



Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Strategy Group

Communique – October 2023

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 Carmen Parter, Ahpra Board member.

The Strategy Group met face to face on the 11th of October 2024 post the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme (NRAS) Combined meeting and as a joint meeting with the Ahpra Board.

This was the second meeting for 2023 and the first meeting of the updated membership of the Strategy Group.

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. reflections on the cultural safety keynotes by Dr Janet Smylie and A/Professor Lisa Whop and concurrent sessions with Dr Ali Drummond, Dr Clinton Schultz and A/Professor Lisa Whop from the 2023 NRAS combined meeting;
3. draft Anti-Racism Policy for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples and implementation approach;
4. the culturally safe notifications project update presented by lead project officer Kevin Yow Yeh; and
5. discussion on opportunities and challenges to influencing the increase of Indigenous health workforce participation. This agenda item was held over to the June 2024 meeting.

Next meeting

June 6, 2024.

Attendees

- Karl Briscoe, NAATSIHWP (Co-chair)
- Associate Professor Dr Carmen Parter, Ahpra Board member (Co-chair)
- Linda Renouf, Paramedicine Board of Australia
- A/Prof Lisa Whop, Community Reference Group
- Marilyn Morgan, Partner, Langston and Associates Consulting
- Dr Ali Drummond, CEO, Congress of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Nurses and Midwives (CATSINaM)
- Narelle Mills, Chair, Health Professions Accreditation Collaborative Forum
- 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
- Mark Edwards, Executive Director, People and Culture, Ahpra
- Jayde Fuller, National Director, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Strategy Unit, Ahpra
- Melissa Browning, Program Manager Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Strategy Unit, Ahpra

Apologies

Nil noted

Ahpra Board members

Gill Callister PSM (Chair), A/Prof Carmen Parter (Co-Chair Strategy Group), Lynton Morris, Prof Arie Frieberg AM and Barbara Yeoh AM.

Presentations

Culturally Safe Notifications Project Update - Kevin Yow Yeh. Senior Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Notifications Officer, Ahpra