



LOWITJA O'DONOGHUE FOUNDATION

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About the Foundation

Established on 1 August 2022, in honour of the extraordinary legacy of the dedicated lifetime of work of **Dr Lowitja O'Donoghue AC CBE DSG**, the Lowitja O'Donoghue Foundation creates opportunities for advancement and change for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

The Lowitja O'Donoghue Foundation is a program within Lowitja Institute, Australia's only national Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community controlled health research institute, named in honour of its Co-Patron, Dr Lowitja O'Donoghue.

Yankunytjatjara woman Dr O'Donoghue is widely recognised as *'the greatest Aboriginal leader of the modern era... the rock who steadied us in the storm'* – **Noel Pearson**

Now aged in her early 90s, Dr O'Donoghue has entrusted the Foundation to carry forward her vision to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to create change through self-determined pathways that provide equality, empowerment, voice and action.

Next-generation voices are the change and the decision makers of now.

'Stand up and be counted, we want to hear your voices'
– **Dr Lowitja O'Donoghue**



Foundation inaugural nursing scholarship recipient

"I am so honoured to receive the inaugural Lowitja O'Donoghue Foundation Nursing Scholarship, and to follow in the footsteps of Dr Lowitja O'Donoghue who was one of the very first Aboriginal nurses in South Australia.

As an Aboriginal woman working in Health Care, I will be able to breakdown barriers and close gaps which many Aboriginal people face. It is crucial that our people feel comfortable and culturally safe when seeking Health Care.

Embarking on my nursing career through this important scholarship, allows me to focus on my study knowing that I am fully supported to complete my diploma in 2024."

– **Emma Scarce** (Kurna, Ngarrindjeri, Mirning woman)
(pictured above with Lowitja Institute CEO, Adjunct Professor Janine Mohamed)

How your donation can make an impact

In living memory of the challenges Dr Lowitja O'Donoghue faced as a young nurse, your support will contribute to:

- Scholarship opportunities and pathways for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people
- Breaking the barriers to entering the workforce
- Building capabilities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people within the nursing and public service sectors
- Providing more equitable health services



Lowitja Institute Co-Patrons Dr Lowitja O'Donoghue AC CBE DSG and Pat Anderson AO

Lowitja O'Donoghue Foundation Scholarship Program

Your donation will cover tuition fees and other related expenses.

Fund a Nursing Scholarship

- Donate \$22,500 for an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person to enrol in a VET Enrolled Nursing course (\$15,000 over 1.5 years)
- Donate \$45,000 for an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person to enrol in an undergraduate Registered Nursing degree (\$15,000 over three years)

Fund a Nursing or Public Service Postgraduate Scholarship

- Donate \$50,000 for an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person to enrol in a postgraduate course (\$25,000 per year over two years)

Foundation historical archive

By investing in the Foundation, you will help us create a historical archive and educational resources drawn from the incredible life and times of Dr Lowitja O'Donoghue.

Your contribution ensures the legacy of Dr O'Donoghue's lifetime work continues for all Australians.

Every amount counts towards our vision and mission.



Donate online – www.lowitja.org.au/foundation

All donations over \$2 are tax deductible.

Donate via our secure online platform or contact us if you would like to provide a direct deposit.

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As a national organisation, we acknowledge the traditional owners of the land across Australia and pay our respects to their Elders past and present.

Our offices are located on the lands of the Wurundjeri people.