



## Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Strategy Group

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### Communique – June 2024

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Strategy Group (Strategy Group) is Co-chaired by Karl Briscoe, CEO of the National Association of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Workers and Practitioners (NAATSIHWP) and Associate Professor Dr Carmen Parter, Ahpra Board member. The Strategy Group met virtually on the 6 June 2024.

This was the first meeting for 2024 and the first meeting for new members Tanya McGregor, Ahpra Board member and CEO, Aboriginal Health Council South Australia; Olli Wynyard Gonfond, National Director, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People and Culture Programs at Ahpra; and Belinda 'Bel' Gibb, Director, Indigenous Policy and Programs from the Australian Medical Council.

Members discussed:

1. progress against the key priorities of the [National Scheme's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health and Cultural Safety Strategy 2020-2025](#)
2. discussion on opportunities and challenges to influencing the increase of Indigenous health workforce participation
3. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practice Board of Australia workshop update
4. Cultural Safety Accreditation and Continuing Professional Development (CS ACPD) Project Terms of Reference (ToR) ratification and update on the Upskilling Framework and Strategy
5. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People and Culture Programs update
6. Reconciliation Action Plan and other impact reporting measures
7. Developing the next iteration of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health and Cultural Safety Strategy
8. [Australian Human Rights Commission National Anti-Racism Framework](#)

### Next meeting

November 13, 2024.

### Attendees

- Karl Briscoe, NAATSIHWP (Co-chair)
- Associate Professor Dr Carmen Parter, Ahpra Board member (Co-chair)
- Tanya McGregor, Ahpra Board Member and CEO, Aboriginal Health Council South Australia (AHCSA)

- Linda Renouf, Paramedicine Board of Australia
- A/Prof Lisa Whop, Community Reference Group
- Marilyn Morgan, Partner, Langston and Associates Consulting
- Belinda 'Bel' Gibbs, Director, Indigenous Policy and Programs, Australian Medical Council
- Martin Fletcher, CEO, Ahpra
- Rachel Phillips, Chair Psychology Board of Australia, Chair of Forum of National Chairs
- Chris Robertson, Executive Director, Strategy and Policy, Ahpra
- Kym Ayscough, Executive Director, Regulatory Operations, Ahpra
- Jayde Fuller, National Director, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Strategy Unit, Ahpra
- Olli Wynyard Gonfond, National Director, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People and Cultural Programs, People and Culture, Ahpra
- Melissa Browning, Program Manager Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Strategy Unit, Ahpra

### Apologies

- Dr Ali Drummond, Congress of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Nurses and Midwives (CATSINaM) and
- Mark Edwards, Executive Director, People and Culture, Ahpra

### Presentations

Cultural Safety Accreditation and Continuing Professional Development (ACPD) project update – Rachel Stringfellow, Senior Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Project Officer, Ahpra