LGBTIQ, Youth, Elders and Lived Experiences	Program Highlights: • Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony • Official Opening • Welcome Performance • Panel Discussions including Grand Chief Alvin Fiddler, Professor Helen Milroy and Steven Oliver • Conference Dinner	Program Highlights: • Welcome Performance • Panel Discussions including Dr Keri Lawson Te-Aho, Professor Linda Nikora and Dr Kahu McClintock • Conference Handover Ceremony

Registration

Registration Fees

			Early Bird Closes 14/9/2018	Standard From 15/9/2018
2nd National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Conference	20 & 21 November	Full Registration	\$660	\$770
		Student	\$440	\$495
2nd World Indigenous Suicide Prevention Conference	22 & 23 November	Full Registration	\$660	\$770
		Student	\$440	\$495
Both Conferences	20 – 23 November	Full Registration	\$990	\$1,100
		Student	\$770	\$880

Registration Fees Entitlements

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✓ Tea breaks and lunches ✓ Access to Conference Sessions ✓ Welcome Sundowner ✓ Delegate Bag ✓ Program Guide ✓ Name Badge and Lanyard	✓ Tea breaks and lunches ✓ Access to Conference Sessions ✓ Conference Dinner ✓ Delegate Bag ✓ Program Guide ✓ Name Badge and Lanyard

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Call For Abstracts



Download the full guidelines at www.ispc2018.com

Presentation submissions will close at 5:00 pm (WAEST) on **Friday 20 July, 2018**

The Organising Committee is seeking presentations from interested communities, organisations and individuals based on the following themes:

- Love and Hope
- Resilience
- Community Based Solutions
- The Impacts and Importance of Social Determinants
- Cyber Bullying and Effective Intervention Strategies
- The Importance of Community Partnerships
- Clinical Factors and Suicide Prevention
- Sharing the Knowledge
- The Role of Cultural Practices
- Evaluation and Measurement: The Importance of Data Sovereignty
- Incarceration and Suicide
- Stolen Generations
- Youth Inclusions
- LGBTIQ Inclusions
- The Role and Need for Lived Experience Experts
- Healing and Recovery from Trauma

Selection Criteria

Presentations will be assessed based on the following criteria:

- 1 Preference will be given to presentations that are:
 - a. Presented or co-presented by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and community members.
 - b. From Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations.
 - c. Evidence or outcome based (what is working).
 - d. Presenting something new (e.g. New research, new practices, progressive ideas, new application of culture).
 - e. In collaboration with other agencies or Youth, LGBTIQ, Elders and Lived Experience.The presentation must fit within one of the above conference themes.
Programs and services that are making a difference in the field.
- 2 Lived experience of people who are delivering programs and services in the community.
- 3 Child Abuse.
- 4 Alcohol and other drugs.
- 5 Justice Reinvestment Principles.
- 6 The role and effects of Racism.
- 7 Lateral violence.
- 8 Gayaa Dhuwi (Proud Spirit) Declaration and other Promising Policy.

Presentation Types

There are four presentation formats. While authors are able to select their preferred method of presentation, the final format is at the discretion of the Committee. Depending on the need of the conference program, presentations may be deemed more suitable for a different presentation format than the author originally requested. Sessions will be programmed concurrently, in a variety of presentation formats including:

- 1 Short formal paper presentations** (20 minutes maximum with 10 minute question and answer time). These will be grouped with related topics in a chaired session, with 2-3 papers per 90-minute timeslot.
Note that presenters of short papers may alternatively be selected to be presented as part of a facilitated discussion circle or panel session.
- 2 Interactive sessions** (up to 90 minutes). These sessions may include workshops, discussion circles, stories or case studies. They are more informal sessions and should include a participatory activity and interactive facilitation style. Presentations may be of varying lengths from 10 minutes (for example part of a panel) to 90 minutes. Shorter sessions may be grouped with related topics in a chaired session of 90 minutes. A short formal paper may be included but is not required.
Expressions of interest from facilitators, topics for discussion and yarning circles are also sought for those that are interested.
- 3 Multimedia** – We are interested in submissions of digital stories and short movies. A selection of these will be screened as part of the conference.
- 4 Other** – Any other cultural or craft presentations that may be practical or hands-on.

Abstract Format and Layout Guidelines

- Abstracts are encouraged to be submitted using the abstract template provided at www.ispc2018.com
- Abstracts should be a summary of the presentation of no more than 250 words (not including title and authors)
- Abstracts should be single spaced with a clear line between paragraphs
- Abstracts should be free of typographical and grammatical errors

Submission Process and Important Details

Abstracts should be submitted through the online submission process. If you are unable to complete the abstract submission electronically, please contact the Conference Managers Encanta on (08) 9389 1488 to discuss other options.

- 1** Please submit your abstract by 20 July 2018.
- 2** All submissions will be considered by the conference organisers and assessed according to the selection criteria.
- 3** We may negotiate with you to adapt the original format of your presentation.
- 4** Presenters are required to meet their own costs for registration and travel. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations may be eligible for support through the Conference Bursaries program.
- 5** Receipt of submission will be acknowledged by email.