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Lowitja Institute congratulates 2024 Major Research Grant recipients

Lowitja Institute, Australia's only national Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community controlled health research institute, is excited to announce the latest recipients of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Major Research Grant funding.

Continuing the legacy of our co-patron, the late Dr Lowitja O'Donoghue AC CBE DSG, this grant opportunity specifically supports innovative and responsive community research led by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community controlled organisations to improve the health and wellbeing of our mobs.

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Lowitja Institute Acting CEO Michael Newman congratulated each of our new recipients, emphasising their key role in developing the health research sector and delivering meaningful outcomes for community.

'Aboriginal community controlled health organisations are uniquely positioned to both understand and provide targeted, culturally appropriate care to their communities,' Mr Newman said.

'Funding towards community-based research projects helps to build workforce capacity and enables these organisations to gain vital insight into ongoing best practice that improves health and wellbeing outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

'The Lowitja Institute team looks forward to working closely with the Major Research Grant recipient organisations and seeing their important projects come to fruition.'

Lowitja Institute provides **Major Research Grants** to support innovative and responsive community research led by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community controlled organisations to improve the health and wellbeing of our mobs. The grant period is two years and the maximum amount available per project is \$200,000.

As part of our commitment to Knowledge Translation, an additional \$20,000 grant is offered to all recipients of Lowitja Institute's Major Research Grant within 12 months of the commencement date, to support organisations to deliver on their vision and aspirations in relation to research impact. This grant assists in getting the right

message to the right audience, to achieve impact for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

The latest grant round follows on from successfully funding a diverse range of projects in our [2022 Major Research Grants round](#), the rollout of which is ongoing.

Keep an eye out for further communications about the unique recipient organisations and their stellar work in the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health and wellbeing research space.

For more information or to request an interview with a Lowitja Institute representative, please contact communications@lowitja.org.au

ABOUT LOWITJA INSTITUTE

Lowitja Institute is Australia's only national Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community controlled health research institute, named in honour of its patron, Dr Lowitja O'Donoghue AC CBE DSG. It is working for the health and wellbeing of Australia's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples by facilitating high-impact quality research, tools, resources and knowledge exchange, and supporting a new generation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health researchers.

Established in January 2010, the Lowitja Institute operates on key principles of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander leadership, a broader understanding of health that incorporates wellbeing, and the need for the work to have a clear and positive impact.

The history of the Lowitja Institute dates back to 1997 when the first Cooperative Research Centre for Aboriginal and Tropical Health was established. Since then, the Institute and the CRC organisations have led a substantial reform agenda in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health research by working with communities, researchers and policymakers, with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people setting the agenda and driving the outcomes.