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Professional Development Workshop

Recognising and Responding to Dementia in Indigenous Communities

This two-day 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.

The workshop 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. Recent studies indicate a prevalence rate of up to five times more than in the non-Indigenous population. Primary health care and related workers from rural, 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 21 April & Wednesday 22 April 2015

Time: 9.00 am—4.30 pm (both days)

Venue: Mantra Bell City
215 Bell Street
Preston VIC 3072

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

Cost: No cost

Register: Please [click here to register](#).

REGISTRATIONS ARE ESSENTIAL AS PLACES ARE LIMITED

For more information, please contact Julie on 08 8372 2100.





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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

Annie Farthing

Annie is a physiotherapist who has lived in Central Australia for more than 20 years. She has worked in urban and remote contexts, in community health, rehabilitation and aged care. She is currently teaching in the Remote Health Practice Program, is an active member of Services for Rural and Remote Allied Health (SARRAH), and is part of the research team looking at the issues surrounding dementia among Indigenous people living in remote communities.

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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