

## National Reconciliation Week 27 May – 3 June

Approximately 11,500 (1.5% of the population) Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders live in western Sydney, with 8,000 of these living in the Blacktown LGA.

Each year, National Reconciliation Week celebrates the rich culture and history of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples. The theme for this year's National Reconciliation Week is "Don't Keep History A Mystery: Learn. Share. Grow" which explores history hidden just beneath the surface, ready and waiting to be uncovered.

Running from 27 May – 3 June 2018, these dates mark significant milestones in Australia's reconciliation journey: The 1967 referendum and the historic Mabo decision, respectively.

WentWest is committed from Board level and throughout the whole organisation to learn more about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and histories, to share that knowledge and help our nation grow.

Our first Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) is nearing publication and outlines the ways WentWest will enact change in our organisation to be more responsive to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island communities.

WentWest has also commissioned and established several services focused on Aboriginal health. These include, providing a Mums and Bubs cooking group in association with WSLHD and partners, and the funding of Marrin Weejali who provide drug and alcohol related services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

We are also working with the Baabayn Aboriginal Corporation and their Local Drug Action team on a project to support Elders, who are in turn supporting family members affected by drugs including alcohol. For more information about the many ways WentWest is prioritising Aboriginal health please visit the WentWest website. To learn more about Reconciliation Week please visit Reconciliation Australia.



## Events

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### Nurse chronic disease education: Hepatitis B

Monday 4th June 2018

6:30pm - 9:00pm

## Other News

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### Smoking cessation support for health professionals

To support World No Tobacco Day, the Cancer Institute NSW has launched a new campaign, One Small Step = One Big Difference.

The campaign will run until November and encourages GPs and other health professionals to continue to discuss smoking cessation, highlighting the importance of supporting patients to quit smoking, and remind them of the quick and easy step of referring patients to the NSW Quitline for professional quit smoking support.

### EOI - SISTAQUIT research trial

General practices, Aboriginal Medical Services and other health services are invited to show their interest to participate in a study for the Supporting Indigenous Smokers to Assist Quitting (SISTAQUIT) research trial. The study aims to improve delivery of timely, evidence-based smoking cessation care for pregnant Indigenous women.

Health providers undertaking the training are eligible for CPD points.

More information on the SISTAQUIT study and how you can get involved is available on the University of Newcastle's website.

### Evaluation of HealthPathways (HP)

The research team at Curtin University have put together a study to evaluate aspects of HP. The study aims to evaluate the usage, experiences and opinions of Health Professionals in order to understand the barriers and facilitators.

By participating in this research, you will be asked to complete an online survey. The information collected throughout this process will be kept confidential.

### GP Association meetings

The below GP Association meetings are coming up in western Sydney:

Blacktown: ACTT asthma control today and tomorrow, Wednesday 20 June.

Mount Druitt: Imaging in knee pathology, Friday 29 June.

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