



Research Advisory Committee

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The Lowitja Institute Cooperative Research Centre (CRC) is winding up in June 2019. To support this process, The Lowitja Institute has established a CRC Research Advisory Committee (the Committee) to provide as needed expert advice and support to the Lowitja Institute, through the Research and Knowledge Translation (KT) team.

The Research Advisory Committee will ensure the outcomes and learnings from our past and current CRC's continues to be translated into health policy and practice that contributes to positive health and wellbeing outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. The Committee will assist through:

- quality assurance for current projects such as the Lowitja Institute Alumni project
- translation of knowledge products (such as publications)
- supporting the development of the scientific program for the Lowitja Institute International Indigenous Health and Wellbeing 2019 conference
- continuous quality improvement of Lowitja Institute research and knowledge translation systems and processes
- Lowitja Institute CRC exit requirements, and
- Other issues and concerns as advised by the Lowitja Institute CEO.

Professor Kerry Arabena chairs the Committee, which includes the following members:

- Professor Roianne West
- Mr John Paterson
- Dr Heather D'Antoine
- Mr Scott Avery
- Dr Felecia Watkin-Lui

The Committee will meet on a quarterly basis and will report on progress through the Institute's website and eBulletin. The first meeting took place in Melbourne in mid-July and identified the following tasks for the July–September quarter:

- identify opportunities to effectively translate the work of current and past CRCs to achieve positive outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health and wellbeing
- develop policy and support mechanisms to ensure the completion of all Lowitja Institute CRC projects within the CRC timeframes and reporting requirements met, and
- support the assessment of abstracts submitted to the Institute's 2019 conference.

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