Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander health research
RAO Seminar
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Presentation Outline

- Road Map II
- Partnership Projects
- Scholarship/Fellowships
- Achievements
- Looking to the Future
Road Map II

Major Health Issue - Improve the health of Aboriginal peoples and Torres Strait Islanders through the support of health research and its translation

1. Improving the participation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in NHMRC
2. Capacity exchange
3. Promotion of the NHMRC’s role in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health
4. Close the Gap
5. Evaluation research
6. Intervention research
7. Priority–driven research.

• Commit at least 5% of our funding of research
• Review the outcomes of our previous decade of funded research
• Provide our findings to authorities responsible for health care
Partnership Projects

- Opened in 2008, continuous scheme
- $19 million for 18 Indigenous health research projects – 20% of total expenditure
- October 2014 funding announcements
- Partners include: Aboriginal Medical Services Alliance NT, Kimberley Aboriginal Medical Services Council, The Aboriginal Health Council of Western Australia
Scholarship/Fellowships

• Postgraduate Scholarship
• Early Career Fellowship

• NHMRC Rising Star Research Excellence Award
Achievements

• Achieving 5% funding commitment
• Targeted calls for research – FASD, Suicide prevention
• Indigenous Health Peer Review Panel
• Criteria for Health and Medical Research of Indigenous Australians
• Principal Committee Indigenous Caucus
• CEO Working Group on Indigenous health
• Indigenous webpage
• Indigenous artwork
Looking to the future

- Big funding idea/Road Map 3
- Evaluation of Indigenous health research
- Evaluation of Values and Ethics Guidelines and Keeping Research on Track documents
- Reconciliation Action Plan
- Indigenous Engagement Strategy
Take home messages

• Identify your Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander researchers
• Promote NHMRC funding schemes
• Provide support with the application process