Welcome

Indigenous Eye Health (IEH) at the University of Melbourne and our co-hosts Aboriginal Health Council of South Australia (AHCSA) are delighted to welcome you to the Close the Gap for Vision by 2020: *The Gap and Beyond* National Conference 2020 at the Adelaide Convention Centre on Wednesday 18 and Thursday 19 March 2020.

The 2020 conference will provide an opportunity to highlight the shared progress and advances being made in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander eye health. It will explore successes and achievements being made to close the gap for vision by 2020 and the opportunities to sustain and continue this progress towards the elimination of avoidable blindness and vision loss by 2025.

We hope that the two day conference will provide a chance to connect with some new people involved in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander eye care, and share your stories and experiences with your eye health friends from across Australia.

We are delighted to welcome near to 200 delegates, from all states and territories, including people from local communities, Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisations, non-government organisations, professional bodies, and government departments and agencies from across the country.

I would like to thank our partners for the conference Optometry Australia (OA), The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Ophthalmologists (RANZCO) and Vision 2020 Australia (V2020A). The conference program was supported by an advisory committee comprising AHCSA (Chris Rektsinis, David Johnston, Robyn Cooper), OA (Sarah Davies), RANZCO (Anita Mills), V2020A (Janine Sherrard) and IEH (Nick Wilson, Rachael Ferguson, Guy Gillor and Mitchell Anjou).

We appreciate your interest and support for the event – this is the fourth national conference for Close the Gap for Vision – and look forward to you joining us on Kaurna country for learning and sharing in the wonderful city of Adelaide.

Best wishes

Melbourne Laureate Professor Hugh R Taylor AC
Harold Mitchell Chair of Indigenous Eye Health, The University of Melbourne

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Trade Table Display & Social Activities

Table Centrepieces

The conference table centrepiece decorations this year have been supplied by the Tjanpi Desert Weavers and are available to purchase. Tjanpi also participated in the conference in Alice Springs in 2019. Tjanpi artists use native grasses to make spectacular contemporary fibre art, weaving beautiful baskets and sculptures and displaying endless creativity and inventiveness. Originally developing from the traditional practice of making manguri rings, working with fibre in this way has become a fundamental part of Central and Western desert culture.

IEH staff member Jordan Bryan will be able to assist with the purchase of the table centrepieces during the morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea breaks on both days of the conference.

Each sculpture is available for purchase on a first-in-first-served basis. Sculptures that have been purchased will be labelled.

Please note:
- Payment can only be accepted via credit card (no cash)
- Each sculpture must remain on the tables until the close of the conference on day 2
- Purchasers will be responsible for transporting the sculpture from the Adelaide Convention Centre

Close the Gap Day Morning Tea

Indigenous Eye Health and Aboriginal Health Council of South Australia are hosting a Close the Gap Day morning tea on Thursday morning and warmly invite you to attend.

This event will be held during the morning tea break: 10:30 - 11:00am on Thursday 19 March

Conference Dinner & Leaky Pipe Awards

The Conference Dinner will be held at the Playford Adelaide Hotel on the evening of Wednesday 18 March starting at 6.30pm.

The dinner provides an opportunity for delegates to meet some new colleagues in a social setting and share the company of their eye health friends.

The 2020 Leaky Pipe Awards winners will be announced during the dinner.

The Playford Adelaide Hotel
120 North Terrace, Adelaide
Wednesday 18 March 2020, 6.30pm - 9.30pm

The cost of the dinner and drinks is included in Day 1 and full conference registration. Additional dinner tickets can be purchased online through the conference registration page.

Dress is smart casual.
Program

Day 1 – Wednesday 18 March 2020

8.30 - 9.30  Conference Registration

9.30 - 10.30  Welcome to Country and Opening Session  
Welcome to Country - Jack Buckskin  
Opening Session  
Prof Hugh Taylor, Indigenous Eye Health, The University of Melbourne  
Nahtanka Davey, CEO, Aboriginal Health Council of South Australia
Conference greetings: The Honourable Greg Hunt MP, Australian Government Minister of Health  
The Honourable Ken Wyatt MP, Australian Government Minister for Indigenous Australians  
The Honourable Stephen Wade MP, South Australian Government Minister of Health

10.30 - 11.00  Morning Tea: ‘Eyes in Action’ Photography Exhibition, Poster Presentations & Trade Table Displays

11.00 - 13.00  Keynote and Plenary Session - "The Gap..."  
Keynote Speech - Dr Janine Mohamed, CEO, Lowitja Institute  
Plenary Session - "The Gap..."  
A/Prof Angus Turner, Lions Eye Institute. ‘The evolution of the northwest hub - establishing a new regional base for eye health’  
Ben Hamlyn, Optometry Australia. ‘A South Australian optometrist’s perspective on closing the gap for vision... much done and much to do’  
Cameron Leon and Lisa Penrose, Gidgee Healing. ‘All Eyes on Normanton’  
Prof John Kaldor, Kirby Institute, University of NSW. ‘Elimination of trachoma in Australia: How are we tracking?’  
Matthew Watson and A/Prof Angus Turner, Derbarl Yerrigan Health Service and Lions Eye Institute. ‘Helping our patients to see: An urban pathway for improving the vision of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples’

13.00 - 14.00  Lunch: ‘Eyes in Action’ Photography Exhibition, Poster Presentations & Trade Table Displays

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Room 5
3. Eye Care 101  
Dr Tim Henderson, Alice Springs Hospital NT and Mitchell Anjou, Indigenous Eye Health, The University of Melbourne  
Room 6
4. Deadly Sights – Improving eye care in primary care  
Sarah Fraser, Aboriginal Health Council of South Australia  
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15.30 - 16.00  Afternoon Tea: ‘Eyes in Action’ Photography Exhibition, Poster Presentations & Trade Table Displays

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17.20 - 17.30  Day Wrap and Close - Prof Hugh Taylor and Colleagues

18.30 - 21.30  Conference Dinner and Leaky Pipe Awards  
Greetings to Country by Karl Telfer and a performance by the Yellaka dance group  
The Playford Adelaide Hotel, 120 North Terrace, Adelaide
# The Gap and Beyond

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**Keynote Speech** - Dr James Muecke AM, Chairman, Sight for All

**Plenary Session - "...and Beyond"**

Shaun Tatipata, The Fred Hollows Foundation. 'What does success look like in Indigenous eye health?'

Emma Robertson, Karadi Aboriginal Corporation. 'Our journey into Indigenous eye health, a good news story'

Anne-Marie Banfield, VACCHO. 'Community-led eye care – 2020 and beyond'

**Thinking about Leadership of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Eye Health**

Facilitator: Chris Lee
Panel: Anne-Marie Banfield, Lauren Hutchinson, Shaun Tatipata, Emma Robertson

**Some thoughts on Beyond 2020** Dr Kristopher Rallah-Baker, The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Ophthalmologists, President Australian Indigenous Doctors Association and Chair Vision 2020 Australia, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Committee

**Campfire Session**

We are trying something new this year, campfires at the conference. The campfire session will be on Day 2 Thursday 19 March and is an opportunity for participants to propose their own discussion groups (campfires) and to talk to others who choose to join the chat. Delegates can convene conversations that matter to them or progress a discussion of their choice with their peers.

Campfire topics will be proposed by delegates on the campfire notice board at any time from registration on Day 1 Wednesday 18 March. Those who do not propose sessions can join a campfire conversation of their choosing or move around to visit multiple campfires. So, if you have a topic that you would like to chat to others at the conference about – please be ready to light a campfire. Additional detail regarding the campfire session will be provided during the conference.

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**CAMPFIRE SESSION**
Janine Mohamed, CEO, Lowitja Institute
Over the past 20 years, Janine Mohamed has worked in nursing, management, project management, and workforce and health policy in the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health sector. Many of these years have been spent in the Aboriginal Community Controlled Health sector at state, national and international levels, and most recently as the CEO at the Congress of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Nurses and Midwives (CATSINaM). Janine is now based in Melbourne and is the CEO of the Lowitja Institute. She was awarded an Atlantic Fellows for Social Equity Fellowship in 2019, and, in January 2020, a Doctorate of Nursing honoris causa by Edith Cowan University.

Dr James Muecke AM, Chairman, Sight for All. 2020 Australian of the Year
Dr James Muecke is an eye surgeon based in Adelaide and a visiting consultant, senior lecturer at the Royal Adelaide Hospital and Women’s & Children’s Hospital. Dr Muecke has a special interest in blindness prevention, ophthalmic research and education in the developing world. He was a co-founder and Director of the Vision Myanmar Program and helped establish ‘Sight For All’ fifteen years ago. Dr Muecke is the 2020 Australian of the Year.

Nahtanha Davey, CEO, Aboriginal Health Council of South Australia (AHCSA)
Nahtanha Davey is CEO of AHCSA – South Australia’s peak body for Aboriginal Health. Nahtanha is an experienced senior leader in the community health, disability and families sectors and has previously served as CEO of South Australia’s Peak Body Brain Injury SA, General Manager within the Mallee District Aboriginal Services, and head of Corporate Services for the Torres Strait Hospital and Health Service. She has worked across remote areas of Torres Strait, from Papua New Guinea to Northern Peninsula – the tip of Australia – overseeing complex day-to-day operations and major projects. Nahtanha is mother to two beautiful daughters, and is proud of her connection to Ngarrindjeri and Kaurna people.

Jack Buckskin
Jack Buckskin is a Kaurna, Narungga and Wirangu man, born in the Adelaide Plains region, who has dedicated himself to learning and sharing the Kaurna language and culture. He has been heavily involved in the Kaurna revitalisation movement for more than ten years and continues to contribute to the development and teaching of the Kaurna language. Jack also shares his culture and stories through dance and other cultural workshops through his cultural services and dance group, Kuma Kaaru, which translates to ‘one blood’. Jack and Kuma Kaaru have also been given the opportunity to showcase dance, language and culture internationally, having been invited to perform and speak in a number of countries, including India, Nauru, Canada and Austria.

Professor Hugh Taylor AC, Director, Indigenous Eye Health, The University of Melbourne
Melbourne Laureate Professor Hugh Taylor is the Harold Mitchell Professor of Indigenous Eye Health at the University of Melbourne. He was Head of the Department of Ophthalmology at the University of Melbourne and the Founding Director of the Centre for Eye Research Australia from 1990 to 2007. Prior to that, he was a Professor of Ophthalmology at the Wilmer Institute at the Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore with joint appointments in the Departments of Epidemiology and International Health. He has worked with WHO in different roles for over 40 years.

Professor Taylor’s current work focuses on Aboriginal eye health. He has led the efforts to eliminate trachoma in Australia and developed and supported implementation of “The Roadmap to Close the Gap for Vision”, a blueprint to provide sustainable eye-care services to Indigenous Australians.
Details of Conference Workshops from Day 1 (14.00-15.30)

1. Strong Eyes, Strong Communities – an opportunity for input
FACILITATOR: Janine Sherrard and Roman Serebianik, Vision 2020 Australia
Strong Eyes, Strong Communities (SESC) is the Vision 2020 Australia sector-endorsed national plan for 2019-2024 in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander eye health. This workshop will provide an overview of SESC and talk about progress in acceptance and implementing the recommendations. Key features of the plan include a stronger Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander voice and participation in Indigenous eye health and development of Indigenous leadership of the work. Vision 2020 Australia would appreciate conference delegate input to a number of challenges and questions, as we work with our members and the sector to advance the plan.
Please join us in this workshop to learn more about Strong Eyes, Strong Communities and share your thoughts and ideas in an interactive exchange around implementation of the plan.

2. Diabetic retinopathy screening, assessment and treatment
FACILITATOR: Neville Turner, Australian College of Optometry and Dr Kristin Bell, Royal Hobart Hospital
In this workshop, participants will enhance their skills and knowledge of diabetic retinopathy screening in primary health care and extend this to the assessment, management and treatment provided when retinopathy is detected. The workshop will cover capturing images and the MBS 12325 item; triaging retinal photos and referral decisions; embedding retinal photography as a part the work of a clinic; what happens when you refer your patient with retinopathy; diabetic retinopathy treatment options and delivery.

3. Eye Care 101
FACILITATOR: Dr Tim Henderson, Alice Springs Hospital NT and Mitchell Anjou, Indigenous Eye Health, The University of Melbourne
Yes, we are back again... Are you interested in learning a little bit more about eyes and eye care? This workshop will provide an overview of eyes and vision and the eye care system including the key causes of vision loss for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and the current initiatives and resources available to support provision and coordination of Indigenous eye care. Learn how the inclusion of simple eye assessments and understanding where and how to get assistance can help reduce unnecessary vision loss from trachoma, refractive error, cataract and diabetes and help close the gap for vision. Please think about your eye care questions – we will be pleased to try to answer as many as we can.

4. Deadly Sights – improving eye care in primary care
FACILITATOR: Sarah Fraser, Aboriginal Health Council of South Australia (AHCSA)
AHCSA's Deadly Sights guide is a broad-based set of recommendations combining clinical, practical and technical information relating to screening, referrals and principals for management of non-acute visual impairment in primary health care settings. This dedicated resource, published in 2019, guides healthcare professionals on how best to use practice management software (Communicare), along with relevant eye care pathways and corresponding Medicare items. AHCSA has trained healthcare providers in the use of the resource and developed an off-site quality improvement webinar series to support the use of the non-mydriatic retinal cameras and work with fundholders to ensure the effectiveness of visiting specialist services. This workshop will present the key elements of the resource and learnings that are applicable in all primary care settings.

Details of Conference Workshops from Day 2 (9.00-10.30) Continued over page

5. A focus on the young mob
FACILITATOR: Dr Shelley Hopkins, Queensland University of Technology with Cameron Leon and Lisa Penrose, Gidgee Healing
Contributors: Dr Marjade Page, Rebecca Cox, Associate Professor Scott Read, Professor Joanne Wood
Previous population-level reports suggest Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children have fewer vision problems than non-Indigenous children; but a recent Queensland University of Technology study has found similar levels of vision problems. Furthermore, those Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children with correctable refractive error were found to be largely uncorrected. The workshop will present this data and then consider appropriate approaches to vision screening and how this can be integrated into children’s health care, particularly child health checks. Gidgee Healing in Queensland has developed, designed and delivered a training package in children's eye screening to primary health care staff, including a useful visual acuity (VA) referral protocol tool. Through this community led project, we have been able to detail eye screening methods and referral protocols. The importance of standardised measurements and processes will be discussed, along with how Gidgee Healing has integrated eye health screening into the care model for FASD and other children experiencing learning delays/difficulties. The importance of cultural safety in screening process design, the role of the REHC in children’s eye health, children’s eye screening as part of an integrated care model, and the role of screening in maximising the visiting optometrist’s effective service delivery, will also be explored.

6. Exploring telehealth and eye care in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander primary care settings
FACILITATOR: Sarah Davies, Optometry Australia and Anita Mills, The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Ophthalmologists
Speakers: Dr Rowan Porter, A/Prof Angus Turner, Ben Hamlyn
Telehealth offers a unique opportunity to improve patient outcomes and progress efforts to improve eye health outcomes in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities. To be most effective, telehealth solutions must be determined locally in ways which respond to identified opportunities, barriers and gaps in service provision. This workshop aims to support primary care providers to identify the opportunities and barriers for telehealth in supporting access to culturally safe eye care services via optometry and ophthalmology. Participants will be encouraged to look ‘beyond’ the current Australian context for telehealth and to consider the future of telehealth in eye care in its fullest definition, as ‘the use of telecommunication techniques for the purpose of providing telemedicine, medical education, and health education over a distance’.

7. The challenge and imperative of evaluation
FACILITATOR: Dr Tessa Saunders, Indigenous Eye Health, The University of Melbourne
Supported by ARTD Consultants and Clear Horizons
Evaluation is hard – it is complex, and it is poorly resourced... but it is important to inform future work and we need to try to do it better. Please come and join us in this workshop if you would like to learn more about approaches to evaluation. We would like to share our current experiences in developing an evaluation of regional implementation of the Roadmap to Close the Gap for Vision and introduce some experienced independent evaluators to help sort out some of the challenges in this area of work. Are you evaluating a program or activity in your work? Are you thinking of building an evaluation into a future activity? We will aim through this exchange to add value to your current and future work in evaluation.
8. Jurisdictional approaches to coordinating and improving eye care
FACILITATOR: Nick Schubert, Indigenous Eye Health, The University of Melbourne. With presentations from 7 jurisdictions WA, NT, SA, QLD, NSW/ACT, VIC, TAS
This workshop will provide participants with an understanding of how jurisdictional stakeholders are working to improve and support eye care for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities across Australia. It will look at the different models in place across the states and territories, the challenges and successes experienced and provide an opportunity to develop strategies and make recommendations to strengthen and sustain eye care into the future.

9. Health Promotion 101
FACILITATOR: Emma Stanford, Indigenous Eye Health, The University of Melbourne
Are you interested in designing your own health promotion campaign? There are many different approaches to creating effective health promotion and this workshop will walk through a practical step by step guide to start developing a program of your own. We will illustrate effective campaigns using Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander eye health trachoma and diabetes campaigns as examples. Milpa the trachoma goanna might even make an appearance to help out!

Table Top Presentations Details of Table Top Presentations from Day 1: (16.00-17.20) See website for full abstracts
1. Updating the model of eye care for Aboriginal populations in remote Central Australia
Dr William Mitchell, Dr Mark Hassall, Dr Tim Henderson (Alice Springs Hospital, Central Australian Health Service)
2. Early detection of diabetic retinopathy made easy with retinal photography in Primary Health Care
Dorcas Musyimi, Annika Honeysett (Brien Holden Foundation)
3. Early detection of diabetic retinopathy using artificial intelligence
Leanne Scowen, Jayne Shaw (Healthcare Unlimited)
4. The role of accreditation in improving Indigenous eye health outcomes
Sian Lewis, Tamara McKenzie (Optometry Council Of Australia and New Zealand), Mitchell Anjou (Indigenous Eye Health)
5. Bunjils Mirring Nganga-djak Project – A partnership to increase uptake of eye exams for our community
Vanessa Murdoch, Liz Senior (EACH), Piers Carozzi (Australian College of Optometry)
6. A focus on management of diabetic eye care is key to Closing the Gap for Vision
Celia McCarthy (Institute for Urban Indigenous Health)
7. A collaborative approach to improving Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander eye health in North Queensland
Tanya Morris (CheckUP)
8. Developing a bulk-billed Indigenous eye care pathway in Bathurst NSW
Jane Hager (Western NSW Eye Health Partnership, NSW Rural Doctors Network)
Cameron Leon, Lisa Penrose (Gidgee Healing), Tony Coburn (CheckUp)
10. Recruiting, engaging and retaining participants for health research studies with Aboriginal communities: Learnings from a population-based study on type 2 diabetes and its eye complications
Jose Estevez, Jayden Nguyen, Dr Natasha Howard, Dr Jamie Craig, Prof Alex Brown (South Australian Health and Medical Research Institute)
11. Strengthening Eye Care Partnerships in NSW and the NT
Dian Rahardjo, Sarah Nicholls (Brien Holden Foundation)
12. LookOut Project Evaluation: Service coordination success with Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisations in the lead
Emily Cheesman (University of Melbourne), Penelope Smith, Shaun Tatipata, Jennifer Merryweather, Jagath Hapuhannadige (The Fred Hollows Foundation Indigenous Australia Program)
13. Keeping up with the city mob
Rosemary Copeland (Royal Darwin Hospital)
14. KeepSight: A digital reminder system for people with diabetes
Chris Lee (Diabetes Australia), Danielle Williams (Vision 2020 Australia)
15. Online education for ACCO staff
Anne-Marie Banfield, Dr Noela Prasad (VACCHO)
16. Working together for health
Dr Noela Prasad (VACCHO)
17. Reversing SAFE – Working with remote communities to promote environments that prevent trachoma
Dr Melissa Stoneham (Public Health Advocacy Institute WA, Curtin University)
18. 'Who are you getting dolled up for?' Cultural influences on the effectiveness of trachoma prevention programs in Aboriginal communities in Central Australia
Tammy Abbott (Ninti One)
Poster Presentations Poster viewings are available during session break times. See website for full abstracts

National eye care and equipment inventory project
Leah Ergos, Tania McLeod, The Fred Hollows Foundation Indigenous Australia Program

Optometry in ACCHOs, pathways, partnerships and opportunities for education
Optometrists: Dr Genevieve Napper (Vic) Gary Cerie (WA) Shannon Davies (QLD) Jose Estevez (SA) Christopher Law (Vic) Sarah Nicholls (NT) Lisa Penrose (QLD) Vicki Sheehan (QLD)

Magnifiers, I’ve already got glasses
Lachlan Rich, CheckUP

Community driven eye care – ‘Pathways and partnerships’
Australian College of Optometry

The Victorian Aboriginal Spectacles Scheme – ‘Strengthening and sustaining access’
Australian College of Optometry

Eye health at a non-health-service ACCO
Margaret Murray, Mungabareena Aboriginal Corporation

Plenary Session Abstracts Day 1 and Day 2. See website for full abstracts

Helping our patients to see: An urban pathway for improving the vision of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples
Dr Matthew Watson, Dr Richelle Douglas, Kerry Woods, A/Prof Angus Turner, Derbarl Yerrigan Health Service and Lions Eye Institute

What does success look like in Indigenous eye health?
Shaun Tatipata, Penelope Smith, David Aanundsen, Jagath Happuhannadige, The Fred Hollows Foundation

Our journey into Indigenous eye health, a good news story
Emma Robertson, Marc Hicks, Karadi Aboriginal Corporation

Community-led eye care – 2020 and beyond
Anne-Marie Banfield, Dr Genevieve Napper, VACCHO

COVER ARTWORK: Lander River
Artists: Adnate and Kali with Willowra community members
The Lander River plays an important role in the dreaming story of the community. It runs dry most of the year, and when the rain sets in the river flows cleansing the land. The river runs throughout the mural and represents keeping the faces clean of the young girls. The two young girls featured were selected by the community and represent the future generation. Elder Maisie Napaljarri Kitson said “the kids are proud to see the girls’ faces”.
The mural shows one child looking to the community and the other immersed in the local dreaming story. Areyonga is a valley of a stunning gorge. The community chose to have the mural on the back of the recreation hall, facing the road to the store which they use daily.

Areyonga (Utju) is a Pitjantjatjara community located 230km south-west of Alice Springs.