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### KEYNOTE ADDRESS BY PAT ANDERSON AT AIATSIS CONFERENCE

On 19 September, Pat Anderson, Chairperson of the Lowitja Institute, gave the keynote address at the AIATSIS Conference in Canberra. In this paper, titled 'Yours in the struggle: Aboriginal leadership and the next generation', Pat reflects on the different experiences of these different generations and considers some of the challenges that the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander movement faces today.

The biggest challenge faced by the new generation of leaders relates to the next generation of children. Ensuring that children born today grow up safe and healthy, and that they receive an education that prepares them for participation in a global, inter-connected world, is critical for the future of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities across the country.

The full text is available at <<http://www.lowitja.org.au/speeches>>; conference information is at <<http://www.aiatsis.gov.au/research/conf2011/conf2011.html>> and you'll find an archive of speeches by Lowitja Institute leadership at <<http://www.lowitja.org.au/speeches>>.

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## **2011 MENZIES MEDALLION AWARDED TO STEPHANIE BELL, LOWITJA INSTITUTE BOARD MEMBER**

Every year, the Menzies School of Health Research awards the Menzies Medallion to an individual who has made a national contribution to health in areas that have benefited the Northern Territory. Congratulations to Lowitja Institute Board member, Stephanie Bell, for being the 2011 recipient of this honour for her significant contribution to primary health care and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health.

Stephanie, a Kulilla/Wakka Wakka woman and of Stolen Generation heritage of the Warramunga people, is Director of the Central Australian Aboriginal Congress. A brief biography is available at <<http://www.lowitja.org.au/lowitja-institute-board>>.

Please see the Menzies School of Health Research media release, below, in the Media section.

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## **CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST – PROGRAM 1: Healthy Life Healthy Start Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander maternal and child health**

The Lowitja Institute is interested in supporting the development of a research grant application on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander maternal and child health. The project is to be one that will lead to improvements in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander maternal and child health and fits with the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Equality Council (NIHEC) recommendations

<[http://natsihec.gov.au/internet/nihec/publishing.nsf/Content/childmortality\\_nihecrecommendations](http://natsihec.gov.au/internet/nihec/publishing.nsf/Content/childmortality_nihecrecommendations)>.

Through our networks, we are able to engage people and organisations at regional and national levels to ensure research proposals in Aboriginal and Torres Strait health have input from key stakeholders and experts in the field, resulting in the highest possible quality when applying for funds.

The expected benefits for applicants are:

- Improve the quality of the research proposal and its chances of being successful
- Receive feedback from qualified researchers and end-users in designing and refining the project
- Maximise the project's likelihood of having an impact on maternal and child health care
- Connect to a network of people and organisations working in similar research contexts.

We intend to support successful applicants by hosting a one-day quality assurance workshop where key relevant stakeholders (such as government and community representatives) and researchers review the proposal and discuss it with the research team with an emphasis on producing the best quality outcome. Workshops are facilitated by experienced Lowitja Institute facilitators who emphasise the importance of robust discussion within a safe environment and the value of taking into account the diverse perspectives in the room.

If you wish to apply for this support, please submit the following information to the Program Manager (details below): name/s; contact details (include organisation, postal address, email and phone number); current occupation; relevant CV; description of the research proposal you are planning, including rationale, potential impact on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander child and maternal health, and outline of proposed methods.

The criteria for assessment will be: potential impact of the proposed research on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander maternal and child health you intend to submit; capability as evidenced

by proposal description, qualifications and track record; experience and understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander primary health care; ability to maximise opportunities for the project to influence the relevant stakeholders.

Program Manager is Liz Izquierdo, E: <[liz.izquierdo@lowitja.org.au](mailto:liz.izquierdo@lowitja.org.au)>. For any further enquires, T: (07) 3309 3414 or (03) 8341 5521. The Expression of Interest form is also available at <<http://www.lowitja.org.au/announcements/call-expressions-interest-proposal-support>>.

Closing date: Tuesday 15 November 2011.

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### **THE LOWITJA INSTITUTE BRISBANE OFFICE LAUNCH**

In conjunction with the Menzies School of Health Research Brisbane office launch, our Brisbane offices were officially opened on 27 September at

**Level 1, 147 Wharf Street , Spring Hill QLD 4000**

The launch was attended by Lowitja Institute Board members Lisa Jackson Pulver and Sanchia Shibasaki and many other invited Menzies and Lowitja staff and guests.

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### **A LOWITJA INSTITUTE CONFERENCE**

**2012 National Conference on CQI in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Primary Health Care** 'CQI for everyday and everybody', in the Alice Springs Convention Centre, on 14–15th May 2012

The aims of the conference are

- to bring together researchers, service providers (including community based or controlled services), government agencies, industry and policy development departments to present their work/research in Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander primary health care
- to share information and stories about the current state of play in relation to research findings, tools and expertise on CQI in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people primary health care; to identify gaps and overlapping CQI initiatives; and
- to create a space where different sectors working in CQI can share information beyond the conference.

More information and contact details will be published in the coming weeks.

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### **RESEARCH AT THE LOWITJA INSTITUTE**

Our approach places a high value on stakeholder involvement at every stage of the research, including priority setting, conducting research and implementing the findings. As a result, the research is developed in conjunction with stakeholders, thus increasing the likelihood that its products will be both feasible and acceptable in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health care settings. We aim to address gaps in knowledge that could enable stakeholders to work together to implement policy goals and programs in a more timely way with a greater focus on delivery. There is also a strong emphasis on building the capacity of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health and research workforce. Capacity development activity focuses on building the capability of stakeholders to take up and use research as well as on developing researchers' skills. More information, resources, protocols and procedures can be found at <<http://www.lowitja.org.au/approach-research>>. Information about our research programs is

available at <[www.lowitja.org.au/research-programs](http://www.lowitja.org.au/research-programs)>.

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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](mailto:publications@lowitja.org.au)>.

***Researching Indigenous Health: A Practical Guide for Researchers*** by Alison Laycock with Diane Walker, Nea Harrison and Jenny Brands, is available for purchase from the Lowitja Institute. A new interactive pdf order form is available at <<http://www.lowitja.org.au/resources-researchers#purchase>>.

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## **WE ARE ON TWITTER!**

'Follow us on Twitter' button now on our home webpage: <<http://www.lowitja.org.au/>>.

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## **CONFERENCES, CALLS FOR ABSTRACTS & FUNDING**

A list of 2011 conferences is available at <[www.lowitja.org.au/conferences-2011](http://www.lowitja.org.au/conferences-2011)>.

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

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**Australia's Welfare 2011**, Canberra, 24 November 2011, Australian Institute of Health and Welfare. This national conference and report launch will present the latest statistics and detailed information on all areas of community services, including aged care, informal care, disabilities, housing, and housing assistance, as well as homelessness and child protection. Conference website is at <<http://bit.ly/auswelfare>>.

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Abstracts are invited for the **International Health Care Reform Conference**, Brisbane, 6–7 March 2012. The Conference Planning Committee invites clinicians, researchers, consumers, policy makers and health care organisations to submit abstracts for brief presentations or posters that reflect current integration initiatives. The conference website is at <<http://ihcrc.yrd.com.au/>>. If you have further questions regarding abstract submission, please contact Dr Tina Janamian, E: <[t.janamian1@uq.edu.au](mailto:t.janamian1@uq.edu.au)>. Closing date is 28 October 2011.

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**1st National Sexual and Reproductive Health Conference 'Australia's Sexual and Reproductive Health: A Call to Action'**, Melbourne, 20–21 November 2012, convened by the Public Health Association Australia with Sexual Health and Family Planning Australia. This conference will be an excellent opportunity to hear the most recent research and practitioner wisdom and to make your own contribution to implementation ideas foreshadowed in the new National Women's and Men's Health policies. Conference website is at <<http://www.phaa.net.au/NSRHConference.php>>.

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**Australian Evaluation Society 2012 International Conference**, Adelaide, 27–31 August 2012, convened by the Australian Evaluation Society. This year's theme, Evaluation in a Changing World, invites all those with an interest in evaluation to think about the ways our world is changing and therefore our work is—or could be—changing. This theme provides an invitation to highlight and examine new developments in evaluation methodology and technologies. It also invites the AES and the conference itself to trial some innovative sessions, approaches, and technologies. Conference website is at <<http://www.aes2012.com.au/>>.

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**Collaborate | Innovate | 2012**, Adelaide, 15–17 May 2012. The conference will put collaboration under the microscope. What works? What doesn't? What leads to real change? The program will contain a great mix of workshops to give you practical guidance on how to build, sustain and improve collaboration. A substantial discount is available for Early Bird Registrations right through to 1 March 2012; Group Registration will really suit teams. The conference website is at <<http://www.crca.asn.au/conference/index.html>>.

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**The Art of Good Health and Wellbeing, 3rd Annual International Arts and Health Conference**, National Gallery of Australia, Canberra, 14–17 November 2011. The conference will present best practice and innovative arts and health programs, effective health promotion and prevention campaigns, methods of project evaluation and scientific research. It will continue to have a special focus on mental health and creative ageing, including arts and health programs for Aboriginal communities: <<http://www.artsandhealth.org.au/conferences/the-art-of-good-health-and-wellbeing-canberra-2011.html>>.

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**REMINDER: Indigenous PhD and Professional Doctorates Graduates Conference**, in Canberra, on 7–8 November 2011. The Indigenous Higher Education Advisory Council (IHEAC) is holding an Indigenous PhD and Professional Doctorates Graduates Conference to enable participants to contribute to the current Review of Indigenous Higher Education. If you wish to register for the conference please contact <[susan.jabs@innovation.gov.au](mailto:susan.jabs@innovation.gov.au)> for further information.

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**EVENTS**

Wednesday 02 November 2011: **Narrm Oration**, in Melbourne, presented by the Murrup Barak Melbourne Institute for Indigenous Development. The Orator will be Mr William Iggiagruk Hensley, an Inuit leader known for his extraordinary contribution to the Alaskan Native Land Claims Movement. He will talk on 'Resilient Spirit: Alaska Native People and Our Struggle for Land, Identity and Self Determination'.

**When and where:** 6.00pm to 8.00pm at 'The Spot' (Basement Theatre), Faculty of Economics and Commerce, The University of Melbourne, 198 Berkeley Street, Carlton (corner of Pelham Street). On-line registration is essential at <<http://murrupbarak.eventbrite.com/>>.

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**JOBS**

**Project Officer (Indigenous Development)** (re-advertised), full- or part-time fixed-term, at the *Onemda* VicHealth Koori Health Unit, Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences, The University of Melbourne. The Project Officer (Indigenous Development) is responsible for undertaking a range of activities to assist the development of a specific response by the Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences to the University of Melbourne Reconciliation Action Plan. The Project Officer will provide advice and support to the Associate Dean (Indigenous Development) on a range of individual projects, including curriculum planning and identification, resource assessment (including scholarships), student pathways, Indigenous employment in the Faculty, and community relations. Search for position number 0026374 at <<http://jobs.unimelb.edu.au/jobSearch.asp?stp=AW>>. Closing date is 12 October.

An exemption has been granted under section 83 of the equal opportunity act 1995 (no. A312/2007). Only Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people are eligible to apply.

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**Research Fellow**, 'Closing the Gap' Project, full-time fixed-term (to June 2013), at Flinders University. The Research Fellow will undertake a range of project management, research and administration activities in support of the Flinders Human Behaviour and Health Research Unit (FHBHRU). Primarily, the Research Fellow will assist in the conduct of the Closing the Gap project, funded by the Australian Federal Government. This project provides training to health professionals in the use of the Flinders Program of Chronic Condition Management. For position description: <<http://flinders.edu.au/employment/vacancies/academic.cfm>>. Closing date is 31 October 2011.

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**Procurement Officer (several positions)** at the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC), in Canberra, full-time ongoing positions. The position of Procurement Officer is responsible for assisting the section's Assistant Director/s in delivering the NHMRC's procurement and contracting framework. The successful applicants will be required to manage a range of contractual or procurement matters. Further details and selection documentation are available at <<http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/about/careers/current-vacancies-nhmrc>>. Closing date is midnight (AEST) 13 October 2011.

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**Professor/Associate Professor and Director, Indigenous Health Research**, in Melbourne, full-time 5-year fixed-term appointment at the Faculty of Medicine Nursing and Health Sciences, Harvest Alliance School for Indigenous Health, Monash University, to develop and lead a strategic research program for Indigenous Australian health and wellbeing. More information, including position description, at <<http://monash.clients.pageup.com.au/jobDetails.asp?sJobIDs=496523&stp=unijobs&sLanguage=en>>. Closing date is 30 October 2011.

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## **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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**National Award for Life's Work in Improving Indigenous Health**, media release by the Menzies School of Health Research, 16 September 2011

'The prestigious Menzies Medallion will be presented to Stephanie Bell today for her significant contribution to primary health care and Indigenous health in the Northern Territory.

CEO of Central Australian Aboriginal Congress Stephanie Bell is a Kullilla/Wakka Wakka woman of stolen generation heritage.

Director of Menzies School of Health Research Professor Jonathan Carapetis said the medallion is the highest award offered by the Board of Menzies. It is awarded to a person who has made a significant contribution to health in the Northern Territory, although there is no requirement for the individual to live, or even work, in the NT.

"This year we are fortunate to have a medallion recipient from the Territory who has contributed to Indigenous health at a national level," he said.

Ms Bell has worked with Congress for more than 25 years and regularly speaks out on Aboriginal health issues and human rights...'

Full text available at: <<http://menzies.edu.au/news-and-events/media-releases/september->

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**Swine flu hit Australia's remote areas hardest**, by Kelly Burns, the Cairns Post, 23 September 2011

'Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people had a five times higher risk of death during the swine flu pandemic than non-indigenous Australians and experts at an international workshop say there are lessons to be learnt.

Indigenous communities were among the most vulnerable during the 2009 pandemic suffering higher rates of infection and severity of the H1N1 (swine flu).

Despite being only 2.5 per cent of the population, they accounted for 17 per cent of swine flu-related hospital admissions and 12 per cent of deaths.'

Full text at <[http://www.cairns.com.au/article/2011/09/23/183611\\_local-news.html](http://www.cairns.com.au/article/2011/09/23/183611_local-news.html)>

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**\$5 million boost for Indigenous health**, ANU News, 29 September 2011

'In a major boost for Indigenous health research, the Australian Primary Health Care Research Institute (APHCRI) at The Australian National University has won \$5 million in Commonwealth Government funding for two new Centres of Research Excellence (CRE) in primary health care.

Director of the Institute Robert Wells said the CRE for Urban Aboriginal Child Health and the CRE for Prevention of Chronic Conditions in remote and rural communities would be awarded \$2.5 million each in primary health care research funding from the Department of Health and Ageing to conduct world-leading research into essential health care.'

Full text at <<http://news.anu.edu.au/?p=11401>>.

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**PUBLICATIONS**

**MAI Journal: A New Zealand Journal of Indigenous Scholarship – Call for papers for the inaugural issue, April 2012**

The MAI Journal is a new peer-reviewed open access scholarly journal of Aotearoa New Zealand, and is calling for papers for the inaugural issue. MAI Journal, published by Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga, New Zealand's Indigenous Centre of Research Excellence, will publish multidisciplinary peer-reviewed articles around Indigenous knowledge and development in the context of Aotearoa New Zealand. MAI Journal recognises that Indigenous knowledge is dynamic, and welcomes papers that critically analyse and address all Indigenous issues in the context of Aotearoa New Zealand. All papers will be reviewed by at least one Indigenous reviewer. For further information, visit <[www.journal.mai.ac.nz](http://www.journal.mai.ac.nz)>. To contact the journal, E: <[editors@journal.mai.ac.nz](mailto:editors@journal.mai.ac.nz)>. (Abstracted from MAI Journal text.)

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***Closing the Gap: Policy into Practice on Social Determinants of Health: Discussion paper***, World Health Organization 2011

<<http://www.who.int/sdhconference/background/news/discussion-paper/en/index.html>>.

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**Levels and Trends in Child Mortality Report 2011**, United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) 2011 <<http://www.unicef.org/index.php>>.

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***Social Exclusion Monitor Bulletin***, M. Horn, R. Scutella & R. Wilkins 2011, Brotherhood of St Laurence

<[http://www.bsl.org.au/pdfs/Horn\\_etal\\_Social\\_exclusion\\_monitor\\_bulletin\\_Sep2011.pdf](http://www.bsl.org.au/pdfs/Horn_etal_Social_exclusion_monitor_bulletin_Sep2011.pdf)>.

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**Working in Indigenous Contexts: Self-Reported Experiences of Non-Indigenous Australian Psychologists**, K. McConnochie, R. Ranzijn, L. Hodgson, W. Nolan & R. Samson 2011, *Australian Psychologist* <<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/j.1742-9544.2011.00042.x/abstract>>.

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**If the Land's Sick, We're Sick: The impact of prolonged drought on the social and emotional well-being of Aboriginal communities in rural New South Wales**, by C. W. Rigby, A. Rosen, H. L. Berry & C. R. Hart, *Australian Journal of Rural Health*, vol. 19(5): 249–54. DOI: 10.1111/j.1440-1584.2011.01223.x

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**Indigenous Health and Community Services Employment in Remote Northern Territory: A baseline examination of 2006 and 2001 Census data**, by D. Carson & F. McConnel 2011, *Australian Journal of Rural Health*, vol. 19(5): 255–58. DOI: 10.1111/j.1440-1584.2011.01220.x

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**Changing the Thinking About Priorities in Indigenous Health Research**, by M. A. Lindeman, K. A. Taylor & J. B. Reid, *Australian Journal of Rural Health*, vol. 19(5): 275. DOI: 10.1111/j.1440-1584.2011.01226.x

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**Riverland Aboriginal Chronic Disease Support Group Community Storybook 2011**, by Y. Helps & I. Kowanko 2011, Flinders University and the Aboriginal Health Council of South Australia <[http://www.lowitja.org.au/files/docs/Riverland\\_Chronic\\_Disease\\_Book2011.pdf](http://www.lowitja.org.au/files/docs/Riverland_Chronic_Disease_Book2011.pdf)>.

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The **NIDAC September Communiqué** is available at <<http://www.nidac.org.au/images/PDFs/nidac%20september%202011%20communiqué.pdf>>.

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**Diabetes in Australia: A Snapshot, 2007–08**, Australian Bureau of Statistics 2011 <<http://www.abs.gov.au/AUSSTATS/abs@.nsf/Latestproducts/4820.0.55.001Main%20Features%202007-08>>.

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**Chronic Kidney Disease in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People**, Australian Institute of Health and Welfare 2011 <<http://www.aihw.gov.au/publication-detail/?id=10737419983>>.

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#### Through APO

**Australian Government Expenditure by State and Territory: 2010 Indigenous expenditure report supplement**, Productivity Commission 2011: <<http://apo.org.au/research/australian-government-expenditure-state-and-territory-2010-indigenous-expenditure-report-su>>.

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**HIV, Viral Hepatitis and Sexually Transmissible Infections in Australia – Annual Surveillance Report 2011**, The Kirby Institute, 2011 <<http://apo.org.au/research/hiv-viral-hepatitis-and-sexually-transmissible-infections-australia-annual-surveillance-rep>>.

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**The Resources Boom, Structural Change and 'Closing the Gap'**, S. Eslake 2011, Grattan Institute <<http://apo.org.au/research/resources-boom-structural-change-and-closing-gap>>.

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**Bloodborne Viral and Sexually Transmitted Infections in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People: Surveillance and Evaluation Report 2011**, The Kirby Institute 2011  
<<http://apo.org.au/research/bloodborne-viral-and-sexually-transmitted-infections-aboriginal-and-torres-strait-islander->>.

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**Mapping social cohesion 2011**, A. Markus 2011, Faculty of Arts, Monash University  
<<http://apo.org.au/research/mapping-social-cohesion-2011>>.

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## RESOURCES AND WEBSITES

### New Australian Indigenous Health/InfoNet resources:

**Online Yarning Places:** Three more online yarning places have been added to the Health/InfoNet website. Yarning places are electronic networks that help you keep in touch with people across the country who work in the same health area. Members use the yarning places to stay connected, share information, knowledge, and experiences, ask questions, solve problems and network. There are already 12 yarning places available and now there are three more: eye health, kidney health and physical activity. They are free to join at  
<<http://www.yarning.org.au/>>. For more information contact E: <[healthinonet@ecu.edu.au](mailto:healthinonet@ecu.edu.au)>.

**2011 Overview of the Health of Indigenous People in Western Australia:** Now available online, this resource contains information on births and pregnancy outcomes, mortality, hospitalisations, selected health conditions (i.e., cardiovascular disease, kidney health), as well as information on factors contributing to health (i.e., nutrition, physical activity):  
<[http://www.healthinonet.ecu.edu.au/uploads/docs/wa-overview\\_2011.pdf](http://www.healthinonet.ecu.edu.au/uploads/docs/wa-overview_2011.pdf)>.

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## 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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**Australian Postgraduate Awards (APA)** are prestigious scholarships funded by the Commonwealth Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research (DIISR) and provide an indexed stipend of \$22,860 (2011 rate) per annum. Additional benefits include paid sick leave, maternity/paternity leave, relocation and a thesis allowance. You must be an Australian citizen, or a permanent resident, to apply and have an Honours 1, or equivalent results. For more information, visit  
<<http://www.innovation.gov.au/RESEARCH/RESEARCHBLOCKGRANTS/Pages/AustralianPostgraduateAwards.aspx>>. Closing date is 31 October 2011.

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**University Postgraduate Research Scholarships (UPRS)** These scholarships are offered by Charles Darwin University to postgraduate research students undertaking projects that fall within the University's research priority areas. UPRS are open to Australian and overseas applicants and pay stipend of \$22, 860 (2011 rate) per annum. Overseas applicants must be able to cover their course tuition fees to apply. Applicants must have received at least Honours IIA, or equivalent. Additional benefits include paid annual leave, sick leave and maternity/paternity leave entitlements, relocation and thesis allowance. For more information contact Mrs Sian Gyte, E: <[research.scholarships@cdu.edu.au](mailto:research.scholarships@cdu.edu.au)>. Closing date is 31 October

2011.

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Expressions of interest are invited for the **CSANZ Indigenous Scholarship in Cardiovascular Health** – If you are seeking funding for a clinical research project directed towards improving the cardiovascular health of Indigenous populations in Australia and/or New Zealand, please contact the Cardiac Society of Australia and New Zealand (CSANZ), T: +61 2 9256 5452, E: [info@csanz.edu.au](mailto:info@csanz.edu.au), W: [www.csanz.edu.au](http://www.csanz.edu.au); 145 Macquarie Street Sydney NSW 2000.

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**REMINDER: The Charlie Perkins Scholarships 2012** for two Indigenous postgraduates to study at the University of Oxford and the University of Cambridge for up to three years. Applications are now open. The Perkins Trust website provides comprehensive information on the scholarship criteria, how to apply, key dates, etc. <<http://www.perkinstrust.com.au>>. Closing date is 14 October 2011.

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### **SEMINARS, COURSES, COLLOQUIA AND SYMPOSIA**

**The Flinders Closing the Gap Program™** for Health Professionals working with Aboriginal patients is funded through the Commonwealth 'Closing the Gap: Helping Indigenous Australians Self-Manage their Chronic Disease' Program. It is available to Aboriginal Health Workers, General Practitioners, Registered Nurses and allied health professionals who deliver health services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander patients. The program provides 2–4 days of training that include learning the principles of chronic disease support and practicing the Flinders tools of chronic condition management. The aim of the program is to enable Indigenous Australian patients' greater self-management of their chronic health conditions. Nested in this program is a shorter 1.5-day program for General Practitioners and practice nurses. This funded training is facilitated by the Flinders Human Behaviour and Health Research Unit (FHBHRU) and is available to health professionals in urban and regional locations across Australia: <<http://www.flinders.edu.au/medicine/sites/fhbhru/atsi-ccm/>>.

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