

Voice. Treaty. Truth. NAIDOC Week 2019

NAIDOC Week commenced on Sunday 7th July. Held across Australia it is a time to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. NAIDOC is celebrated not only in Indigenous communities, but by Australians from all walks of life. This year's NAIDOC theme 'Voice. Treaty. Truth' acknowledges that it is time for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander knowledge to be heard through their voice, that they are the architects of their lives and futures and that all Australians should be working together to create a shared future.

Voice. Treaty. Truth. were three key elements to the reforms set out in the Uluru Statement from the Heart. These reforms represent the unified position of First Nations Australians. 2019 is also the United Nations International Year of Indigenous Languages.

The Western Sydney Primary Health Network (WSPHN) region is home to one of the largest urban Indigenous populations in Australia. WSPHN continues a proud tradition of working across the primary, acute and community sectors to provide holistic and culturally appropriate support to the local Aboriginal community.

WSPHN has a strong history of collaborating with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities within our region. We also commission a range of health services specifically to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

These include:

- ✘ Marrin Weejali, supporting people with alcohol and other drug issues to address their needs.
- ✘ The Australian Indigenous Psychologists Association, delivering Aboriginal cultural competency training for mental health professionals in western Sydney.
- ✘ The Shed, a partnership between Western Sydney University, The Men's Health Information & Resource Centre and local services, providing a crisis drop-in centre which focuses on supporting mental, physical and emotional wellbeing.
- ✘ Western Sydney Recovery College, offering an Aboriginal Mental Health First Aid course, facilitated by an Aboriginal trainer.
- ✘ Baabayn Aboriginal Corporation – The Family Yarning Circle, providing family support for families facing drug and alcohol related challenges, with a focus on supporting the Elders, Aunties and Uncles who do so much to help family members during and after family emergencies.
- ✘ The Ted Noffs Foundation, focusing on the Deadly Dreaming project, based at the Mount Druitt Street University. They provide structured, weekly programs for young people who are in contact with, or at risk of encountering the juvenile justice system.
- ✘ Ray Kelly Fitness: Too Deadly for Diabetes, a 10 week program that

will run three times throughout the year in our region. The program is to assist and educate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community members diagnosed with Type 2 Diabetes. Those registered for the program will be provided support during the 10 weeks as the participants receive meal plans, exercise programs, education and motivation. ☒ To help support the best possible patient care for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, health professionals can access information about the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Assessment and the Aboriginal-specific Practice Incentive Program and PBS co-payment measures on HealthPathways using the below login details:

Username: healthPassword: w3stern

Visit the NAIDOC website for further information about NAIDOC Week 2019.



Events

Eating to Beat Diabetes

Wednesday 24th July 2019

5:30pm - 7:30pm

HealthPathways: Urology Working Group

Wednesday 24th July 2019

6:00pm - 9:00pm

Infection Control and Sterilisation Workshop

Saturday 27th July 2019

12:30pm - 5:00pm

Mental Health Professional Network Event - Aboriginal Cultural Awareness Training

Wednesday 21st August 2019

6:00pm - 9:30pm

Other News

Practice Incentives Program (PIP) Quality Improvement (QI) Incentive

The Department of Health have released the draft PIP QI Guidelines, Improvement Measures and PIP Eligible Data Set Data Governance Framework. These documents can be accessed from The Department of Health website.

☒Practices will be able to register for the PIP QI through Health Professional Online Services (HPOS) using their Provider Digital Access (PRODA) account from Thursday 1 August.

Our upcoming PIP QI information sessions are also now live on our website:

☒Blacktown, Tuesday 23rd July ☒Blacktown, Wednesday 31st July ☒Parramatta, Tuesday 13th August If you have any questions or require support, please contact the WentWest Helpdesk on 8811 7117 option 2.

MBS Claiming for the National Cervical Screening Program

There have been a number of enquiries regarding billing for women who present for follow up of a prior Intermediate Risk cervical screening test result. Women who are due to have a two month follow up test are sent communications by the National Cancer Screening Program (NCSP) nine months after the original screen date.

Providers are reminded that the 12 month follow up HPV tests are supported by the Medicare Benefits Schedule

(MBS) by claiming MBS item number 73072.

Unlike item number 73070, which is intended for primary screening of asymptomatic women, MBS item number 73072 does not have a time restrictor, and can therefore be performed at any time after the date of the original cervical screening test, and be eligible for an MBS rebate. Clinical experts have advised the NCSP that a minimum of nine months should separate the follow up test from the initial screening test.

More information on these item numbers can be found at MBS Online.

Aboriginal Health - Integrated Team Care

WentWest is committed to improving the health of local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander patients who have a chronic health condition through our Integrated Team Care (ITC) funding. To facilitate this we have recently updated the referral pathway enabling patients to obtain support for out of pocket expenses with specialist and allied health providers.

General Practices can access this pathway by simply filling out the online form. For more information email the Aboriginal Health team at aboriginalhealth@wentwest.com.au

GP Association meeting

The following GP Association meeting is coming up in western Sydney: Mount Druitt: Common Eye Problems, Friday 26th July.

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