

Issue 4; 21 February 2014**Leadership Group comes together**

We are pleased to welcome two new members to the CREATE Leadership Group, Matthew Cooke (Deputy Chair, NACCHO) and Cleveland Fagan (CEO, Apunipima Cape York Health Council). They join existing Leadership Group members Lisa Briggs (CEO NACCHO); Mary Bucksin (CEO AHCSA), Barbara Henry (CEO Derbarl Yerrigan Health Service, WA) and Damian Rigney (Well health check coordinator, Watto Purunna Aboriginal Primary Health Care Services). We keenly await their participation in the inaugural Leadership Group meeting, to be held over two days at the end of February (Tuesday 25th and Wednesday 26th).

Methodology

On Thursday 13 February, Prof Lester-Irabinna Rigney, Dean of Indigenous Education at the University of Adelaide and expert in Aboriginal Research Methodologies, shared his knowledge with CREATE researchers at the weekly research meeting. Prof Rigney's presentation was highly informative and was followed by a discussion on CREATE methodology and how this can be modified in order to make it more appropriate for use in Aboriginal health. Prof Rigney has agreed to work with CREATE in the near future to finalise the development of research methodologies that are to be employed within the program.

CREATE seminar series

The inaugural CREATE seminar, to be held on 25 March 2014 in the Conference room of the Joanna Briggs Institute (115 Grenfell Street, Adelaide), will be given by Dr Odette Gibson and Dr Karolina Lisy, who will present results from their recent systematic review based on the Kanyini Vascular Research program. We are currently in the process of securing speakers for future seminars, and have an exciting line up under development.

CREATE Seminar Series 2014

The Centre of Research Excellence in Aboriginal Chronic Disease Knowledge Translation and Exchange proudly presents:

The Kanyini Heart Review

The 2014 CREATE Seminar series begins with a presentation by Dr Odette Gibson (SAHMRI Vascular/Aboriginal Research Unit) and Dr Karolina Lisy (The Joanna Briggs Institute), who will talk about the recent collaborative Kanyini Heart Review, focused on the identification of barriers to best practice chronic disease care for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.




When: Tuesday 25th March 2014, 9:30 – 5pm
Venue: School of Translational Health Science / Joanna Briggs Institute Conference Room, Level 2, 115 Grenfell Street Adelaide SA 5000
 The presentation will commence at 9:30am and will be preceded by light refreshments

Coming up: May 2014
 Overview of Chronic Disease systematic reviews (health and kardi)

Meet CREATE Research Fellows Dr Judith Eversham and Dr Karla Canuto, as they present the results of their recent overview of overviews, where they identify and describe the existing evidence base regarding systematic reviews focused on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander chronic disease.

If you would like to be added to the mailing list for details of future events at the CREATE Seminars, please email: info@create.nhmrc.gov.au

Engagement strategy progressing

A draft engagement strategy has been prepared by the CREATE Program Manager, in consultation with Karla Canuto and Associate Investigators from SAHMRI. The strategy outlines potential stakeholders with whom researchers from CREATE will engage throughout all stages of the program, and the level of engagement expected for each activity. It is anticipated that the engagement strategy will be finalized over the coming weeks, following feedback and advice from CREATE Investigators and the Leadership Group.

Recruitment

The deadline for submission of applications for both Research Fellow positions within CREATE has been extended until March 7th and are currently advertised on Seek.com, and Australian Indigenous Health/InfoNet and NACCHO websites. These positions represent wonderful opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander researchers to develop skills in

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translational health science and contribute to a diverse range of projects within the Centre. In addition, the deadlines for PhD scholarships has been extended.

Upcoming conferences

The 3rd International Society for Evidence-Based Health Care Conference is being held this year in Taipei, Taiwan from 6-9 November. The theme is Knowledge Translation and Decision Making for Better Health: Challenge of Globalization. Invited speakers include Gordon Guyatt and Paul Glasziou. Abstract submissions opened on 15 February. For more information, visit the ISEHC website: www.isehc2014.tw



the Victorian Aboriginal Health Service. Since then, she has worked with various other organisations, such as Secretariat of the National Aboriginal and Islander Child Care Inc., Foundation for Young Australians, Oxfam Australia, and the Victorian Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (VACCHO). Renee was the Policy Manager and Closing the Gap Policy Officer at the National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO), a position she recently left. Renee is currently a Senior Project Officer, Health Reform, at the Apunipima Cape York Health Council.

Renee has a Masters of Public Health from Deakin University. As an Associate Investigator in the Centre of Research Excellence for Aboriginal Chronic Disease Knowledge Translation and Exchange (CREATE), Renee brings to the program significant experience in Aboriginal health policy and project management, as well as a strong commitment to improving the health of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

CREATE Profile: Renee Williams

Renee is an Aboriginal and Torres Strait islander woman from the Bindal people, Darnley (Erub) and Murray (Mer) Islands in the Torres Strait, and has strong family connections to Cherbourg in Queensland.



Renee moved to Melbourne in 1998, where she worked in both the clinical and administrative teams of