“Looking back, looking forward... AHMRC & RDN in New South Wales”

RDN 2018 Outreach Forum
Thursday 14 June 2018
Overview

1) Looking back...

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**2016** - AHMRC celebrates 30 years

**2018** - RDN celebrates 30 years and...

In 2018 the AHMRC – RDN MOU celebrates 10 years
Guiding Principles of the MOU

- Self-determination
- Holistic approach
- Mutual respect, trust and transparency
- Equal partners

Current MOU is dated 1 Jan 2016 – 31 Dec 2018. MOU is reviewed every 3 years. Annual work plan complements the MOU.
Activities under the MOU...

AHMRC and RDN commit to work in partnership to support ACCHSs and to also:

• Ensure all Aboriginal people have access to good medical care
• Improve the health of Aboriginal peoples and communities
• Identify and promote potential opportunities for future collaboration
...Activities under the MOU

• Raise awareness, exchange information, consult and collaborate on health and policy matters of mutual interest
• Identify, develop and secure funding for programs concerned with Aboriginal health issues
• Jointly undertake health workforce planning for ACCHSs
Celebrating our successes...

Illawarra Aboriginal Medical Service

Cancer Care Outreach Service
Celebrating our successes...

- Annual GP Forums held for ACCHS GPs

- Collaboration on the RDN Aboriginal Engagement Plan 2018
Celebrating our successes...

The Glen

Standing Stronger Together Award,

RACGP Conference 2016
Celebrating our successes...

Chronic kidney disease in an Aboriginal population: A nurse practitioner-led approach to management

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Effects of change: The CKD project has improved access to essential health care for vulnerable and at-risk populations, with 187 patients to date having been identified with kidney disease and staged for its severity. Lessons learnt: The need for strong multi-disciplinary teamwork has been demonstrated with good communication strategies implemented.

Durri Aboriginal Corporation Medical Service
Celebrating our successes...
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Acknowledging the challenges...

- Definition of PHC
- Demand outstripping supply
- Funding constraints
2) Looking forward…

Celebrating the living culture of Aboriginal people in NSW

– Reflections from:
  • National Sorry Day (26 May 2018) and
  • National Reconciliation Week (27 May – 3 June 2018)
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To reconcile for Aboriginal people means to agree there are differences but more importantly to accept and recognise them.

Reconciliation is one small step to agree and one small step to accept change.

As an Aboriginal woman, I acknowledge my elders past and present, my family, and those very significant senior people who have guided me along my journey of personal identity and professional advocacy.

As a member of the RDN, I am privileged to work amongst colleagues who strive to increase the access to quality health care across rural NSW and practice reconciliation each day.

May this Reconciliation Week be a time to reflect and recognize past injustices and advocate for a healthier future for Aboriginal people.”
Mr Stephen Blunden, Acting CEO AH&MRC of NSW

“I remember when the then Prime Minister Paul Keating made his speech in Redfern all those years ago and in 2007 when ex Prime Minister Kevin Rudd made his Apology speech. I look back now, and proudly say we are strong, we are resilient and we are survivors. The challenge is to keep surviving for tomorrow and keep up with the changing goalposts but as the longest living race on the planet, we will be there.

My brother and I grew up with mum in Kempsey. We were fair skinned fullas, and the welfare would come around and mum would get us moving from town to town, and we shed through the night like gypsies. Kempsey was our community, our Country but we had to keep moving around and we would sneak in and out every few years worried about people chasing us, up until the late 60s to early 70s the welfare would come around. We learnt survival skills, living off Country, we knew no-one was going to give us anything and we had to do it ourselves. We wanted the best of both worlds surviving in the white world and living on our Country. What I would like to see now? We all need now to walk together hand in hand, governments and Aboriginal people to close the gap.”
Questions?

Thank you!