



“Meye” by Amunda Gorey

EVENT PROGRAM

Best start to life: a national gathering

Utilising the RISE Framework to
implement Birthing Services for
First Nations Families

10 - 12 October 2022
Alice Springs Convention Centre
Mparntwe, Alice Springs
Northern Territory



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



Monday 10 October 2022

15:00 **Arelhe areye Apetyaye: A special women's welcome to Arrernte Country, at Kepelye Arntaye (Jessie Gap) [WOMEN ONLY SESSION]**

17:30 **Charles Darwin University (CDU) Campus: Welcome & Dinner**

WELCOME TO COUNTRY-KUMALIE KNGWARRAYE RILEY

Welcome address from the CDU Vice-Chancellor and President Prof Scott Bowman AO

19:00 **DJÄKAMIRR SCREENING & PANEL DISCUSSION**

- Dr Lăwurrpa Maypilama, Wawamiri clan, Yolŋu, *Senior Research Fellow, Molly Wardaguga Research Centre (MWRC)*
- Dr Sarah Ireland, *Postdoctoral Research Fellow, MWRC*

20:00 CLOSE

Tuesday 11 October 2022 - Day 1

7:30 Registration and coffee

8:30 **WELCOMETO COUNTRY**

Kumalie Kngwarraye Riley, Central Arrernte

8:45 **OPENING ADDRESS**

- Prof Yvette Roe, Njikenajawuru, *Co-Director, MWRC & Professor of Indigenous Health, Charles Darwin University (CDU)*
- Dr Donna Ah Chee, Bundjalung, *CEO, Central Australian Aboriginal Congress (Congress)*

9:00 **REDESIGNING BIRTHING SERVICES FOR FIRST NATIONS
WOMEN, BABIES AND FAMILIES**

- Prof Yvette Roe, Njikenajawuru, *Co-Director, MWRC & Professor of Indigenous Health, CDU*
- Prof Sue Kildea, *Co-Director, MWRC & Professor of Midwifery, CDU*

9:20 **STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS**

- Commissioner June Oscar AO, Bunuba, *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Social Justice Commissioner*
 - Senator the Hon. Malarndirri McCarthy, Yanyuwa Garrwa, *Assistant Minister for Indigenous Australians & Assistant Minister for Indigenous Health*
 - Panel Facilitator: Josie Douglas, Wardaman, *General Manager Health Services, Congress*
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MORNING TEA 10:20 – 10:40

THEME: Redesigning birthing Services
Mpwareme ampe irrkweme apmere mwarre
Session Chair: Dr Leisa McCarthy

10:40 **BIRTHING IN OUR COMMUNITY IN SOUTH EAST QUEENSLAND**

- Kristie Watego, Bundjalung, *Birthing in Our Community (BiOC) Service Development Manager, Institute for Urban Indigenous Health (IUIH)*
- Karen Hollindale, *Midwifery Clinical Manager, BiOC North, IUIH*

11:10 **BIRTHING ON COUNTRY - OUR WAY**

- Cleone Wellington, Cullunghutti Jerrinja Wandi-Wandan Ngarigo-Jaitamatung, *Cultural Manager, Waminda, South Coast Women's Health & Welfare Aboriginal Corporation*
- Melanie Briggs, Dharawal Gumbayngirr, *Minga Gudjaga and Birthing on Country Manager, Waminda, South Coast Women's Health & Welfare Aboriginal Corporation*

11:40 **ROADBLOCKS, ROUNDABOUTS AND GRADING THE TRACK: REDESIGNING REMOTE MATERNITY SERVICES IN GALIWIN'KU**

- Dr L̄awurrpa Maypilama, Wawamiri clan, Yolŋu, *Senior Research Fellow, MWRC*
- Rosemary Gundjarranbuy, Liyagawumirr clan, Yolŋu, *Birthing on Country Research Fellow, MWRC*
- Dr Sarah Ireland, *Postdoctoral Research Fellow, MWRC*

12:10 **REDESIGNING THE ALUKURA SERVICE**

- Dr Josie Douglas, Wardaman, *General Manager Health Services, Congress*

LUNCH 12:50 – 13:40

THEME: Invest in the workforce
Arntarnte areme warrkene apmere
Session Chair: Prof Juanita Sherwood

13:40 **PLENARY: FIRST NATIONS WORKFORCE STRATEGY**

- Prof Roianne West, Kalkadoon and Djunke, *CEO, Congress of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Nurses and Midwives (CATSINaM) & Professor of Workforce Strategy, MWRC*

14:15 **WORKSHOP 1:
DJĀKAMIRR TRAINING COURSE**

- Dr L̄awurrpa Maypilama, Wawamiri clan, Yolŋu, *Senior Research Fellow, MWRC*
- Rosemary Gundjarranbuy, Liyagawumirr clan, Yolŋu, *Birthing on Country Research Fellow, MWRC*
- Dr Sarah Ireland, *Postdoctoral Research Fellow, MWRC*
- Renee Adair, *Founder and Director, Australian Doula College*

	<p>WORKSHOP2: HEALING THE PAST BY NURTURING THE FUTURE: Co-creating awareness and support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families experiencing complex trauma</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Prof Cath Chamberlain, Palawa of the Trawlwoolway clan <i>Head of the Indigenous Health Equity Unit, Melbourne School of Population and Global Health, The University of Melbourne</i> · Dr Elise Davis, <i>Senior Research Fellow, Indigenous Health Equity Unit, Melbourne School of Population and Global Health, The University of Melbourne</i> · Dr Kim Jones, <i>Research Fellow, Indigenous Health Equity Unit, Melbourne School of Population and Global Health, The University of Melbourne</i> · Deb Bowman, Ngemba Nation, <i>Research Assistant in Indigenous Health, Indigenous Health Equity Unit, Melbourne School of Population and Global Health, The University of Melbourne</i> · Skye Stewart, Wergaia and Wamba Wamba Nations, <i>Midwife</i> 	Ellery A
	<p>WORKSHOP3: NHALTJAN DHU LARRUM GA DHARANAN DHUDI-DHÄWU NUNHI DHU LIMURR GUMURRBUNANHAMIRR GA WANANHAMIRR: Exploring and understanding a deeper story about intercultural communication</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Emily Armstrong, <i>Researcher/Lecturer, Allied Health Service, College of Health and Human Sciences, CDU</i> · Dorothy Gapany, Gupapuynu-Daygurrurr · Dr Ławurrpa Maypilama, Wawamiri clan, Yolŋu, <i>Senior Research Fellow, MWRC</i> 	Ellery B
	<p>WORKSHOP4: DAMULGURRA: Culturally Responsive Trauma Informed Practice (AMSANT) Rosie Schubert, <i>Co-Developer and Co-Facilitator for AMSANT's Damulgurra Team: culturally responsive trauma informed practice</i></p>	Ellery C
AFTERNOON TEA 15:30 – 15:45		
15:45	<p>WORKSHOP 1: Baby coming, you ready? Changing perinatal assessment practice</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Dr Jayne Kotz, <i>Project Lead, Baby Coming You Ready?, Ngangk Yira Institute for Change, Murdoch University</i> · Trish Ratajczak, Palawa, <i>Senior Aboriginal Research Officer, Ngangk Yira Institute for Change, Murdoch University</i> · Janinne Gliddon, Senior Badimia, Yamatji and Ballardong Nyoongar, <i>Senior Aboriginal Research Fellow, Ngangk Yira Institute for Change, Murdoch University</i> · Aunty Chrissy Parry, Noongar, <i>Senior Aboriginal Health Officer, Boodjari Yorgas Midwifery Group Practice, Armadale, Department of Health, WA</i> · Aunty Mary Ford, Noongar, <i>Aboriginal Liaison Grandmother, Boodjari Yorgas Midwifery Group Practice, Armadale, Department of Health, WA</i> · Aunty Greta Boyce, Noongar, <i>Aboriginal Grandmother Liaison Officer, Boodjari Yorgas Midwifery Group Practice, Armadale, Department of Health, WA</i> · Deb Giles, <i>Midwife, Boodjari Yorgas Midwifery Group Practice, Armadale, Department of Health, WA</i> · Cheyenne Payne-Poultney, <i>Midwife, Boodjari Yorgas Midwifery Group Practice, Armadale, Department of Health, WA</i> 	Ellery A

WORKSHOP 2:

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Overview on Imperfect allies and cultural immersion programs

- Faye Worner, *CEO, Waminda, South Coast Womens Health and Welfare Aboriginal Corporation*
- Cleone Wellington, *South Coast Wandj Wandandian/Cullunghutti/Jerrinja woman with bloodlines to Jatimatang/Ngarigo, Cultural Manager, Waminda, South Coast Womens Health and Welfare Aboriginal Corporation*

WORKSHOP 4:Mac-
Donnell
Room**Supporting the midwifery workforce to work in Birthing on Country services**

- Panel Facilitator: Prof Sue Kildea, *Co-Director, MWRC & Prof of Midwifery, CDU*
- Liz Wilkes, *Managing Director, My Midwives*
- Melanie Briggs, *Dharawal Gumbayngirr, Minga Gudjaga and Birthing on Country Manager, Waminda, South Coast Womens Health and Welfare Aboriginal Corporation*
- Pamela (Res) McCalman, *Ballardong Noongar, Lecturer, La Trobe University*
- Prof Helen McLachlan, *Professor and Discipline Lead (Midwifery), School of Nursing and Midwifery, La Trobe University*
- Jo Costello, *Midwifery Group Practice Manager, Mater Brisbane MGP*
- Tez Clasquin, *Senior Midwifery Advisor, Chief Nurse and Midwife Office, NT Department of Health*
- Dr Sophie Hickey, *Post-Doctoral Research Fellow, MWRC*
- Kady Colman, *Wiradjuri, Registered Midwife, Jajumbora MGP, Logan Hospital, Metro South Health Service District*
- Kyleigh Brown-Lolohea, *Gudjal, Registered Midwife, Jajumbora MGP, Logan Hospital, Metro South Health Service District*

WORKSHOP 5:**Congress Alukura - Grandmother's law in practice [WOMEN ONLY SESSION]**

Visit to Congress Alukura (40 places only)

16:50 CLOSE

CELEBRATING MATRIARCHAL WISDOM DINNER 18:00
DoubleTree Hotel

Wednesday 12 October 2022 - Day 2

- 8:30 **Welcome and recap priorities**
Prof Yvette Roe, Njikenajawuru
Co-Director & Professor of Indigenous Health, MWRC

THEME: Strengthen families' capacity
Alpeme-ileme artweye areye rlterrke anetye-ke
Session Chair: Professor Lynore Geia

- 8:45 **SPEAKER 1: IUIH-Role of the Aboriginal support worker**
· Kristie Watego, Bundjalung, BiOC Service Development Manager, IUIH
· Courtney Law, Wulli Wulli/Wakka Wakka, BiOC Program Manager, IUIH

- 9:15 **SPEAKER 2: Family restoration and preservation, NABU, Waminda**
· Cleone Wellington, South Coast Wandj Wandandian/Cullunghutti/Jerrinja woman with bloodlines to Jatimatang/Ngarigo, Cultural Manager, Waminda, South Coast Womens Health and Welfare Aboriginal Corporation
· Hayley Longbottom, Executive Manager, Waminda, South Coast Womens Health and Welfare Aboriginal Corporation

- 9:45 **SPEAKER 3: "IT'S ABOUT TIME" Transformative practice in an Aboriginal intensive family support service**
· Faith White, Yankunjatjarra, Aboriginal Family Support Worker, Congress
· Dudley Clarke, Arabana and Kija, Aboriginal Family Support Worker, Congress
· Lisa Schwer, Case Worker, Family Support Service Team, Congress

- 10:15 **SPEAKER 4: Replanting the birthing trees**
· Prof Cath Chamberlain, Palawa of the Trawlwoolway clan, Head of the Indigenous Health Equity Unit, Melbourne School of Population and Global Health, The University of Melbourne
· Dr Elise Davis, Senior Research Fellow, Indigenous Health Equity Unit, Melbourne School of Population and Global Health, The University of Melbourne

MORNING TEA 10:45 – 11:00

THEME: Embedding Community Control
Apmere-arenye mape-le antwirrkeme
Session Chair: Dr Leisa McCarthy

- 11:00 **SPEAKER 1: Congress Alukura By the Grandmother's Law [WOMEN ONLY SESSION]**
· Tahniah Edwards, Kngwarraye, Manager, Congress Alukura Women's Health Service
· Aunty Sabella Turner, Kngwarraye, Lead Female Aboriginal Cultural Advisor, Congress

- 11:30 **SPEAKER 2: Reclaiming birthing sovereignty by decolonising maternity services**
· Prof Juanita Sherwood, Wiradjuri and Murri, Curriculum Writer and First Nations Leadership - Maternal and Child Health, MWRC
· Mel Briggs, Dharawal Gumbayngirr, Minga Gudjaga and Birthing on Country Manager, Waminda, South Coast Women's Health & Welfare Aboriginal Corporation

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- 12:00 **SPEAKER 3: Yolnu voices from Galiwin'ku**
- Evelyn Djota, Yolŋu, *Yalu Aboriginal Corporation*
 - Dr L̄awurrpa Maypilama, Wawamiri clan, Yolŋu, *Senior Research Fellow, MWRC*
 - Rosemary Gundjarranbuy, Liyagawumirr clan, Yolŋu, *Birthing on Country Research Fellow, MWRC*
 - Ms Yungirrna (Dorothy) Bukulatjpi, Yolŋu, *Yalu Aboriginal Corporation*
 - Maria Gurriwir, Yolŋu, *Djäkamirr*

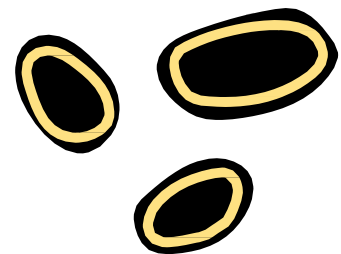
POSTER SESSION & LUNCH 12:55 – 14:00

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- 14:00 **WORKSHOP: BRINGING IT ALL TOGETHER**
- Dr Josie Douglas, Wardaman, *General Manager Health Services, Congress*
 - Prof Yvette Roe, Njikenawuru, *Co-Director & Professor of Indigenous Health, MWRC*
 - Prof Sue Kildea, *Co-Director & Professor of Midwifery, MWRC*
 - Dr Sue Moore, *Birthing on Country Program Manager, MWRC*
 - Kate Buckland, *Communications Manager, Congress*

AFTERNOON TEA 15:00 – 16:00
Kunga Kutjara Dancers from Mutitjulu

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- 16:00 **CLOSING THE CIRCLE**
- Prof Yvette Roe, Njikenawuru, *Co-Director & Professor of Indigenous Health, MWRC*

16:30 CLOSE





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