

Reconciliation Action Plan launched

Last week WentWest launched our Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP), Reflect. To celebrate this significant event, special guests from our local Aboriginal communities, staff and Board members enjoyed a traditional lunch and an Aboriginal dance performance.

WentWest has a strong history of collaborating with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities within our region, working together to identify gaps in services relating to health and closing the gap. To date, the WentWest reconciliation journey has included:

- Appointment of an Aboriginal person, Russel Taylor, AM to the Board of WentWest
- Convening a Reconciliation Action Plan Working Group
- Operating the Sydney Western Aboriginal Health Service (SWAHS)
- Ensuring key staff receive culturally appropriate training
- Encouraging our key staff to support and participate in National Reconciliation Week, NAIDOC events and other events.

We are proudly based in an area with one of the largest urban Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander populations in the country and over the past year, our Reconciliation Action Plan Working Group has collaboratively developed our RAP Reflect, which has been endorsed by Reconciliation Australia.

WentWest believes strongly in the benefit of co-designing programs and services provided to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and continue to build stronger partnerships with Elders and local Aboriginal services. These include:

- Marrin Weejali
- The Australian Indigenous Psychologists Association
- Greater Western Aboriginal Health Service (GWAHS)
- Western Sydney Recovery College
- Baabayn Aboriginal Corporation
- Marist180, delivering the "Ngarra Mittigar" ("Listen Friend")
- The Ted Noffs Foundation

Reflect outlines the activities our organisation will undertake to improve the health of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in our community and embed Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples community needs, interests and priorities in our everyday business and culture.



Events

Electronic discharge summaries webinar

Tuesday 9th October 2018

7:00pm - 8:00pm

Small group learning - My Health Record: Best Practice training

Thursday 18th October 2018

6:30pm - 9:00pm

Health Professional's breakfast

Wednesday 14th November 2018

7:15am - 8:30am

Medico-legal workshop - Privacy, confidentiality and data breaches

Wednesday 21st November 2018

6:30pm - 9:30pm

Other News

DoH immunisation resources now available

The digital Australian Immunisation Handbook is now available and contains the most up-to-date recommendations for the use of vaccines in Australia, ensuring immunisation providers can provide patients with the best possible advice regarding vaccine preventable diseases. Questions about vaccination is an updated version of Myths and Realities, providing answers to many common questions about vaccination. It is designed to help:

- Parents find out more about vaccines and the most recent evidence about their safety and effectiveness.
- Doctors answer questions from their patients. The Questions about vaccination resource can be downloaded and hard copies can be ordered from the DoH website.

In conjunction with DoH, the Australian Academy of Science have developed the science of immunisation videos which are also available to answer common questions.

EOI for My Health Record shared health summary program

Western Sydney Primary Health Network is seeking expressions of interest from GPs to participate in the My Health Record Shared Health Summary Uploads and Views Incentive Program. GPs will be awarded a professional development voucher based on the number of uploads for the quarter November 2018 - January 2019. For more information and to register please complete the Expression of Interest form.

End of life care with ELDAC

The End of Life Directions for Aged Care (ELDAC) website contains a Primary Care toolkit developed by Australian Healthcare and Hospitals Association (AHHA) with palliative care experts to connect you with current evidence-based tools and resources in palliative care and advance care planning.

Use the toolkit to find tools and resources at every step of care at the end of life, or call the ELDAC Helpline on 1800 870 155 for more information.

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