

Professional Development Workshop

Recognising and Responding to Dementia in Indigenous Communities

A two-day workshop that will give you the skills you need to provide quality dementia care and support to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with dementia, their families and community

About the workshop:

Dementia is acknowledged as a significant issue for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in remote communities. Studies in the Kimberley region indicate a prevalence rate more than five times that in the non-Indigenous population. Primary health care and related workers from remote and Indigenous communities require a clear understanding of dementia, and the skills and strategies to assess and assist both the person with dementia and their family in managing their dementia. This workshop will give you the skills you need to provide quality dementia care and support.

Dates: Tuesday 12th May & Wednesday 13th May 2015

Time: 9.00 am—4.30 pm (both days)

Venue: Education Development Centre
4 Milner Street, Hindmarsh
For directions/parking, please visit:
<http://www.edc.sa.edu.au/pages/geography/>

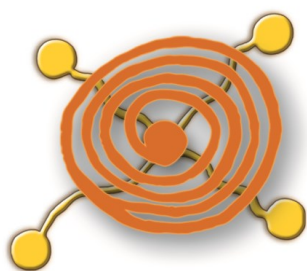
Catering: Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea provided both days

Cost: No cost

Scholarships: A limited number of scholarships towards travel expenses are available. This scholarship is open to all participants.

Register: To register your interest, please phone 8372 2154 or [click here to register](#).

For more information, please contact Gina on (08) 8372 2154 .



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This workshop is suitable for health and allied health professionals, aged and community care coordinators, health students, and others working with older people and people with dementia in indigenous communities.

Learning Objectives

- Identify different types of dementia including causes, signs, symptoms, and progress of the disease, and be able to communicate this effectively to the family.
- Distinguish dementia from other conditions that may have similar signs and symptoms.
- Use appropriate tools (including KICA) to assess Indigenous clients for dementia.
- Understand the progressive changes associated with a person with dementia.
- Identify ways of managing the person with dementia including behaviour management, environmental modifications, medication and other appropriate interventions.
- Develop strategies with family and other carers to enable them to manage any difficulties with their family member in their community for as long as possible.
- Develop a plan for long-term management of a person with dementia in their community.
- Source and utilise up-to-date resources in the management of people with dementia.

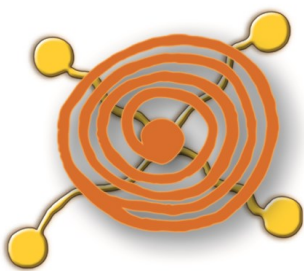
About the presenters

Heather Jensen

Heather has extensive experience in working as an occupational therapist, which has included older people and people with disabilities in Central Australia. She has developed and taught the undergraduate occupational therapy program at James Cook University, as well as the Remote Practice Program at the Centre for Remote Health. She has been involved in research about the needs of people with dementia and their carers, as well as pathways to their care in Central Australia. She is an active member of Services for Rural and Remote Allied Health (SARRAH).

Kylie Stothers

Kylie is a Jawoyn woman born and raised in Katherine in the Northern Territory. She is a Social Worker with over 15 years' practice experience in rural/remote Northern Territory and currently works as a Lecturer in Katherine. She is an active member of Indigenous Allied Health Australia (IAHA) and is the current Deputy Chairperson of IAHA. She is also a member of the Australian Association of Social Workers (AASW) and Services for Rural & Remote Allied Health (SARRAH). She is passionate about Aboriginal health, with a strong focus on remote / rural health practice.



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