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WEENTHUNGA NEWS and EVENTS

Weenthunga Health Network Annual General Meeting

Change of Date! - Wednesday 25th November, 5:30pm:

The Weenthunga Health Network Annual General Meeting. Has been postponed by 6 days due to a clash of dates with the NARRM Oration. We are fortunate that our guest speakers are still able to attend: Nikki Branningham and Natalie Moxham from Leanganook Yarn, who have been evaluating our working model. The Committee of Management warmly invites you to attend. The link is open to register your attendance. <http://www.trybooking.com/JILM>

Sponsorship for a rural Weenthunga member working in allied health.

Weenthunga and IAHA are offering to sponsor a Weenthunga member working in rural allied health to attend the **Culturally Responsive Leadership in Action** workshop (see further details below) on Monday 9th November. This workshop is being run as a pre-conference event to the National Allied Health Conference in Melbourne. IAHA's CEO Donna Murray and Kylie Stothers, a Social Worker and previous IAHA Board member will facilitate the workshop, providing an opportunity, in a safe environment, to engage in self-reflection and practical activities that will enhance your leadership capacity and ability to take culturally responsive action.

The sponsorship also includes two nights accommodation in a tiny light filled liveable loft nestled amongst gum trees, acclaimed as possibly Melbourne's most subversively inventive small studio space. Just minutes to wonderful cafes in Brunswick Street, Fitzroy. Nearby trams to the city and to the conference (<https://www.airbnb.com.au/rooms/4139809?s=sHCL>) The successful applicant may also like to attend the two day National Allied Health Conference, and an early bird conference registration rate would be available. **Please email a brief Expression of Interest to lin@weenthunga.com.au by COB Thursday 29th October.**

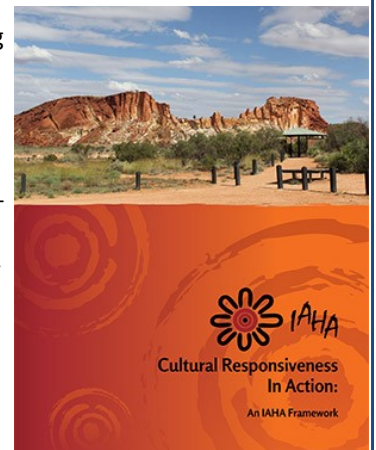
Culturally Responsive Leadership in Action - afternoon preconference workshop

National Allied Health Conference: 9th November

Facilitated by: Kylie Stothers, Donna Murra Cost to register: \$200 Participant Fee (4 hours)

It is essential that health professionals are both clinically competent and culturally responsive in order to positively affect the health and wellbeing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Indigenous Allied Health Australia, a national not for profit, member-based Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander allied health organisation, is pleased to provide participants with an opportunity, in a safe environment, to engage in self-reflection and practical activities that will enhance their leadership capacity and ability to take culturally responsive action. Based largely upon Cultural Responsiveness in Action: An IAHA Framework, this 4 hour workshop is for allied health professionals, managers, policy makers, support staff and others interested in providing culturally safe and responsive care with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander individuals, families and communities.

Please [click](#) here for more information on the learning outcomes. Click on the photo to access the full Framework booklet. To register for this valuable workshop go to the [conference website](#) .



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OPPORTUNITIES

National Allied Health Conference 2015 - Rural Attendance Scholarship Program

The Department of Health and Human Services is pleased to announce the launch of the 2015 National Allied Health Conference Rural Attendance Scholarships Program. This program will provide up to 25 scholarships for rural allied health practitioners to attend the 2015 National Allied Health Conference, to be held in Melbourne 9 -11 November, 2015.

For further details and eligibility criteria please refer to the [links on our website](#) . Please email completed and signed application forms to alliedhealthworkforce@dhhs.vic.gov.au by COB Tuesday 20 October 2015. All enquiries may be directed to Christie.vanbeek@dhhs.vic.gov.au, or alliedhealthworkforce@dhhs.vic.gov.au

Puggy Hunter Memorial Scholarship Scheme (PHMSS)

A final reminder that the next round of applications for studies in 2016 closes **Monday 12th October**. Scholarships are available to Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people who are studying a course in ATSI health work, allied health, dentistry/oral health, medicine, midwifery or nursing. For further information see <http://www.acn.edu.au/phmss> . Weenthunga staff would be happy to advise in drafting an application.

Weenthunga Local Collaborator and Coordinator roles

The Weenthunga Health Network has received a grant to extend its project work designed to build resilience in First Australian school girls in Regional Victoria and to encourage their interest in health careers. Expressions of interest are currently sought for:

Local Collaborator : Bendigo—*expressions of interest close 27th October 2015*

Local Collaborator: Ballarat—*expressions of interest close 3rd November 2015*

Local Coordinator : Ballarat—*expressions of interest close 27th October 2015*

Further information can be found on our [website](#) and additionally you may contact Lin Oke 0414 473 482. Please share these opportunities with your networks. Expressions of Interest, with the names of three referees, are to be emailed to lin@weenthunga.com.au

OTHER EVENTS

2015 Narrm Oration

The 2015 Narrm Oration will be delivered by Professor Marcia Langton, Foundation Chair of Australian Indigenous Studies .

Date: Thursday 19 November from 6.00pm to 7.30pm

Location: The University of Melbourne, 'The Spot' (Copeland Theatre), Basement, 198 Berkeley Street Carlton

Bookings can be made at: <https://events.unimelb.edu.au/events/5683-2015-narrm-oration>

Other Ways of Knowing workshop—18th and 19th November 2015

An Aboriginal Healing Journey-2 Day Workshop in Melbourne. Trauma Informed Care Incorporating Both Western And Aboriginal Ways Of Healing. This interactive 2 day workshop develops skills and confidence in providing culturally appropriate services to Aboriginal children, adults and their families. Further information can be found following the link on our [website](#).