

Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Clinical Network

Steering Committee Members 2021-2022



Michelle Cutmore

I am a proud Gomeri woman born on Gamilaroi country in Moree, NSW. I was born in an Aboriginal only section of Moree Hospital that was located at the back but not in the same building, staffed by Aboriginal people given a handful of nursing skills to look after their own, as told me by my mum as she worked there for a short time as a teenager. I am a Nurse Navigator for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people with Chronic Disease/Complex Care within Gold Coast Hospital and Health Service. I was born into Aboriginal health and have been remunerated for working in Aboriginal Health for more than 28 years. I worked for over 13 years as an Aboriginal Health Worker before completing my Bachelor of Nursing. I have worked at the NSW Ministry of Health for the Aboriginal Nursing and Midwifery Strategy, was a board member for Western Sydney Local Health District. I have an interest in increasing cultural safety in the workplace for growing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Nurses and Midwives.



Patrick Rosser

I identify as a proud Wiradjuri man from Parkes in Western NSW. I am an Allied Health Workforce Development officer and also have a professional sporting background, contemporary personal Indigenous experience and have worked in a range of clinical, leadership and management roles in the public health system and other sectors such as education and child protection. Being a Social Worker with approx. I have 20 years of experience working in the human services sector combined with a belief and value system underpinned by a human rights and social justice framework.



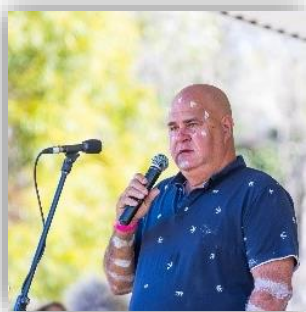
Layla Scott

I am a proud TanganeKald woman from South Australia. I have worked for over 12 years in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander mental health and over 15 years within the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health sector with experience in leadership and management roles. I am interested in eradicating inequalities in the health of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities within Queensland where an impact can be made to create generational change.



Patricia Murray

Trish Murray is a Paramedic and leads the Queensland Ambulance Service (QAS) Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultural Safety Unit. Trish has dedicated her career to improving access to education and employment for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and working with community to identify and address healthcare service delivery gaps. Trish feels honoured to walk alongside Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander friends and colleagues in the journey of reconciliation and supporting the broader health system to achieve health equity for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.



Chris (Nylunder) Thiesfield

I am a Gooreng Gooreng man, Traditional owner and recognised Elder . I have extensive experience in community leadership and development for the design and delivery of cultural awareness, vocational and other training in mental health, conservation and land management and I am a member of the Consumer Senate. I am passionate about connecting youth to culture and country to improve their health and wellbeing and to creating pathways for all Australians to walk and work to heal country, people and community, better, together



Jed Fraser

I am a proud Bidjara and Mandandanji man with family connections to South West Qld, in particular Charleville and Augathella and have spiritual connections to Mt Tabor and Carnarvon Gorge. I am currently a PhD candidate with UQ and CSIRO e-Health Research Centre. My research has a focus on the social and cultural determinants of health and the impacts of racism and colonization for Indigenous youth. I am extremely passionate in playing my role in achieving to Close the Gap as well as health equity.



Kerry Crumblin

I am a descendant of the Mardigan Mob from around the Quilpie area and grew up In Cunnamulla and have been Involved in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander service delivery for many years.

She is driven by a passion for improving health, education and wellbeing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and is an experienced administrator, project coordinator and policy writer; having successfully assisted Aboriginal organisations over many years through project and policy work. She strives to ensure that the community has access to the full range of high quality, holistic, culturally appropriate primary health care services that empowers clients and the community to fully participate in the management of their own health. She is passionate about Improving overall health outcomes for her community, building the capacity of CACH and partnerships with various organisations and service providers.

Clara Tamu

I am the Health Centre Manager for Warraber Primary Health Centre (Torres Straits) and have worked in both clinical and management roles within health and local government.

More information to come!



Maureen Woodward

I am an Aboriginal elder and proud Bidjara woman . I am a Community Advisory Network chair and President of the Tambo Hospital Auxiliary and a member of Health Consumers Queensland. My passion is health in order to make our community a better place to live. My saying is from cradle to the grave and it should be my choice to do that living in my community.



Matthew Bryant

I am the Director of Medical Services Indigenous Health and Rural Hospitals for Townsville HHS, and an anaesthetist and pain medicine specialist. Previously as a rural GP I worked on Mornington Island, Doomadgee, Katherine and the Torres Strait. I am interested in improving access to services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and the cultural safety of our services.



Lila Pigliafiori

I am Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander. My grandparents come from Burketown/Doomadgee (Waanyi/Gangalidda) and my father was born on Darnley Island (Erub). Currently I work in the North West HHS as a clinical nurse in community mental health with a background in legal, Aboriginal affairs, contract management, vocational training and small business management.



Eugene Wong

I am a Rural GP Anaesthetist, retrieval doctor, and Director of Medical Services. I have experience working in remote Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities across Queensland. I have qualifications in Public Health and Child Health. I have an interest and desire to see improvements in the health and life opportunities available to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Dean Johnson

I am an Aboriginal man based in the West Moreton area.

I have gained significant experience and knowledge in policy, planning (*including health needs analysis and assessment*) and project management tasks related to the evidence-based investment in health services aimed at improving the health of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Queenslanders. I also hold various consumer positions with Queensland Health committees. I have a passion for delivering accessible and equitable health care.