

Cultural Conversations

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Acknowledgement of Country

We would like to respectfully acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the lands we are meeting on, the Whudjuk people. We wish to acknowledge and respect their continuing culture and contribution they make to the city and regions of Western Australia and pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

Acknowledgements

This webinar is hosted by the NDIA ECSN Program.

Webinar content is informed by a panel of people with sector expertise and content knowledge



**This webinar will
include exploration
of:**

“Understand your community”, the importance of considering Aboriginal ways of being, knowing and doing, that can design and contribute to a successful NDIS plan

“Effective engagement with Aboriginal participants” – reflect on own interactions and be open to cross-cultural learnings

Exploration of what is involved in sourcing providers, including the need for culturally appropriate supports and current gaps.

Access to NDIS for aboriginal participants

Consideration of specific areas such as ABI, FASD, trauma informed practice and care.

Our Speakers for Today

Kerri Colegate - Kerri is a Noongar woman and Director of KM Noongar Consultancy Services. She's a consultant across many governmental and non-governmental services in WA, including providing guidance and support to the NDIS in relation to services for Aboriginal people, linkages to universities, cultural competence service development and many other roles.

Margaret McGuinness - Margaret is a Specialist Support Coordinator with a social work background. She has held previous roles in the People with Exceptionally Complex Needs (PECN) program as well as Regional Intensive Support Coordination (RISC), where she has supported Aboriginal People.

Michael Riou - Michael is Strategic Director at Teem Treasure who have a track record in the development of individualised living and support arrangements where there is a significant level of complexity, including expertise across disability, psycho-social, and justice sectors. Michael will provide a case study discussing culturally aligned support in practice.

“Living My Way” Getting Prepared

‘Our Way Planning Book’

<https://fpdn.org.au/our-films/>



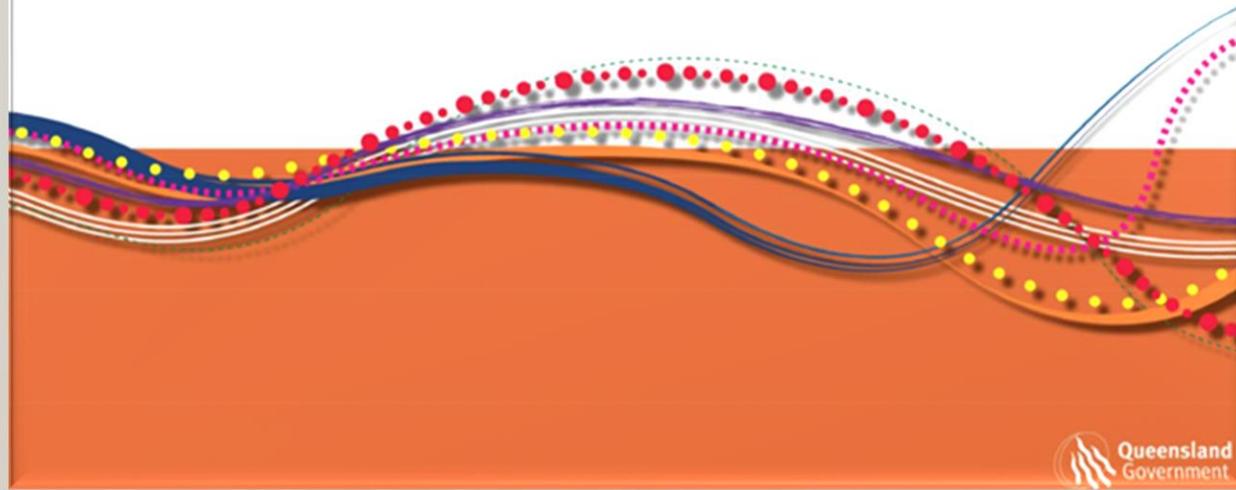
Figure 1. “Meeting People in their Own Reality”

Reference: Dennis McDermott (2019) “Big Sister” Wisdom: How might non-Indigenous speech-language pathologists genuinely, and effectively, engage with Indigenous Australia?, *International Journal of Speech-Language Pathology*, 21:3, 252-262, DOI: [10.1080/17549507.2019.1617896](https://doi.org/10.1080/17549507.2019.1617896)

Queensland Health

Five Cross Cultural Capabilities

for **non-clinical staff**





WAAMH

**Western Australian Association
for Mental Health**

Aboriginal Engagement

The information in this section is provided to highlight WAAMH's commitment to engaging with Aboriginal peoples, and to link service organisations to resources that can be used to inform their own engagement with Aboriginal peoples and improve their capacity to deliver culturally sensitive services to Aboriginal people and their communities.

- [Engaging with Aboriginal Peoples](#) in a meaningful and thoughtful way;
- [Delivering culturally sensitive services](#);
- WAAMH's involvement in the [Looking Forward, Moving Forward Project](#);
- [Welcomes to Country/Acknowledgements of Country](#); and
- [Significant dates/events for Aboriginal peoples](#).

Please note: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples should be aware that the webpages in this section may contain or link to images, voices or names of deceased people.

ECSN consultancy panel supports

Consultancy Panels

Support coordinators and disability providers can access support from a small panel of people with expertise from within the sector to problem solve a way forward in relation to support and planning.

You can access this through putting in a request at

<https://www.nulsen.com.au/home-page/ecsn/>

Discussion Forums

6 weekly - Supporting people with a cultural lens

Commencing June - Supporting people who have experiences of mental distress, alcohol and other drugs and possible criminal justice involvement. Monthly through CARE Hub.

July – NDIS Planning for people with Huntington’s Disease and other progressive degenerative diseases.



Thank you