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POSITIONS AT THE LOWITJA INSTITUTE

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, full time, fixed term until 30 June 2014, in Melbourne, salary negotiable. The successful applicant will be required to:

1. provide leadership and strategic direction to The Lowitja Institute
2. provide high-level advice, analysis and service support to the Board in its governance role in the Company
3. assist in developing and positioning the Institute as it moves in 2014 to a new funding model
4. collaboratively lead the executive team, comprising the Director of Research, Chief Operating Office and the Chief Executive, and provide a strong focus on service excellence
5. lead and manage Institute staff
6. represent the Lowitja Institute in its external relations.

Our ideal applicant will be someone who will have:

1. a proven track record of achievement and leadership as a senior executive or CEO in a complex organisation
2. ability to work effectively with the Board in the Company structure
3. outstanding interpersonal, communication and presentation skills with the presence and influence to build top-level relationships with a diverse range of stakeholders
4. demonstrated experience in building and leading an effective senior leadership team
5. proven success in leading strategic change in a diverse organisation

6. proven ability in the provision of clear, concise advice on complex and sensitive issues
7. ability to understand research work and research programs
8. tertiary qualifications.

To apply, please provide your current resume and an overview addressing your ability to meet the requirements for the position. Contact is Colin Young, CarlyleYoung Group, T: 03 9600 0866, F: 03 9600 0414, E: cyg1@carlyleyoung.com.au, address: Level 5, 461 Bourke Street, Melbourne Vic 3000. Also, please visit the Institute's website at www.lowitja.org.au.

Closing date is 18 November 2011.

DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH, full time, fixed term until 30 June 2014, in Melbourne, salary equivalent to University Academic Level E, Professorial.

The Director of Research is a new full time role at the Institute. The Director of Research will lead and oversee the Institute's research agenda, programs and activities. The appointee will report to the CEO.

As Director of Research, the appointee will be expected to:

1. lead the development and execution of the Institute's research agenda, including its capacity development activities
2. as a member of the executive team contribute to developing the strategic direction of the organisation
3. ensure high quality research assurance processes, consistent with the Institute's agreed protocols for research and international research standards.
4. lead further development of the Institute's unique approach to research including the focus on generating practical outcomes
5. lead horizon scanning and the ongoing identification of emerging priorities for health research for Aboriginal and Torres Strait islander people
6. contribute to the securing of external donations for programs of research
7. develop excellent collaborative research relations between the Institute and other members of the research community.

Our ideal applicant will have:

Academic standing and qualification –

1. Standing at professorial level or equivalent (an adjunct appointment with a university is envisaged).
2. A doctorate in a relevant discipline.
3. Significant postdoctoral research and publications.

Achievements, qualities and capabilities:

1. Proven experience in research team leadership.
2. Capacity to develop and implement innovative research methodologies, agenda and programs.
3. Strong evidence of ability to work collaboratively across disciplines and organisations and develop strong research partnerships.

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RESEARCH AT THE LOWITJA INSTITUTE

CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST for two workforce policy projects

The Lowitja Institute seeks expressions of interest for one or both of two new projects

1. Model for flexible career pathways into the health professions for existing Aboriginal health staff
2. The 'new workforce' and allied- and para-professional roles for Aboriginal people

These projects have been shaped by discussions at a Workforce Roundtable held in September 2011, involving practitioners, educators and researchers with an interest in the Aboriginal health workforce. It is anticipated that the projects will commence in April 2012 and be completed by October 2013.

Interested parties are invited to consider the projects as defined in the Expression of Interest document, available at <<http://www.lowitja.org.au/announcements/call-expressions-interest-two-workforce-policy-projects>>.

For further information contact Vanessa Harris, Program Manager, T: 08 8946 7769 or E: <vanessa.harris@lowitja.org.au>.

Closing date is Monday 16 January 2012.

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PUBLICATIONS BY THE LOWITJA INSTITUTE and the Cooperative Research Centre for Aboriginal Health are available in PDF format at <<http://www.lowitja.org.au/publications>> and can be ordered by email from <publications@lowitja.org.au>.

Six reports, as listed below, for the Managing Two Worlds Together project are available in PDF format from the Lowitja Institute website at <<http://www.lowitja.org.au/lowitja-institute-publishing>>.

Managing Two Worlds Together: City Hospital Care for Country Aboriginal People—Project Report, J. Dwyer, J. Kelly, E. Willis, J. Glover, T. Mackean, B. Pekarsky & M. Battersby 2011

Managing Two Worlds Together: City Hospital Care for Country Aboriginal People—Community Summary, J. Dwyer, J. Kelly, E. Willis, J. Glover, T. Mackean, B. Pekarsky & M. Battersby 2011

Managing Two Worlds Together: Study 1—Report on Admissions and Costs, J. Glover & M. Freeman 2011

Managing Two Worlds Together: Study 2—Staff Perspectives on Care for Country Aboriginal Patients, J. Dwyer, J. Kelly, E. Willis, T. Mackean, M. Battersby, B. Pekarsky & J. Glover, 2011

Managing Two Worlds Together: Study 3—The Experiences of Patients and Their Carers, J. Kelly, J. Dwyer, T. Mackean, E. Willis, K. O'Donnell, M. Battersby & B. Pekarsky 2011

Managing Two Worlds Together: Study 4—Complex Country Aboriginal Patient Journeys, by J. Kelly, B. Pekarsky, J. Dwyer, T. Mackean, E. Willis, J. Glover & M. Battersby 2011

Art Into Health: Puntu Palyarrikuwanpa Aboriginal Men Becoming Well, B. McCoy
<<http://www.lowitja.org.au/announcements/art-health-booklet>>

Researching Indigenous Health: A Practical Guide for Researchers, A. Laycock with D. Walker, N. Harrison & J. Brands 2011 <<http://www.lowitja.org.au/resources-researchers#purchase>>

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THE AUSTRALIAN INDIGENOUS HEALTHBULLETIN SURVEY

Our colleagues at the Australian Indigenous HealthInfoNet are interested in your opinion on how they can improve the Australian Indigenous HealthBulletin (<http://healthbulletin.org.au/>).

Please complete a 5-minute online survey (and give yourself the chance to win a camera, iPod or voucher) at <<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/HealthBulletinSurvey2011>>.

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NATIONAL CLOSE THE GAP DAY – THURSDAY 22 MARCH 2012: Power through Partnership

Please get involved in National Close the Gap Day and join the thousands of people and organisations around Australia holding events to raise awareness of the Indigenous health crisis. You can register your event at <<http://www.oxfam.org.au/nctgd>>.

The Close the Gap Campaign

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people still die 10–17 years younger than other Australians. But by working together we can Close the Gap within a generation. The Close the Gap campaign, formed by over 40 peak Indigenous organisations in 2006 has come a long way. The Federal Government and Opposition and those in most states have signed the Close the Gap Statement of Intent, committing them to take action in partnership with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health organisations. Over 160,000 Australians and many thousands of organisations from councils to corporations have supported the campaign.

In 2012, National Close the Gap Day is on Thursday 22 March. Hosting an event is easy. You just register online and Oxfam Australia sends you everything you need, including posters, a DVD specially made for the day and even a Close the Gap t-shirt. Resources will be sent out in February.

Events can take place in homes, workplaces, schools, universities, medical centres or wherever you think people may be interested in finding out more about the Close the Gap campaign. Some events are attended by hundreds of people, but others involve just a handful of friends. The events can be formal or informal and can follow whatever format best suits you. The Oxfam website can help you with some ideas for planning your event: <www.oxfam.org.au/nctgd>.

CONFERENCES & CALLS FOR ABSTRACTS

A list of 2011 conferences is available at <www.lowitja.org.au/conferences-2011>.

2012 conferences are at <<http://www.lowitja.org.au/conferences-2012>>.

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First Nations Pathways Conference, James Cook University (Douglas Campus), Townsville, Queensland, 28–30 November 2011. The Conference will provide an opportunity to discuss important national and international issues relating to First Nations Peoples, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and individuals. First Nations Pathways sets the foundation for building strong partnerships and creating global networks. The linkages of International political environments, the sharing of best practice and the lessons of collaborative approaches to social, economic and environmental challenges are the way to move our nation forward. More information is at <<http://pathwaysconference2011.org/>>.

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REMINDER: NIDAC National Indigenous Drug and Alcohol Conference ‘Beyond 2012: Leading the Way to Action’. Please visit <<http://nidaconference.com.au/>> for the latest news on speakers, registration and sponsorship opportunities.

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REMINDER: LEADERS IN INDIGENOUS MEDICAL EDUCATION (LIME) CONNECTION IV, in Auckland, New Zealand, 29 November to 1 December 2011:
<<http://limenetwork.net.au/content/lime-connection-iv>>.

EVENTS

Monday 21 November, in Perth, public seminar 'Improving Mental Health Outcomes for Indigenous Australians'. The keynote talk will feature a presentation from Professor Aileen Moreton-Robinson, as well as presentations from other researchers in the field of Indigenous mental health.

Time and place: 9:00am to 5:00pm, BankWest Lecture Theatre, Building 200, Curtin University, Kent Street, Bentley, WA

RSVPs are essential: Angela Griffiths <Angela.Griffiths@curtin.edu.au>.

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Friday, 25 November, in Sydney, Launch of 2011 Social Justice & Native Title Reports, including a keynote address by Mr Mick Gooda, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner.

Time and place: 9am for 9:30am, The Foyer, New Law Building, The University of Sydney, Eastern Ave, Camperdown, NSW. RSVP by Monday, 14 November 2011

<socialjustice@humanrights.gov.au> or T: 02 9284 9603.

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Wednesday, 23 November, in Canberra, Workshop: What are the secrets to a successful health research grant application? Convened by the Centre for Mental Health Research and the Health Services Research Association of Australia and New Zealand, the workshop will look at how to make successful grant applications. Focusing on NHMRC project grants, a panel of experts will reflect on common pitfalls and the secrets of success, the key elements of a strong grant application, tips and techniques for successful grant writing, and ways to improve writing discipline. Places for this unique workshop are limited and priority will be given to HSRAANZ members. For more details: <http://www.hsraanz.org/Events/Event_details/11-10-26/What_are_the_secrets_to_a_successful_health_research_grant_application.aspx>.

Registration close on 21 November 2011.

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Wednesday 30 November 2011, in Perth, National Indigenous Drug and Alcohol Committee (NIDAC) Consultation on Drug and Alcohol Issues, in Perth. NIDAC is seeking views from non-government, community-based, government, education, health and law enforcement staff on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander alcohol and other drugs issues in WA.

When and where: 9.30am – 12.00pm, at the Holiday Inn City Centre, 778–788 Hay Street, Perth. RSVP by Friday 25 November, T; 02 6166 9600, F: 02 6162 2611, E: nidac@ancd.org.au.

JOBS

Positions available at Monash University Faculty of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences School of Rural Health in Moe, Victoria. Closing date is 22 November. Search by job number at: <<http://jobs.monash.edu.au/jobSearch.asp?stp=AW&sLanguage=en>>

- Lecturer (Rural and Indigenous Health), 3 years full-time, job number 498579
- Lecturer (Rural and Indigenous Health), 3 years part-time (0.8), job number 498593

- Lecturer Teaching and Research (Rural and Indigenous Health), 3 years full or part-time (0.6), job number 498743
- Senior Lecturer – Education Focused (Rural and Indigenous Health), 3 years full time, job number 498623

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Deputy Director of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies Unit (Senior Lecturer/Associate Professor), full time continuing, University of Queensland, St Lucia. UQ has recently appointed Professor Cindy Shannon as Pro Vice-Chancellor (Indigenous Education) to provide leadership in this area across the University and in our interactions with government, industry and Community. A critical function of the Deputy Director role is to assist the PVC (Indigenous Education) to bring about critical change in UQ activities in this important area. The Deputy Director will provide day-to-day leadership, management and guidance within the Unit to ensure UQ Community engagement, teaching and research programs are of the highest standard. For further enquiries and a confidential discussion please contact Professor Cindy Shannon on T: +61 7 3346 0627 or E: <c.shannon@uq.edu.au>. Applications close 14 November 2011 11:55pm AEST

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Senior Lecturer and Lecturer positions at the School of Nursing and Midwifery, University of Western Sydney. The School is seeking forward thinking, dynamic and innovative scholars to take an academic role in nursing at Senior Lecturer and Lecturer level. The appointees will have expertise and experience in nurse education, and will be involved in university-based teaching. They will play a major role in leading our nursing curriculum in their area of expertise. These are identified positions and applicants must be Aboriginal and/ or Torres Strait Islander. Position enquiries to Professor Rhonda Griffiths, E: <r.griffiths@uws.edu.au>; T: 02 4620 3352, W: <careers.uws.edu.au>. Closing date is 21 November 2011

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Contract Administrator at NHMRC, Governance and Strategy Branch, Information Technology Section, full time ongoing position, in Canberra, NHMRC. As the IT Services Contract Administrator, the incumbent will be responsible for administering multiple contracts for the NHMRC, also administer the procurement and delivery of IT services, software and hardware to the NHMRC. For further details please see the NHMRC careers webpages at <<http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/about/careers>>. Closing date is midnight AEST Thursday 24 November 2011.

MEDIA

Past media releases are at: <<http://www.lowitja.org.au/media-releases>>. Stories about the Lowitja Institute in the media are listed at <<http://www.lowitja.org.au/media>>.

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NACCHO Co-Chairs Congress Aboriginal Health Forum Advising on New National Plan

NACCHO Media Release, 3 November 2011

“The importance of Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services delivering front line care in their communities is reflected in initiatives announced this morning in Canberra,” says Mr Justin Mohamed, Chair of the National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO).

NACCHO will Co-Chair the new National Health Leadership Forum of peak bodies in the National Congress of Australia’s First Peoples, along with Congress Co-Chair Jody Broun.

“The National Health Leadership Forum will advise Congress and work in partnership with the Federal Government on developing the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Equity Plan which Ministers Nicola Roxon and Warren Snowdon announced today”, Mr Mohamed said.’

Full text available at <<http://www.naccho.org.au/communications/media.html>>.

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National voice and national plan marks new day for Indigenous health equality

Media release by the Australian Human Rights Commission, 3 November 2011

‘The Close the Gap Campaign welcomes the new national voice for the health interests of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Campaign Co-Chair and Social Justice Commissioner Mick Gooda said today’s announcement that the National Health Leadership Forum (NHLF) would be the national representative voice to Governments on Indigenous health was a turning point for Indigenous peoples.

The NHLF is part of the National Congress of Australia’s First Peoples (Congress). It has established itself as the national body for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peak bodies whose core business is the health of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

“The NHLF’s leading role will be especially crucial in helping the government to develop and ultimately implement the national comprehensive plan for achieving health equality within a generation, also announced today,” Mr Gooda said.’

Full text available at

<http://www.hreoc.gov.au/about/media/media_releases/2011/98_11.html>.

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New National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health

Joint media release by the Minister for Health, Nicola Roxon and the Minister for Indigenous Health, Warren Snowdon, 3 November 2011

‘The National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Plan will be established by the Australian Government working in partnership with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and organisations, and state and territory governments will be invited to be participate.

Ms Roxon said the plan will give effect to the Government’s undertaking to close the gap in life expectancy and infant mortality between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians and the broader population.

"The plan is an important step in providing a road map for action across Australia," Ms Roxon said. “[the Plan] will map the way forward for Government, health care and service providers as well as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities in ensuring positive health outcomes.” Full text at

<<http://www.health.gov.au/internet/ministers/publishing.nsf/Content/mr-yr11-nr-nr228.htm>>.

PUBLICATIONS

Borderline health: Complexities of the Torres Strait treaty, by C. E. Brolan, S. J. Upham, P. S. Hill, G. Simpson & S. D. Vincent 2011, *Medical Journal of Australia*, vol. 195(9): 503–05

<http://www.mja.com.au/public/issues/195_09_071111/bro10327_fm.html>.

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Doing the right thing for tuberculosis control in the Torres Strait Islands (letter), by A. Konstantinos, G. Simpson, T. C. Sorrell & B. J. Marais, *Medical Journal of Australia*, vol. 195(9): 512 <http://www.mja.com.au/public/issues/195_09_071111/letters_071111_fm-1.html>.

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PHC RIS Policy Issue Review: PHC RIS has released a series of Policy Issue Reviews about policy-relevant topics in primary health care. Each issue, which has been reviewed by a content expert, focuses on a particular topic that is relevant to the Australian health reform. Available on the PHC RIS website: <www.phcris.org.au/policyreviews>.

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Comparison of primary care models in the prevention of cardiovascular disease – a cross sectional study, by C. Liddy, J. Singh et al. 2011, *BMC Family Practice*, vol. 12(1): 114 <<http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2296/12/114>>.

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Development and validation of the high blood pressure-focused health literacy scale, M. T. Kim, H. J. Song et al. 2011, *Patient Education and Counseling*, doi:10.1016/j.pec.2011.09.005 <<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/22030252>>.

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Practice guidelines need to address the ‘how’ and the ‘what’ of implementation, A. McKillop, J. Crisp & K. Walsh 2011, *Primary Health Care Research and Development*, vol. 13: 1–12 <<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/22008308>>.

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Expenditure on health for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people 2008-09: An analysis by remoteness and disease, AIHW 2011 <<http://www.aihw.gov.au/publication-detail/?id=10737420243>>.

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Health expenditure Australia 2009–10, AIHW 2011 <<http://www.aihw.gov.au/publication-detail/?id=10737420435&tab=2>>.

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Through APO

Innovative Indigenous policy: Eidos Institute video interview with Professor Ian Anderson, Executive Director of Research and Innovation at the Lowitja Institute and Director of the Murrup Barak Melbourne Institute of Indigenous Development <<http://apo.org.au/video/innovative-indigenous-policy>>.

Addressing Aboriginal disadvantage: The need to do things differently, NSW Ombudsman 2011 <<http://apo.org.au/research/addressing-aboriginal-disadvantage-need-do-things-differently>>.

Research skills for an innovative future, Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research 2011 <<http://apo.org.au/research/research-skills-innovative-future>>.

Work, welfare and CDEP on the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara lands: First stage assessment, K. Jordan 2011, Centre for Aboriginal Economic Policy Research <<http://apo.org.au/research/work-welfare-and-cdep-anangu-pitjantjatjara-yankunytjatjara-lands-first-stage-assessment>>.

SCHOLARSHIPS, AWARDS, FUNDING, GRANTS & TENDERS

Please see our Scholarships and Grants web page for a list of available opportunities:
<<http://www.lowitja.org.au/scholarships-and-grants>>.

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Expression of Interest: Indigenous PhD Scholarship

The Menzies School of Health Research is offering a scholarship to assist an Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander research student with their study. Eligibility includes enrolment in or satisfaction of admission requirements for a Doctor of Philosophy program at Charles Darwin University, studies to commence in Semester 1 2012, and research interests to match Menzies research expertise (www.menzies.edu.au/research). For further information, contact the Scholarships Officer, Caroline Walsh, on T: 08 8922 8698, or E: <caroline.walsh@menzies.edu.au>. Closing date is 20 January 2012.

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The next funding round of **NHMRC Centres for Research Excellence** is now open. The Funding CREs will provide support for teams of researchers to pursue collaborative research and develop capacity in clinical, population health and health services research. This year there will be five special interest areas: mental health, post market surveillance of drugs and medical devices, electromagnetic energy, obesity policy, and Indigenous health and wellbeing. Rules for this round can be found on the NHMRC website <<http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/grants/apply-funding/centres-research-excellence-cre>>. Closing date is 30 January 2012.

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Indigenous PhD scholarship at the Centre for Research Excellence in Aboriginal Health and Wellbeing (CRE) at the Telethon Institute for Child health Research in Perth. The CRE is a collaboration of ten lead investigators based across seven research institutions and is funded through the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) grant 'From Marginalised to Empowered: Transformative Methods for Aboriginal Health and Wellbeing'. The applicant needs to be of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent and will undertake key research to develop a conceptual framework to explore the concept of Aboriginal spirituality and its relationship with birthing on country. This is important and original work and will add to the paucity of knowledge in this area. The successful applicant will be enrolled through Murdoch University, one of our collaborating institutions. For information and details on how to apply please contact Professor Rhonda Marriott, M: 0405 709 464 or E: r.marriott@murdoch.edu.au. Closing date is 16 December 2011.

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Bupa Health Foundation funding. Every year, the Bupa Health Foundation looks to fund new initiatives that provide a clear benefit to the Australian community. This year, the Foundation is inviting expressions of interest for funding in the key strategic areas of: wellbeing, chronic disease, healthy ageing, empowering people about their health, and promoting affordable healthcare. For further information and a copy of the application form please visit: <<http://www.bupa.com.au/about-us/bupa-health-foundation/grants-program-expressions-of-interest>>. Closing date is 11 December 2011.

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Training and Education Initiative, National Funding Round, The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Healing Foundation is pleased to announce a funding round for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities to undertake projects providing community education and/or workforce development about trauma and its impacts on communities. Funding of up to \$40,000 for community education projects and up to \$70,000 for workforce development

training is available. Funding guide is available at <www.healingfoundation.org.au>. Closing date is 25 November 2011.

SEMINARS, COURSES, COLLOQUIA AND SYMPOSIA

Professional Certificate in Indigenous Research (Summer School), in Melbourne, 13–17 February 2012

For 10 years, the University of Melbourne has hosted a Summer School for Indigenous graduate students. Research higher degree students have come from all over Australia to take part in this highly regarded 5-day intensive course. Working together as a cohort, students develop their research skills in a culturally respectful learning environment. This program is fully recognised as an award course of the University of Melbourne.

For course information please contact Dr Christine Asmar, Murrup Barak Melbourne Institute for Indigenous Development, T: 03 9035 8806, E: <casmar@unimelb.edu.au>, W: <<http://www.murrupbarak.unimelb.edu.au/content/pages/graduate-programs-indigenous-research>>.

Closing date for applications is 30 November 2011.

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Master in Public Health, Institute of Koorie Education, Deakin University, Victoria

Applications are now open for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons to undertake a Master in Public Health delivered in residential mode at the Institute of Koorie Education Deakin University. For further information, W: www.deakin.edu.au/ike or telephone Janice Jessen T: 03 5227 2346.

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Graduate courses at Charles Darwin University with specialist units in public health practice, Indigenous health and global health: Graduate Diploma or Master of Public Health, and the NEW Graduate Diploma in Health Research with emphasis on applied research. Applications are open now for commencement in Semester 1 2012. For further information, contact <education@menzies.edu.au>.

If you have any difficulties opening links, or other queries, please contact E: <publications@lowitja.org.au>. Archives of the CRCAH, CRCATSIH and Lowitja Institute eBulletins are available at <<http://www.lowitja.org.au/newsletters>>. To unsubscribe, please E: <admin@lowitja.org.au>.

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