

Meet the Aboriginal Health Team

WentWest is delighted to announce our new Aboriginal Health team, who will work closely with community members, supporting commissioned organisations and health professionals to facilitate culturally appropriate and holistic care.

Working across the Aboriginal Health portfolio is Jamie Matthews, Aboriginal Health Manager and Robyn Taylor, Aboriginal Health Coordinator, WentWest have also employed Rita McKenzie in the Aboriginal Cultural Liaison Coordinator role. Rita is part of the Practice Development team working with Mainstream Primary Health Care practices across western Sydney. WentWest have also welcomed a young local Aboriginal community member Nita Jennings, who is doing a traineeship at WentWest. As an organisation focused on enhancing and enriching the health and wellbeing of western Sydney's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, these new team members offer the experience and stewardship to achieve these goals.

Wednesday 13th February, is the 11th Anniversary of the National Apology to Members of the Stolen Generations, a defining moment in Australian history and a milestone in our reconciliation journey.

In recognition of this day, WentWest's Reconciliation Action Plan Working Group hosted a morning tea for staff, providing an opportunity to discuss the National Apology followed by traditional Aboriginal tucker, Johnny Cakes and Damper.

The completion of WentWest's Reconciliation Action Plan - Reflect has provided the organisation with a framework to realise its vision for reconciliation and build respectful relationships, creating opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples community needs, interests and priorities in our everyday business and culture.

"As an Aboriginal person working at WentWest and having a key role within the organisation, it's great to see that the organisation has invested in and is dedicated to undertaking the reconciliation journey to support the national reconciliation movement." says Jamie Matthews.

For more information please visit our [Aboriginal Health program webpage](#).

Events

Detecting and Managing Chronic Kidney Disease

Thursday 7th March 2019

6:00pm - 8:30pm

Hepatitis C New Treatments Course

Saturday 9th March 2019

10:00am - 4:00pm

Webinar- My Health Record helps you help your patient: a Mental Health Case Study

Thursday 14th March 2019

1:00pm - 2:00pm

Other News

Product Defect Correction - Potentially Damaged Tablets

Please be advised that Janssen, following consultation with the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA), is undertaking a product defect correction for one batch of Journista (hydromorphone hydrochloride) prolonged-release blister packs (8 mg, 14 tablets) due to potential damage to the tablets. A misalignment issue with a packaging machine resulted in damage to the outer coating on some tablets in the affected batch. This damage may affect the release rate of the medicine.

⌘ If you have prescribed Journista (hydromorphone hydrochloride) prolonged-release blister packs (8 mg, 14 tablets), please be alert to this issue. For more information visit the TGA website.

Community Event: RunWest

As part of the Western Sydney Diabetes partnership, Western Sydney Primary Health Network is proud to support the inaugural NAB RunWest Festival in western Sydney taking place on 31 March.

This new and exciting event is great for community fitness and could be an ideal fitness activity for patients and staff.

For more information or to register, visit the [RunWest](#) website.

BreastScreen Dates

The BreastScreen trailer will be at [Stanhope Village Shopping Centre](#) from Thursday 11 March to Thursday 11

April, offering screening for all women aged 40 years and over. Appointments can be made by calling BreastScreen NSW on 13 20 50.

GP Association meetings

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

Hills: The (Diabetes) Times, They are a Changing, Tuesday 12th March.

Blacktown: Principles of Opioid Prescribing – When to Trial, When to Cease? Wednesday 20th March.

Mount Druitt: Walking into Good Health, Community Initiative to Promote Smoking Cessation, Friday 22nd March.

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