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Summaries of Approved Projects

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Project Title	HREC1013 - An evaluation of Royal Life Saving WA Talent Pool Program for Increasing Aboriginal Youth Employment
Chief Investigator	Meg Abercromby
Organisation	Royal Life Saving Society WA Inc.
Approval Date	02/May/2022
Project Narrative	The project aims to evaluate Royal Life Saving WA's Talent Pool youth training and employment program. The evaluation aims to measure effectiveness, explore social impacts, track participant experiences and assess community acceptability, with the aim of informing future program delivery and ultimately leading to improved employment outcomes.

Project Title	HREC1016 - Aboriginal Adolescents' Experiences of Racism Study (AAERS)
Chief Investigator	Bep Uink
Organisation	Murdoch University
Approval Date	31/January/2022
Project Narrative	The study explores the experiences and effects of racism among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander adolescents, as well as non-Indigenous adults' capacity to support these young people and to combat racism in the broader society. Findings will contribute to the development of anti-racist interventions in health care and education.

Project Title	HREC1045 - An Evaluation of the Royal Life Saving WA Remote Aboriginal Pool program; Cool Pools
Chief Investigator	Meg Abercromby
Organisation	Royal Life Saving Society WA Inc.
Approval Date	02/May/2022
Project Narrative	The project aims to understand the unique relationship between people living in remote Aboriginal communities and their local swimming pool. The research will explore the impact of pools in remote Aboriginal communities on health and wellbeing, social, education and justice outcomes.

Project Title	HREC1060 - The incidence and survival of primary liver cancer in Indigenous and non Indigenous Australians 2003-2017
Chief Investigator	Michael Wallace
Organisation	Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital
Approval Date	17/March/2022

Project Narrative	
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Project Title	HREC1073 - Investigating Aboriginal community knowledge and awareness of stillbirth risks
Chief Investigator	Carrington Shepherd
Organisation	Curtin University
Approval Date	15/June/2021
Project Narrative	

Project Title	HREC1104 - The PREVENT Project
Chief Investigator	Aime Powell
Organisation	University of Notre Dame Australia.
Approval Date	03/February/2022
Project Narrative	The PREVENT Project's aim is to work collaboratively with local stakeholders to deliver a new and portable cervical screening model that will be delivered by the Kimberley Obstetrics and Gynaecology team. It is hoped that this cervical screening model will be preferred and accepted by women, especially those who live in rural and remote locations.

Project Title	HREC1105 - WA Country Health Service Myringoplasty Audit
Chief Investigator	Jafri Kuthubutheen
Organisation	Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital
Approval Date	17/March/2022
Project Narrative	The project aims to determine the success rate of one of the most common ear procedures performed in the Kimberley – myringoplasty. Myringoplasty is a surgical procedure that involves closing the hole in the ear drum. At present, the success rate of this common procedure, as well as factors that determine its success is not known.

Project Title	HREC1108 - Developing an evidence-based guideline for ear health and hearing checks for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children under six years in primary health care settings
Chief Investigator	Samantha Harkus
Organisation	Macquarie University

Approval Date	17/March/2022
Project Narrative	Over their first two years of life, a child experiences their most important period of growth in listening and communication skills, however, this is also the period in which many Aboriginal children experience ear infection and muted hearing. These ear infections often have no obvious signs: regular checks by primary health practitioners are the only effective way of picking up a problem, but until now there has been no guidance on what effective checks are, and when these should be done. In this project, we are reviewing the evidence and consulting key experts in order to provide recommendations for primary health practitioners on routine ear health and hearing checks for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children aged 0-5-years-old.

Project Title	HREC1127 - Coronavax: Preparing Community and Government for COVID-19 vaccination (Aboriginal)
Chief Investigator	Samantha Carlson
Organisation	Telethon Kids Institute
Approval Date	17/March/2022
Project Narrative	Aboriginal people in WA have a lower COVID-19 jab uptake compared to non-Aboriginal people. Our project aims to understand the attitudes and concerns that Aboriginal people in Perth might have towards the COVID-19 jab. We will pass these concerns onto the WA Department of Health and come up with better ways for the government to talk about the COVID-19 jab with the Aboriginal population.

Project Title	HREC1129 - The Staphylococcus aureus Network Adaptive Platform trial (SNAP)
Chief Investigator	Steven Tong
Organisation	Melbourne University
Approval Date	03/February/2022
Project Narrative	<p>The Staphylococcus aureus Network Adaptive Platform (SNAP) is a clinical trial taking place across Australia (and 5 other countries) and will be the largest RCT for patients with Staphylococcus aureus bloodstream infections to date. It will also be the first of its kind to include both adults and children in a study of this nature.</p> <p>SNAP aims to improve the treatment outcomes of those diagnosed with Staphylococcus aureus (S. aureus) bloodstream infections. In Australia, it is estimated that approximately 5,000 infections occur per year. The rates of S. aureus have been found to be 6x higher for Aboriginal Australians compared to non-Aboriginal Australians. It is anticipated that this trial will improve treatment of S. aureus infections – meaning patients spend less time in hospital and have better health outcomes.</p>

Project Title	HREC1130 - Blow, Breathe, Cough (BBC): A telehealth-facilitated randomised-controlled trial utilising a health promotion intervention to resolve otitis media with effusion for children on specialist Ear, Nose and Throat (ENT) waiting lists.
Chief Investigator	Christopher Brennan-Jones
Organisation	Telethon Kids Institute
Approval Date	17/March/2022
Project Narrative	Middle ear infections, also known as 'glue ear' or otitis media, are a big problem for Australian children. A lot of children need to visit doctors at Perth Children's Hospital to treat their glue ear. However, the number of cases is so high that the waitlist is very long to be seen. For some children, glue ear may be able to heal naturally, and this sometimes occurs while they are on the waitlist for surgical treatment. Some simple, low-cost, family-led health promotion programs have been developed to encourage this. The researchers will investigate how successful these health promotion programs are in helping to heal glue ear naturally. The outcomes from this study could help reduce the number of children requiring surgery and the waiting time for treatment.

Project Title	HREC1132 - Preliminary validation of the Child Development Service Caregiver Self-Efficacy Outcome Tool
Chief Investigator	Deborah Flynn
Organisation	CAHS - Community Health
Approval Date	28/April/2022
Project Narrative	The Child Development Service, part of the Child and Adolescent Health Service, has worked with consumers to develop a survey to measure parent/carer belief in their ability to support their child's developmental needs. This research will test and validate the survey with 250 parents/carers. In the future, the survey will be used to show where the service is helping parents/carers feel more confident to support their child's development and will also identify where the service needs to improve.

Project Title	HREC1135 - Evaluation of the Pathway to Employment for Boronia Pre-release Centre for Women
Chief Investigator	Shona Hyde
Organisation	Department of Justice
Approval Date	22/December/2021
Project Narrative	The Pathway to Employment for Boronia Pre-release Centre for Women is a pilot program that supports and provides pathways to employment for Aboriginal women prisoners. This evaluation will assess whether the pilot has improved participants' social and emotional wellbeing; educational and employment; and rehabilitation and reintegration outcomes.

Project Title	HREC1136 - Closing the Gap for Aboriginal Head and Neck Cancer Outcomes
Chief Investigator	Andrew Redfern
Organisation	Fiona Stanley Hospital Cancer Centre
Approval Date	03/February/2022
Project Narrative	<p>The widest gap in cancer survival for Aboriginal people is seen in head and neck cancer where 25% more Aboriginal people who get the disease die from it compared to non-Aboriginal people. It is known that the remoteness of residence for many Aboriginal people, larger distances to travel for treatment and reduced amount of treatment offered only explains some of this gap.</p> <p>This project looks to explain the rest of this gap, by looking at possible differences in the types of head and neck cancer diagnosed, finding out what has caused the cancers and how well treatments work in Aboriginal people compared to non-Aboriginal people. With the knowledge discovered we hope to improve the survival of Aboriginal people with head and neck cancer.</p>

Project Title	HREC1137 - Changing the paradigm to improve outcomes for Aboriginal children in out-of-home care
Chief Investigator	Bradley Farrant
Organisation	Perth Children's Hospital
Approval Date	03/February/2022
Project Narrative	<p>Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children are significantly overrepresented in the out of home care sector. This project will work with children in the care of three foster care agencies to develop individualized cultural plans for children and provide cultural awareness training to foster care agency staff and carers. The process will be evaluated using a comprehensive evaluation framework to determine what works, what doesn't work and why.</p>

Project Title	HREC1138 - Characterising the epidemiology of RSV and other respiratory infections through record linkage: clinical burden, outcomes, risk factors and impacts of interventions
Chief Investigator	Hannah Moore
Organisation	Telethon Kids Institute
Approval Date	28/April/2022
Project Narrative	<p>This project is about understanding the health impacts of respiratory viruses, like respiratory syncytial virus, in the total population of children in Western Australia. It will provide information needed to help develop prevention programs, like immunisations.</p>

Project Title	HREC1139 - The Australian Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) National Data (ATBIND) Project: Parts 3 and 4: Establishing the incidence, determinants and predictors of outcomes (Part 3) plus the quality indicators (Part 4) for moderate to severe TBI, including among Indige
Chief Investigator	Gerard O'Reilly
Organisation	Monash University
Approval Date	29/June/2022
Project Narrative	Traumatic brain injury (TBI) is a major cause of death and long-term disability, but there is a lack of nationwide data in Australia about the incidence of TBI, and factors that predict good or bad outcomes for patients. The purpose of this research is to investigate the incidence of moderate to severe TBI in Australia, identify factors that predict patient outcomes, and develop a set of quality indicators for TBI care, including among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities. That is, for the acute care and outcomes of TBI, what do Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people consider as "quality"? The information gained from this study can be used to improve the quality of TBI care around Australia, and improve the experiences and outcomes of TBI patients.

Project Title	HREC1140 - New insights for reducing Aboriginal stillbirth: Community-led, integrated evidence for change (Phase 2a)
Chief Investigator	Carrington Shepherd
Organisation	Curtin University
Approval Date	17/March/2022
Project Narrative	

Project Title	HREC1141 - Mullewa Empowering Aboriginal Voices: Building the Health and Wellbeing of Mullewa Community
Chief Investigator	Charmaine Green
Organisation	UWA
Approval Date	28/April/2022
Project Narrative	The Mullewa Empowering Aboriginal Voices is a qualitative research project with a core aim of building the health and well-being of the Mullewa Community through yarning and narrative inquiry approach. The project aims to identify and address Mullewa community needs with a focus on relationships, sense of belonging and leadership empowerment.

Project Title	HREC1142 - Improving aftercare for young people who present to the emergency department for self-harm and suicide crisis.
Chief Investigator	Ashleigh Lin
Organisation	Telethon Kids Institute
Approval Date	28/April/2022
Project Narrative	<p>This project seeks to improve engagement in aftercare services among children and young people (aged 10-17) who present to the emergency department (ED) for deliberate self-harm (DSH). We are aiming to co-design a culturally appropriate version of brief collaborative psychological intervention called Therapeutic Assessment (TA) for Aboriginal young people. In later phases, we will implement the TA and determine it's effectiveness. We will identify the modifiable contextual factors (e.g., availability and access to community services) that influence the effectiveness of the TA intervention across different populations and clinical settings (e.g., metropolitan and regional).</p> <p>The development of a specialized and evidence-based, brief intervention that supports positive outcomes for young people across multiple clinical and cultural contexts would be a significant step forward in the management and prevention of DSH and suicide in young Australians.</p>

Project Title	HREC1143 - Expanded HTLV-1 surveillance in Australia
Chief Investigator	John Kaldor
Organisation	UNSW
Approval Date	15/August/2022
Project Narrative	

Project Title	HREC1144 - Development and evaluation of a culturally appropriate media training for responsible reporting of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander mental health and suicide
Chief Investigator	Pat Dudgeon
Organisation	UWA
Approval Date	28/April/2022
Project Narrative	<p>This project aims to understand and address the needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to effectively engage with media representatives in a culturally safe way, when talking about mental health and suicide issues. This research project will inform the design and development of culturally safe media reporting guidelines and a training program for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples when talking about these issues.</p>



Project Title	HREC1146 - Exploring the experiences of the consent process for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people having cardiac surgery and participating in medical research.
Chief Investigator	Julieann Coombes
Organisation	The George Institute for Global Health
Approval Date	28/April/2022
Project Narrative	This study will assist in better understanding informed consent experiences of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people undergoing heart surgery and participating in research. It will inform the development of strategies to ensure that informed consent processes are culturally safe and assist Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in making informed decisions about their health. This study will also provide greater context to better understanding the costs associated with undergoing heart surgery among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Project Title	HREC1147 - A roadmap for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander adolescent health: Defining priority health needs and actions through the empowerment & capacity development of young people
Chief Investigator	Peter Azzopardi
Organisation	SAHMRI
Approval Date	15/August/2022
Project Narrative	

Project Title	HREC1148 - A cross-sectional observational study on the causes of otitis media in Western Australia: OMinWA
Chief Investigator	Lea-Ann Kirkham
Organisation	Telethon Kids Institute
Approval Date	28/April/2022
Project Narrative	This project is collecting biological samples to determine which bacteria are causing ear infections (otitis media) in Western Australian (WA) Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal children. Otitis media is the most common childhood illness, responsible for the greatest number of GP visits, antibiotic prescriptions, hearing loss and grommet surgeries, and for which Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children are disproportionately impacted. By knowing what causes otitis media in WA we will be better informed on how to treat, and even prevent, otitis media so all children are able to listen and learn.

Project Title	HREC1149 - Indigenous engagement and leadership in the evaluation of Indigenous health and wellbeing programs: Taking steps to improve government and non-government commissioning practices.
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Chief Investigator	Summer Finlay
Organisation	University of Wollongong
Approval Date	28/April/2022
Project Narrative	Each year government

Project Title	HREC 1150 - Substance use in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women of reproductive age
Chief Investigator	Jocelyn Jones
Organisation	Curtin University
Approval Date	28/April/2022
Project Narrative	Alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use in pregnancy are one of the leading preventable causes of adverse perinatal outcomes, as well as a range of harms across the child's lifespan ranging from neurodevelopmental impairment, poor mental health, and a greater risk of substance use and suicide. While the underlying determinants of substance use in pregnancy are complex, as a key modifiable risk factor, it presents an important opportunity to improve Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander perinatal and infant health outcomes. Therefore, there is a strong need to consult with Aboriginal women, as well as consumers and key stakeholders, to gain a deeper understanding of women's experiences seeking support for their substance use and how they may be better supported during pregnancy.

Project Title	HREC 1151 - Co-designing an alternative to the emergency department for youth at risk of suicide in the Peel region: The Youth Safe Haven Café
Chief Investigator	Ashleigh Lin
Organisation	Wellbeing Kids Institute
Approval Date	29/June/2022
Project Narrative	The aim of this project is to work with the Peel community to co-design a Youth Safe Haven Café that could be located at the Peel Health Hub. The Youth Safe Haven Café would provide a safe, alternative option to the emergency department for young people in the Peel region who are experiencing suicidal behaviour (including thoughts and ideation). This project will also provide information on the experiences and needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people when they are having a mental health crisis.

Project Title	HREC 1153 - Co-creating new music to support language, culture and wellbeing using trauma-informed methods through the Sound FX music residencies at Baya Gawi y Buga yani Jandu yani u
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Chief Investigator	Gillian Howell
Organisation	University of Melbourne
Approval Date	15/August/2022
Project Narrative	This participatory action research involves early childhood educators at Baya Gaway Buga yani Jandu yani u, Fitzroy Crossing, working alongside musicians from Tura New Music to co-create songs in local heritage languages for use in early childhood education and care. Language is a cultural determinant of health, and the incorporation of heritage languages into early childhood education and care supports the health and wellbeing of children, families, and local educators, creating a positive, culturally nourishing learning environment for all. The project will support community knowledge of and engagement with heritage languages; develop educators' confidence to lead music activities in heritage languages, investigate and refine the musical co-creation process, and improve our systems for community access to arts-based language resources.

Project Title	HREC1154 - Pregnant women and new mothers accessing culturally safe health care and support through #SWAMSmob, mobile phone application
Chief Investigator	Loretta Musgrave
Organisation	University of Technology Sydney
Approval Date	02/May/2022
Project Narrative	This project will design and deliver a mobile phone app that will provide contemporaneous evidence-based information on pregnancy, birth and the early parenting period. Information provided within the app platform will provide details on how and when pregnant women should contact their care provider. Who they should contact and how to contact them. The development of the app seeks to enhance access to evidence-based care and engagement in health care. This project provides an opportunity to evaluate the acceptability, functionality, and engagement with mobile health apps for Aboriginal women. Through the use and evaluation of #SWAMSmob, it is possible to tailor evidence-based education to specific community groups and the findings will inform a larger study.

Project Title	HREC1155 - A study of renal transplant survival among indigenous Australians in New England local health district compared to a national cohort of indigenous renal transplant recipients
Chief Investigator	Nuha Ibrahim
Organisation	Tamworth hospital
Approval Date	02/May/2022

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Project Title	HREC1156 - Climate change and the mental health and wellbeing of children and young people in Western Australia
Chief Investigator	Naomi Godden
Organisation	Edith Cowan University
Approval Date	13/June/2022
Project Narrative	This project aims to understand how climate change affects the mental health and wellbeing of children and young people in Western Australia. The data will support Aboriginal community leaders, academics, practitioners and young people to co-design an inclusive, robust framework to support the mental health and wellbeing of children and young people as they confront the realities of climate change. This framework will support WA mental health and youth organisations and policy makers to enhance policies, programs, and service delivery, and empower organisations to respond more appropriately to the mental health and wellbeing impacts of climate change on children and young people.

Project Title	HREC1157 - National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Measures Survey (NATSIHMS) 2022–23
Chief Investigator	Juanita Pettit
Organisation	Indigenous and Social Information Branch, Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS)
Approval Date	19/May/2022
Project Narrative	The National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Measures Survey (NATSIHMS) will collect blood and urine samples from approximately 4,000 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander participants aged 5 years and over across Australia to test for nutrient levels and markers of chronic conditions. A nationally representative dataset will be created, to analyse rates and whether they have changed since the last NATSIHMS in 2012-13. This new information will be used to assess health risks for population groups and provide a platform for further research into health patterns and will be achieved by combining the results of biomedical tests with self-reported survey-based results from other ABS survey data. NATSIHMS can contribute to improving health policy and can provide the community with vital information for measuring the health and wellbeing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Project Title	HREC1158 - Understanding the mechanisms of change in the Cultural, Social, and Emotional Wellbeing Program and Kimberley Empowerment Healing and Leadership Program
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Chief Investigator	Pat Dudgeon
Organisation	UWA
Approval Date	29/June/2022
Project Narrative	To understand the mechanisms of change of the Cultural, Social and Emotional Wellbeing (CSEWB) Program and the Kimberley Empowerment, Healing and Leadership Program (KEHLP). This understanding will inform the development of an adapted CSEWB Program for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people. The development of an adapted CSEWB Program for young people will contribute to improving the cultural, social and emotional wellbeing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people, to strengthen self-determination and resilience, and address the high suicide rates among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people. In the longer term, an improved social and emotional wellbeing will increase resilience in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young peoples and protect against suicidal thoughts and behaviours.

Project Title	HREC1160 - Voice of the 'Other': A Creative Response to Nyoongar Oral Histories for Aboriginal People - A Doctoral Thesis
Chief Investigator	Elizabeth Hayden
Organisation	Curtin University
Approval Date	02/May/2022
Project Narrative	

Project Title	HREC1161 - Linking for Life: Understanding and reducing mental health, suicide and self-harm in children and young people in Western Australia
Chief Investigator	David Preen
Organisation	UWA
Approval Date	29/June/2022
Project Narrative	This project will use existing data to investigate mental health, suicide and self-harm in Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal children and young people in Western Australia (WA). The outcomes of this project will contribute to the understanding of mental health in children and young people, their wellbeing and how it is impacted by various modifiable risk factors. These findings will help inform agencies, service providers, and communities in creating pathways to improve and support the health and wellbeing of children and young people.

Project Title	HREC1162 - Monitoring and Evaluation of the Perth Central Business District Accommodation for Rough Sleepers Project (Boorloo Bidee Mia)
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Chief Investigator	Tom Alves
Organisation	Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute (AHURI)
Approval Date	19/May/2022
Project Narrative	This project is an evaluation of Boorloo Bidee Mia, which provides supported accommodation in the Perth CBD to people who have experienced long term homelessness. Boorloo Bidee Mia is being delivered through a partnership between WA Department of Communities, Wungening Aboriginal Corporation and Noongar Mia Mia. Boorloo Biddee Mia has been designed specifically to provide culturally safe accommodation and support to Aboriginal people who have been homeless. This evaluation uses a mixed methods approach to evaluate the outcomes and impacts of Boorloo Bidee Mia and inform the ongoing improvement and delivery of the service.

Project Title	HREC1163 - Evaluation of Noongar Mia Mia Tenancy Support Services
Chief Investigator	Lisa Wood
Organisation	University of Notre Dame
Approval Date	29/June/2022
Project Narrative	This evaluation project is evaluating the Boola Moort Cultural Tenancy Support program that is run by Noongar Mia Mia (Perth's only Aboriginal-led Community Housing provider). Boola Moort Tenancy support is provided to tenants who may require additional support to maintain their home and tenancy, differing from mainstream tenancy support as the program provides Noongar tenants with support from Noongar workers in Noongar ways. The focus of the program is dignity, respect and choice. As the first program of its kind the research will document learnings from the program and how it differs from traditional models.

Project Title	HREC1164 - Co-designing a sanctuary model for young people experiencing suicidal behaviour in Perth: The Youth Sanctuary Model
Chief Investigator	Ashleigh Lin
Organisation	Telethon Kids Institute
Approval Date	29/June/2022
Project Narrative	The aim of this project is to work with the community to co-design a Youth Sanctuary for young people (16-24 years) experiencing suicidal ideation. The Youth Sanctuary will provide a short-term residential stay for young people in Western Australia who are experiencing suicidal ideation. The residential stay, which we refer to as the Youth Sanctuary, is based on Maytree ( <a href="https://www.maytree.org.uk">https://www.maytree.org.uk</a> ), which is a short-term sanctuary house for adults in the UK. This is an opportunity to explore how this service model could work among young people in Perth, WA.

Project Title	HREC1165 - Previous hospital attendances for alcohol- related liver disease patient who die in hospital
Chief Investigator	Chloe Attree
Organisation	Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital
Approval Date	19/May/2022
Project Narrative	Recent studies have demonstrated that Aboriginal and Torre Strait Islander people with liver disease have had potential missed opportunities for earlier intervention and follow up to optimise health outcomes. This study aims to identify whether patients with alcohol related liver disease engaged with tertiary health services early or late in their disease process. This will establish whether there are opportunities for earlier intervention and possible improvement in patient outcomes including Aboriginal and Torre Strait Islander people.

Project Title	HREC1166 - Western Australian Child Development Atlas
Chief Investigator	Rebecca Glauert
Organisation	UWA
Approval Date	15/August/2022
Project Narrative	The Child Development Atlas (CDA) is an online interactive tool that geographically maps data relevant to the health and wellbeing of children and young people aged 0-24 years in Western Australia. The CDA facilitates efforts to address social disadvantage by providing the information to support the development of evidence-based policies. It is a critical tool for all the services that acknowledge the different needs of WA communities.

Project Title	HREC1167 - Journey Ways Prison Project
Chief Investigator	Craig Cumming
Organisation	UWA
Approval Date	29/June/2022
Project Narrative	Aboriginal prisoners have unique needs which are not addressed in conventional rehabilitation programs in the criminal justice system. Without addressing those needs, they will remain in no-man's land, abiding neither by Aboriginal values nor respecting non-Aboriginal values. Beginning 2017, a team of Noongar Elders, Respected Persons and prisoners and a scholar-practitioner of restorative justice designed and delivered an Aboriginal restorative rehabilitation program, known as Journey Ways. The one-day-per-week for 10 weeks program uses a

	<p>range of cultural knowledges supplemented by Aboriginal health and human service work. Journey Ways seeks to (re)connect prisoners to culture and helps them to know their history, attend the damage of their offending, heal selves and initiate mending of relationships with Country, family and community.</p> <p>The Journey Ways Prison Project aims to examine the effectiveness of the Aboriginal restorative rehabilitation program to motivate Aboriginal prisoners to make culturally relevant changes to their lives. The study will investigate how the program fosters the development in awareness of the importance of recovering and upholding Aboriginal values. It will explore how Journey Ways improves awareness/understanding of the role historical racist policies have played in intergenerational trauma and prevailing imprisonment, and the effects of prisoners' own offending. It will evaluate how the program cultivates a mindset for making things right, repairing and building culturally significant relationships and improving wellbeing.</p> <p>More broadly, the Journey Ways Prison Project aims to contribute knowledge to the criminal justice system, Aboriginal stakeholders, and the WA community about what works in crime reduction and rehabilitation for Aboriginal offenders. The research will provide an understanding of how culturally relevant programming can open avenues for privileging Aboriginal voices in guiding restorative rehabilitation within the criminal justice system. The Project seeks to assist in reducing the high rates of Aboriginal incarceration and bringing about social repair and support.</p>
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Project Title	HREC1168 - Exploring the experiences of Aboriginal women accessing supports upon release from prison
Chief Investigator	David Keatley
Organisation	Murdoch University
Approval Date	15/August/2022
Project Narrative	<p>This research aims to explore the experiences of Aboriginal women released from Perth metropolitan prisons into the community. The primary focus will be on their experiences and perspectives of accessing postrelease support, and their views on current support services and how they may be improved to better facilitate reintegration. This research focuses on the social context in which Aboriginal women experienced support post-release as well as perspectives from the community and support services (e.g., caseworkers and informal support networks). This research will highlight the services supporting Aboriginal women and their experiences to better understand the critical links of high Aboriginal over-representation in our prison system, and the detrimental impact it has on their social and emotional well-being postrelease. There is a specific need for more detailed, qualitative data to determine the key factors and lived experiences of Aboriginal women, so we may better inform and understand the postrelease process. This research will make a further important contribution to current literature/system gaps, particularly in a Western Australian context.</p>



Project Title	HREC1169 - The role of family-based attitude and belief systems in COVID-19 vaccination decisions among First Nation's People in Australia
Chief Investigator	Chantelle Blanco
Organisation	Edith Cowan University
Approval Date	07/July/2022
Project Narrative	<p>This project examines the role of family-based experiences and relationships in COVID-19 vaccination decisions among First Nations families. It uses a family resilience model to explore the strengths of First Nation's family composition when responding to a pandemic.</p> <p><b>**Emerging findings indicate that mandatory orders were experienced as a repeat of historical cultural repression however they demonstrated resilience in coping with overwhelming changes to family function during the pandemic.**</b></p> <p>Findings from this study will contribute to how Indigenous Communities and families can be better supported during health-related crisis, and specifically what the experiences of First Nations families during the Covid-19 pandemic can tell us about Health and Community planning in respect to future COVID-support measures.</p>

Project Title	HREC1171 - Healing Country: weaving knowledge systems to meet climate challenges
Chief Investigator	Brad Farrant
Organisation	Telethon Kids Institute
Approval Date	29/June/2022
Project Narrative	<p>Aboriginal people have close relationships to Country, passing on knowledge about changes that have happened over thousands and thousands of years. Traditional Knowledge is about living in balance with Country - it is why Aboriginal culture is the longest surviving on Earth. This is a community research project that will bring together knowledge to meet climate change challenges.</p>

Project Title	HREC1172 - Mingoke: "Making better"
Chief Investigator	Abby-Rose Cox
Organisation	Telethon Kids Institute
Approval Date	29/June/2022
Project Narrative	

Project Title	HREC1173 - Validation of the Violence Risk Scale for Australian Prison Populations
Chief Investigator	Emma Ziersch
Organisation	South Australia Department for Correctional Services (DCS)
Approval Date	15/August/2022
Project Narrative	This study will investigate whether the Violence Risk Scale (VRS) is suitable for assessing risk of violent reoffending amongst First Nations peoples. The findings will help to establish whether correctional agencies are adequately measuring risk and considering appropriate rehabilitation and management strategies for Aboriginal persons. This will ensure that we are not engaging in risk assessment practices that further marginalise and discriminate against Aboriginal people in our corrective systems.

Project Title	HREC1175 - Developmental disability in the family: Sibling outcomes in Western Australia, a data linkage study
Chief Investigator	Emma Glasson
Organisation	Telethon Kids Institute
Approval Date	29/June/2022
Project Narrative	This research will find out if siblings of children with developmental disabilities have poorer health and wellbeing compared to siblings from families where there is no disability. The findings will help us understand why some siblings may have better health than others, to recommend ways to improve sibling health and suggest additional types of support where possible.

Project Title	HREC1176 - Bridging the Divide: Investigating the Impact of a Dedicated Statewide Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Multidisciplinary Cancer Service
Chief Investigator	Andrew Redfern
Organisation	Fiona Stanley Hospital
Approval Date	29/June/2022
Project Narrative	Many recent discoveries have been made in WA explaining why Aboriginal women diagnosed with breast cancer have lower survival. These include getting more aggressive breast cancer types, having less intensive and shorter treatment, suffering more drug side effects and having poorer nutrition. This project will monitor a central team of breast cancer experts, including Aboriginal health workers and medical and nursing specialists in breast cancer. This team will be creating a plan using this new knowledge to best treat every Aboriginal woman diagnosed with breast cancer to improve treatment, lessen side effects and improve survival. By collecting information at diagnosis and following

	up later in treatment, then comparing to past results, we are looking to see if this new state-wide team approach leads to better outcomes.
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Project Title	HREC1177 - Ethical Statutory Systems Change Project [working title]
Chief Investigator	Michael Wright
Organisation	Curtin University
Approval Date	15/August/2022
Project Narrative	Two state government agencies; the Office of the Chief Psychiatrist of Western Australia and the Mental Health Advocacy Service, are responsible for ensuring that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people's human and cultural rights are upheld when they are accessing mental health care and treatment in hospital or in the community. The Ethical Statutory Systems Change Project brings Aboriginal Elders and young people together with staff from the Office of the Chief Psychiatrist and the Mental Health Advocacy Service to co-design more culturally safe ways to respond to the needs and priorities of Aboriginal people, families and communities. The project aim is to improve the health and wellbeing of Aboriginal people by building non-Aboriginal service leaders and staff members' understanding of Aboriginal cultural ways of doing things and their ability to work in genuine partnership with Aboriginal people.

Project Title	HREC1178 - Linking for Life: pathways of young people born between 1990 and 2015 in contact with multiple government agencies in Western Australia
Chief Investigator	David Preen
Organisation	UWA
Approval Date	29/June/2022
Project Narrative	

Project Title	HREC1180 - The OVARIAN Study.
Chief Investigator	Penelope Webb
Organisation	QIMR Berghofer Medical Research In
Approval Date	15/August/2022
Project Narrative	

Project Title	HREC1183 - A Western Australian cancer registry-based study investigating impacts of Indigenous Status, location, gender, and socio-economic factors on bladder cancer outcomes
Chief Investigator	Mohammed Al-Zubaidi
Organisation	Fiona Stanley Hospital
Approval Date	15/August/2022
Project Narrative	This study will identify the impacts of Indigenous Status, location, gender, and socio-economic factors on bladder cancer outcomes. Therefore, it will improve the bladder cancer survival.

Project Title	HREC1184 - National It's Your Right Health Promotion Campaign Evaluation
Chief Investigator	Margaret Hellard
Organisation	Monash University
Approval Date	15/August/2022
Project Narrative	<p>This project will evaluate the development, outcomes and experience of the It's Your Right campaign, a national health promotion campaign designed to address barriers to accessing hepatitis C testing and treatment for people who inject drugs (PWID).</p> <p>In Australia, an estimated 120,000 people live with hepatitis C. Treatment has advanced in recent years, and hepatitis C is now able to be cured with tablets and few side effects in 8-12 weeks. Despite the availability of new treatments, many barriers to testing and treatment still exist for people from at-risk populations, including PWID and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.</p> <p>It's Your Right combines a national social marketing campaign with health promotion activities run by peer-based organisations in local areas, to promote the availability of new treatments, and increase access to testing and treatment. This evaluation will determine the outcomes of this approach, and will inform future campaigns aimed at increasing hepatitis C testing and treatment uptake among PWID and other communities at risk of hepatitis C.</p>



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Project Title	HREC1037 - Transforming Indigenous Mental Health and Wellbeing: Stream 3 – Empowering Service Systems
Chief Investigator	Helen Milroy
Organisation	The University of Western Australia
Approval Date	3/8/2021
Project Narrative	We will work with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community members, consumers, mental health workers, as well as Traditional Healers and Elders to understand what the key components of a culturally safe mental health service are (please see a map of our project below). Improving service systems to be culturally safe for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander consumers of mainstream mental health services is vital for empowering Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families and communities.

Project Title	HREC1038 - Is it lawful to evict children to homelessness from public housing in Western Australia?
Chief Investigator	Mary Anne Kenny
Organisation	Murdoch University
Approval Date	1/20/2021
Project Narrative	Each year the Housing Authority evicts hundreds of households, but does not release the data about how many children are evicted to homelessness. This legal research seeks to ascertain the extent of this problem, and to examine whether this practice is lawful. The research will involve a case study of policy reform advocacy to prevent the eviction of children to homelessness from public housing.

Project Title	HREC1039 - Prevention of childhood iron deficiency anaemia in Aboriginal communities
Chief Investigator	Garth Kendall
Organisation	Curtin University
Approval Date	12/11/2020
Project Narrative	In Aboriginal communities in the northern parts of Western Australia, it is common for children to have iron deficiency anaemia. Childhood iron deficiency anaemia affects health and development, and it can have lifelong consequences. The prevalence of childhood iron deficiency anaemia remains high despite the best efforts of families and health service staff over many years. This study, conducted in partnership with the Western Australian Country Health Service, the Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services, and the Curtin University Centre for Aboriginal Studies aims to identify barriers and enablers to the successful prevention and management of childhood iron deficiency anaemia in Aboriginal rural and remote communities in Western Australia and to assess the acceptability of a range of interventions.

Project Title	HREC1040 - Do major spinal and hip surgeries improve the lives of children with severe disability and their families?
Chief Investigator	Jenny Downs
Organisation	Telethon Kids Institute
Approval Date	2/1/2021
Project Narrative	Children with severe intellectual disability can develop problems with their hips and spine which may need orthopaedic surgery. We analysed hospital data for children with intellectual disability and found that children who underwent complex hip and spine surgery needed less frequent hospital admissions after having the surgery. This suggests that surgery to reduce deformity was beneficial to the child's health more generally.

Project Title	HREC1041 - Kimberly Aboriginal Suicide Prevention Trial (KASPT) Evaluation Project
Chief Investigator	Shol Blustein
Organisation	Impact Co.
Approval Date	2/19/2021
Project Narrative	The Kimberley Aboriginal Suicide Prevention Trial (the Trial) trialled a region-wide approach to reduce the prevalence of self-harm and suicide in the Kimberley Region of Western Australia. The Trial had an initial investment of \$5 million dollars into 45 activities and represented the first time that a systems-based approach to reduce self-harm and suicide in Aboriginal Communities adopted the framework articulated in the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Suicide Prevention Evaluation Project (ATSISPEP) report. The key insight emerging from the Trial was that any future approach must prioritise community leadership and governance by investing in creating engaged, robust, effective, and capable community leadership and governance structures that can understand and respond to the breadth of cultural and social determinants that influence the rates of suicide and self-harm.

Project Title	HREC1043 - Enhancing the acceptability of tele and digital health services for Kimberley Aboriginal people
Chief Investigator	Emma Carlin
Organisation	Kimberley Aboriginal Medical Services
Approval Date	2/19/2021
Project Narrative	The Kimberley region has an emerging relationship with tele and digital health initiatives. This project will describe the types of telehealth initiatives occurring within the Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services and examine barriers, enablers and future opportunities for telehealth across the region. The project will also support the implementation and evaluation of the Kimberley Aboriginal Medical Services (KAMS) new telehealth platform, using Visionflex infrastructure, across the KAMS remote clinic sites.

Project Title	HREC1044 - 15 years of research in the Kimberley, 2006-2020
Chief Investigator	Kelly Blackburn
Organisation	Kimberley Aboriginal Medical Services
Approval Date	2/19/2021
Project Narrative	The purpose of this research is to investigate the characteristics and outcomes of the last 15 years of health research in the Kimberley region, to inform future research priorities and guidelines in the area. The Kimberley is a heavily researched region and it is important to ensure that the burden of research does not outweigh the benefit it intends to impart on the community

Project Title	HREC1046 - Transitioning from out-of-home care: A longitudinal population-based study
Chief Investigator	Donna Chung
Organisation	Curtin University
Approval Date	5/7/2021
Project Narrative	The study will report on the health, education and justice outcomes of WA First Nations young people who have been placed in out of home care (kincare, foster care and residential care). Importantly it will compare these outcomes with WA First Nations young people not involved in the care system and the populations of young people in WA generally. The findings will identify factors leading to positive outcomes and factors which most disadvantage young people. It is hoped that the most influential factors can be used to drive better culturally responsive practice so that young people's health and wellbeing can be improved. Implementing such approaches could contribute to closing the gap.

Project Title	HREC1047 - Australian Strep A Vaccine Initiative Urban Pharyngitis Surveillance Study
Chief Investigator	Jonathan Carapetis
Organisation	Telethon Kids Institute
Approval Date	2/19/2021
Project Narrative	Not Provided



Project Title	HREC1048 - Evaluation of the Early Years Intervention: Family Impact Study
Chief Investigator	Rosemary Cahill
Organisation	Telethon Kids Institute
Approval Date	4/28/2021
Project Narrative	Launched in 2018, the Early Years Initiative (EYI) aims to fast-track improvements in health, development and learning outcomes of children from conception to four years of age through community led changes to services and supports for families and their very young children. This project aims to evaluate the EYI using a variety of methods including surveys, focus groups and interviews. The longer-term project goal is to determine which (and how) local changes can be applied at scale in the future, to benefit young children across Western Australia and beyond.

Project Title	HREC1049 - Training Health Providers to work with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander LGBTQA+ youth
Chief Investigator	Bep Uink
Organisation	Murdoch University
Approval Date	6/21/2021
Project Narrative	This project will result in inclusive practice training that can be accessed by staff working in Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations (ACCOs) across Australia. The training will build upon staff capacity to support the health and wellbeing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander LGBTQA+ youth and their families.

Project Title	HREC1050 - Mothers, their infants and service providers involved in child protection processes
Chief Investigator	Melissa O'Donnell
Organisation	University of South Australia
Approval Date	2/19/2021
Project Narrative	There are rising numbers of pregnant mothers and infants involved in the child protection system. The aim of this research is to understand from mothers and service providers the reasons why families are being notified to child protection, the support being offered to families, their effectiveness and what recommendations they have for improving processes and support.

Project Title	HREC1051 - The Western Australian Heart Valve Study (WAVES)
Chief Investigator	Graham Hillis
Organisation	Royal Perth Hospital
Approval Date	2/19/2021
Project Narrative	The WAVES research project will contribute to knowledge about the long-term outcomes of patients who have had heart valve surgery. Data from this project may lead to improvements in decision-making regarding the management of heart valve disorders. It may also help scientists with the design of future research projects related to heart valve disorders.

Project Title	HREC1052 - Adaptation of 'Coping with self-harm: A Guide for Parents and Families' for Aboriginal parents/carers and communities
Chief Investigator	Pat Dudgeon
Organisation	The University of Western Australia
Approval Date	3/26/2021
Project Narrative	Aboriginal families, young people and mental health and wellbeing stakeholders' understandings, knowledge and lived experience will inform the development of a resource to support Aboriginal families and communities caring for young people who engage in self-harm. The resource booklet for families of young people who self-harm will have broad applicability for other Aboriginal communities across Australia. The on-line version should be able to be adapted to local settings.

Project Title	HREC1053 - Aboriginal Navigator to Support Aboriginal Patients with Cancer in WA
Chief Investigator	Sandra Thompson
Organisation	The University of Western Australia
Approval Date	6/11/2021
Project Narrative	Aboriginal people have poorer outcomes of cancer compared to the broader WA population, even when diagnosed at a similar stage of disease, reflecting poorer access to services, lack of culturally appropriate services and socioeconomic disadvantage. Experience elsewhere has shown the value of "navigators" to assist underserved populations to negotiate their way through the health system. To help improve Aboriginal cancer outcomes, this research explores the views of Aboriginal people with cancer (or their family members) regarding what additional assistance is needed for Aboriginal people accessing cancer treatment in Perth, based upon insights from their own experience. This research uses qualitative approaches information will inform development of an Aboriginal cancer navigator position.

Project Title	HREC1054 - The delivery of aged care services and telehealth during COVID-19 in the Kimberley region of Western Australia
Chief Investigator	Karen Clark-Burg
Organisation	University of Notre Dame
Approval Date	5/3/2021
Project Narrative	Not Provided

Project Title	HREC1055 - Tackling Indigenous Smoking – Regional Grants Impact and Outcome Assessment
Chief Investigator	Raglan Maddox
Organisation	Australian National University
Approval Date	4/9/2021
Project Narrative	The Evaluation explores a range of impacts resulting from the TIS program. This Evaluation is generating evidence to support and inform service providers and communities to accelerated declines in smoking prevalence and related behaviours, ultimately supporting improvements in health outcomes.

Project Title	HREC1056 - Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People's responses to the COVID-19 Pandemic
Chief Investigator	Margaret Raven
Organisation	UNSW
Approval Date	11/24/2021
Project Narrative	This study aims to understand how Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisations (ACCHOs) and the communities they service have responded to the COVID-19 pandemic. The researchers will conduct surveys and interviews/yarning circles in five case study locations, on in NSW and four sites in WA. Baabayan Aboriginal Corporation will support research in Mt Druitt (Sydney, NSW) and Southern Aboriginal Corporation (WA) will support the research across their four sites: Albany, Katanning, Narrogin, and Bunbury. The study will help to identify what protective factors helped to strengthen the well-being of Aboriginal communities during the pandemic and how to respond to future crisis, including the ongoing crisis of COVID-19.

Project Title	HREC1057 - TIMHWB: Cultural Exchange Program for Researchers
Chief Investigator	Pat Dudgeon
Organisation	The University of Western Australia
Approval Date	4/22/2021
Project Narrative	To develop cultural awareness, competency, and capability in research staff undertaking mental health and wellbeing research involving Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. This understanding will have the potential to inform the design and development of programs designed to build the cultural responsiveness of mental health professionals and decolonising educational curriculums, in addition to empowering the SEWB workforce.

Project Title	HREC1058 - Coverage of Diabetic Eye Care in the Kimberley Region According to Population-Based Needs
Chief Investigator	Angus Turner
Organisation	The University of Western Australia
Approval Date	4/21/2021
Project Narrative	This project aims to provide an updated picture of the delivery of diabetic eye care in the Kimberley region, addressing whether the services are meeting the needs of the region. Through this project we can contextualise diabetic eye care in the region and shed a light on which services are being more readily access by the Indigenous people. This project will also be able to identify gaps in service, that through collaboration, can be addressed to improve service delivery and help to work towards lessening the burden of diabetic eye disease.

Project Title	HREC1059 - Koolungar Urban Moorditj Health Skin: Determining the burden of skin disease in urban Aboriginal children and adolescents
Chief Investigator	Asha Bowen
Organisation	Telethon Kids Institute
Approval Date	4/9/2021
Project Narrative	The Koolungar Moorditj Healthy Skin project aims to discover how common skin infections are for urban-living Aboriginal children. Untreated skin infections can result in hospitalisation, life-threatening bloodstream infections and rheumatic heart disease. In partnership with Noongar Elders and community, our team will determine how common infectious and non-infectious skin diseases are, and identify sustainable, community-wide strategies for prevention.

Project Title	HREC1062 - Delphi Study: Identifying Mental Health Research Priorities for Western Australia
Chief Investigator	Peter McEvoy
Organisation	Curtin University
Approval Date	6/11/2021
Project Narrative	There is limited funding for research in mental health, so it is important that we find out what areas of research would be most beneficial to the community. We did a Delphi study to bring together the views of many people with professional or personal experience in mental health across Western Australia about what research needs to be done (i.e., research priorities) and how (i.e., research principles). We hope that the results will help to guide better funding in mental health research, and helps researchers or clinicians focus on research that is relevant, meaningful and supports the mental health and wellbeing of the WA community.

Project Title	HREC1063 - ENT outreach clinics in the COVID era: lessons learnt and future planning
Chief Investigator	Jafri Kuthubutheen
Organisation	Fiona Stanley Hospital
Approval Date	6/11/2021
Project Narrative	COVID-19 has forced the Ear Nose and Throat (ENT) outreach to the Kimberley region to adapt to a Telehealth model to ensure we can continue to provide a safe and effective service for the communities. Our research is assessing the experiences of both patients and healthcare workers who have been involved in the clinics, to ascertain challenges and benefits of the program, as well as looking at the outcomes from the Telehealth reviews. The research will help us to shape the service that ENT surgeons will continue to provide in the Kimberley region, ensuring that the communities we visit have a say on the model of care they receive.

Project Title	HREC1066 - Be Healthy: Implementing culturally secure programs for obesity and chronic disease prevention with remote Aboriginal communities and families
Chief Investigator	Julia Marley
Organisation	Kimberley Aboriginal Medical Services
Approval Date	6/11/2021
Project Narrative	This project combines the power of research to drive evidence-based positive behaviour change with the wisdom, knowledge and cultural strength of Aboriginal communities, integrated with the major Kimberley healthcare providers. The co-designed Be Healthy Program involves practical education, discussion of diabetes and other chronic diseases, healthy cooking on a camp stove, stress management and group physical activity. This project aims to show how the Be Healthy Program can be scaled up and transferred to other Aboriginal communities, leading to reduced rates of diabetes and obesity, and improved health and quality of life.

Project Title	HREC1067 - Investigating progression to type 2 diabetes among Kimberley Aboriginal people to improve screening and prevention
Chief Investigator	Julia Marley
Organisation	Kimberley Aboriginal Medical Services
Approval Date	6/11/2021
Project Narrative	Regular screening for diabetes is standard in the Kimberley and this process can also detect people at high risk for diabetes ("pre-diabetes"). This quality improvement project will identify ways to strengthen diabetes screening practices across the Kimberley region through better understanding patterns of progression to diabetes, and generate evidence about beneficial practices and gaps in supporting healthy lifestyle practices for patients with pre-diabetes within primary health care. Longer-term, this may contribute to constraining the enormous burden of diabetes that impacts on individuals, communities and health services.

Project Title	HREC1068 - Pilot Study: Finding Country, Finding Home: Sociocultural spatial analysis of the design and lived experiences of Aboriginal residential aged care
Chief Investigator	Holly Farley
Organisation	University of Notre Dame
Approval Date	10/26/2021
Project Narrative	The demands and challenges facing the ageing Aboriginal population in the North West are being realised and increasingly understood. The small, dispersed populations are experiencing significant barriers in accessing appropriate aged care including, leaving their traditional lands and familiar surrounds. Maintaining connection to Country, family and community, presents significant challenges within residential aged care and the built environment. Using architectural and ethnographic methods, this study analyses the relationship between sociocultural-spatial factors, the resident's ability to find home, maintain connection to Country and Quality of Life. The findings will add to the knowledge about the nature and behaviour of living systems with in Residential Aged Care.

Project Title	HREC1070 - Feed the Little Children Evaluative Research
Chief Investigator	Sandra Woollorton
Organisation	University of Notre Dame
Approval Date	8/30/2021
Project Narrative	The narrative of this research focuses on how we – as a community – understand wellbeing so that social, cultural and health dimensions are included as a foundation to public policy and practice. We use the Kimberley Aboriginal Medical Service's definition of Aboriginal health, which is: "Not just the physical wellbeing of an individual, but the social, emotional and cultural wellbeing of the whole community in which each individual is able to achieve their full potential as a human being, thereby bringing about the total wellbeing of their community. It is a whole of life view and includes the cyclical concept of life-death-life."(KAMS, 2017, P. 2). This research targets the social and cultural dimensions of wellbeing.

Project Title	HREC1071 - Aboriginal Perspectives of Infant Resuscitation
Chief Investigator	Caroline Nilson
Organisation	Murdoch University
Approval Date	8/30/2021
Project Narrative	This study will work with the Aboriginal community to create infant resuscitation education that is culturally responsive and safe. This will be the basis for a framework for how health services can provide such education in a culturally safe environment and encourage involvement from the community to share this information.

Project Title	HREC1072 - Kimberley Health Adults Project (Visit 3)
Chief Investigator	Leon Flicker
Organisation	The University of Western Australia
Approval Date	10/26/2021
Project Narrative	The Kimberley Healthy Adults Project is a longitudinal study which has been working with Derby and 6 Kimberley communities since 2003. The project's aim is to determine what is needed for Aboriginal people in the Kimberley to age well. By looking at older peoples' health and wellbeing outcomes over a long period of time, the project will identify what health and wellbeing characteristics, supports and services are required for older Aboriginal people to age well, informing service provision in the Kimberley region and contributing to a nationwide Aboriginal ageing well strategy.

Project Title	HREC1074 - Is a cultural lens used to deliver smoking cessation health promotion and education to Aboriginal people in a setting in the Wheatbelt, WA? A narrative inquiry
Chief Investigator	Caroline Nilson
Organisation	Murdoch University
Approval Date	6/11/2021
Project Narrative	A key aspect which health service providers must consider in order to improve the engagement of Aboriginal Australians in health promotion and preventative services is to ensure services remain respectful and culturally safe to facilitate empowerment of consumers to take control of their health. This is achieved through connecting with and receiving feedback from the individuals and communities in which the service is designed to engage, ensuring a service continues to acknowledge that the health paradigm for Aboriginal Australians adopts a holistic view that incorporates social, emotional and cultural wellbeing, as well as prompting an evaluation of how the service recognises the health of an individual is impacted by connection to land, culture, ancestry and language. The purpose of this study was to hear the unique perspectives and experiences of attendees and facilitators of Ngamari Free smoking cessation health promotion events conducted by the Wheatbelt Tackling Indigenous Smoking (TIS) program to explore the cultural safety and competence of the quit smoking health promotion and education delivered to Aboriginal people of the Wheatbelt region engaging with the Wheatbelt TIS program.

Project Title	HREC1075 - Longitudinal study of wellbeing and quality of life in remote Indigenous youth: The Bigiswun Kid project
Chief Investigator	Elizabeth Elliott
Organisation	Westmead Clinical School
Approval Date	6/11/2021
Project Narrative	The Bigiswun Kid Project will provide novel information on longitudinal outcomes for adolescents in remote Aboriginal Australia and document first-hand experiences of the facilitators and barriers young people face accessing services. Such information is essential to inform future service planning and provision of specialised support.



Project Title	HREC1077 - Evaluation of the TeleChemotherapy service in country Western Australia
Chief Investigator	Wei-Sen Lam
Organisation	Fiona Stanley Hospital
Approval Date	6/11/2021
Project Narrative	The WA Country Health Service (WACHS) introduced TeleChemotherapy in 2019. Currently available in Broome, Karratha, and Narrogin, cancer specialists use telehealth to support country people with cancer to receive treatments like chemotherapy close to home. In this way, TeleChemotherapy aims to improve outcomes of country people affected by cancer, including the many Aboriginal people with cancer living in these communities. This research project explores patient and healthcare professional experiences with TeleChemotherapy, as well as information about treatment types, safety, and estimated costs. These results allow us to better understand this cancer service, so that TeleChemotherapy can be improved to better serve country and Aboriginal people with cancer.

Project Title	HREC1078 - Evaluation of the Indigenous DRUMBEAT Program Pilot
Chief Investigator	Karen Martin
Organisation	The University of Western Australia
Approval Date	6/11/2021
Project Narrative	The significant health issues within the Indigenous populations in the Kimberley region requires innovative strategies which are culturally appropriate and safe. This projects involves the evaluation of the pilot testing of the Indigenous DRUMBEAT Program in Broome and Halls Creek. The Indigenous DRUMBEAT Program involves ten sessions of drumming using Djembes and therapeutic discussion led by a local Aboriginal person trained in delivering the program. By interviewing people who participate in the Indigenous DRUMBEAT program, and the facilitators who lead and support the sessions, this project will determine the impact of the program. Evaluation results will assist with program refinement and the potential wider implementation of the program to assist Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders nation-wide.

Project Title	HREC1080 - Deadly Koolinga Chef Program: Kwob mereny, moorditj kaadadjan (good food, wonderful learning)
Chief Investigator	Caroline Nilson
Organisation	Murdoch University
Approval Date	6/11/2021
Project Narrative	The Deadly Koolinga Chef Program (DKCP) is an Aboriginal community-based translational research project providing cooking and nutrition instruction to children and adolescents aimed at improving health outcomes by developing knowledge and skills in good nutrition, healthy eating, and cooking. The translational research project is being conducted in partnership with Aboriginal organisations, an Aboriginal health service, local government and schools in the Peel region (Bindjareb Nyungar boodjar) of WA and is delivering cooking and nutrition classes for children and adolescents on a weekly basis through the school terms.

Project Title	HREC1082 - Using Co-design to develop an Aboriginal Graduate Nurse Program
Chief Investigator	Rhonda Marriott
Organisation	Murdoch University
Approval Date	10/26/2021
Project Narrative	Not Provided

Project Title	HREC1083 - A Profile of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Worker/Practitioner Workforce and its involvement in Hearing Health Care
Chief Investigator	Helen Goulios
Organisation	The University of Western Australia
Approval Date	8/30/2021
Project Narrative	Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Health Workers and Health Practitioners complete wide-ranging studies in primary health care enabling workers to provide culturally safe health care including in managing hearing problems and ear disease. There is a lack of information about the professions' profile and further research is needed to determine the adequacy of professional resource numbers. When asked about the challenges in working in rural and remote areas, the professions strongly indicated that lack of resources including inadequate funding, a lack of urgency by government, the need for additional health workers who were (up-)skilled in ear and hearing health and more professionals living and working in rural and remote areas.

Project Title	HREC1084 - Cohort of Australian HIV Women (CLIO)
Chief Investigator	Kathy Petoumenos
Organisation	Kirby Institute, UNSW
Approval Date	10/26/2021
Project Narrative	The CLIO study aims to describe the current clinical health, experiences and potential gaps in clinical care of women living with HIV in Australia. The findings from this study will help to inform prevention and education initiatives and improve health outcomes and equity among women living with HIV.

Project Title	HREC1085 - The effect of maternal age and ethnicity on pregnancy complications, length of labour, and mode of birth in Western Australia.
Chief Investigator	Gizachew Tessema
Organisation	Curtin University
Approval Date	10/26/2021
Project Narrative	This project aims to investigate the role of maternal age and ethnicity for pregnancy and labour complications among first time mothers in WA. The findings of the research will inform maternal health services in Australia.

Project Title	HREC1086 - Aboriginal Noongar Men's Lived Experiences on Childbirth
Chief Investigator	Diana Arabiat
Organisation	Edith Cowan University
Approval Date	10/26/2021
Project Narrative	The findings from this project will provide an understanding of the importance of Noongar men's role during childbirth within Aboriginal communities and the wider health care community. The findings from this study may influence health guidelines and policy and enhance cultural competency practices within health care providers' practice.

Project Title	HREC1087 - Evaluating the introduction of Humidified High-Flow nasal cannula therapy into an Australian Aeromedical Service within a paediatric population
Chief Investigator	Cameron Yap
Organisation	Perth Children's Hospital
Approval Date	8/30/2021
Project Narrative	Not Provided

Project Title	HREC1088 - Aboriginal preschool children's oral health
Chief Investigator	Linda Slack-Smith
Organisation	The University of Western Australia
Approval Date	10/26/2021
Project Narrative	This project will raise the profile for Aboriginal families of the impact of high sugar consumption on their young children's health and what the alternatives are. The research will give a voice to Aboriginal people about their knowledge and experiences related to this issue, the challenges they face and behaviours that can either promote or compromise good health.

Project Title	HREC1089 - Increasing Aboriginal women's engagement with antenatal and postnatal services to prevent congenital syphilis in Western Australia: Stories of success and lessons learned
Chief Investigator	Roanna Lobo
Organisation	Curtin University
Approval Date	10/26/2021
Project Narrative	The syphilis epidemic has been ongoing for more than seven years in some WA regions. Identifying ways to engage Aboriginal pregnant women in antenatal and postnatal care is critical to diagnose syphilis early and prevent congenital syphilis. Sharing stories of success and lessons learned across the WA regions is important to improve pregnancy outcomes for Aboriginal women and their babies.

Project Title	HREC1090 - Tjilku Walykumunu: Ngaanyatjarra Lands Child Health Study
Chief Investigator	Rosalie Schultz
Organisation	Ngaanyatjarra Health Service
Approval Date	8/30/2021
Project Narrative	This study aims to explore ways to improve health outcomes for children living in the geographically isolated Aboriginal communities of the Ngaanyatjarra lands. We will investigate the social, cultural, environmental, economic factors, and health influences affecting child health in the Ngaanyatjarra lands and describe the implications of these factors for improving child health outcomes in the Ngaanyatjarra region.

Project Title	HREC1092 - Health service utilisation and preventable mortality among justice-involved young people: A national, retrospective data linkage study
Chief Investigator	Stuart Kinner
Organisation	University of Melbourne
Approval Date	10/26/2021
Project Narrative	Young people exposed to the youth justice system experience profound health disparities. A critical barrier to protecting the health of these vulnerable young people is a persistent lack of information on their health needs, and the use of this information to guide evidence-informed responses to reduce inequity. This project uses a globally unprecedented, national data linkage of de-identified youth justice, mortality, and health records to fill this knowledge gap and drive forward effective, evidence-based policy and practice responses that support the health of some of Australia's most marginalised young people.

Project Title	HREC1093 - Co-design of youth-friendly, culturally appropriate models of care with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children and Youth with type 2 diabetes
Chief Investigator	Renae Kirkham
Organisation	Menzies School of Health Research
Approval Date	8/30/2021
Project Narrative	Only a few decades ago, type 2 diabetes was generally considered to be a condition of adulthood and was rarely seen in children and young people. Our project has recently highlighted a marked increase in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and youth being diagnosed with type 2 diabetes across Northern Australia <sup>1</sup> . Subsequently, there is a critical need for diabetes health services that are responsive to the physical and psychosocial needs of young people. Our study aims to collaboratively develop and evaluate culturally safe and age-appropriate approaches to diabetes care for young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people across Northern Australia. 1 Titmuss A, Davis E, O'Donnell V, Wenitong M... Maple-Brown L, Haynes A., on behalf of the Hot North Diabetes in Youth Collaboration group, Youth type 2 diabetes among First Nations young people in northern Australia: a retrospective, cross-sectional study, Lancet Diabetes Endocrinol 2021

Project Title	HREC1094 - Transforming Indigenous Mental Health and Wellbeing Project – Mapping Patient Journeys
Chief Investigator	Helen Milroy
Organisation	The University of Western Australia
Approval Date	10/26/2021
Project Narrative	We will combine various sources of information (consumer interviews & observational studies) to model and map the journey of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander consumers of mental health services, through the mental health system in the Great Southern region. This will help us identify points in the system which need improvement to promote cultural and clinical safety in both the short and long term. Improving service systems to be culturally safe for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander consumers of mainstream mental health services is vital for empowering Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families and communities.

Project Title	HREC1095 - Youth Consultations on Cultural, Social and Emotional Wellbeing Service and Information Needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Youths
Chief Investigator	Pat Dudgeon
Organisation	The University of Western Australia
Approval Date	10/26/2021
Project Narrative	<p>To understand the cultural, social, and emotional wellbeing service and resource needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people when they, their families or communities are experiencing crisis. This understanding will highlight any gaps between the services and resources currently available, and the needs required to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people.</p> <p>This understanding will have the potential to inform the design and development of additional services and resources that will contribute to improving the cultural, social and emotional wellbeing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people, to strengthen self-determination and resilience, and address the high suicide rates among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people. In the longer term, an improved social and emotional wellbeing will increase resilience in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young peoples and protect against suicidal thoughts and behaviours.</p>

Project Title	HREC1096 - Health Outcomes of Children Living in Out-of-Home Care(OOHC) in Metropolitan Western Australia
Chief Investigator	Hope Kachila
Organisation	University of Notre Dame
Approval Date	11/24/2021
Project Narrative	The aim of this research is to examine and establish the health outcomes of children living in out-of-home care (OOHC) in Perth from the perspective of the care recipients and service providers. A Study Advisory Panel will be established comprised of Aboriginal Elders, family members and other relevant stakeholders which will help co-design all phases of the study. The research will produce an overview of the current health needs and a baseline evaluation of the current processes along with the perspectives of service consumers, providers and stakeholders which will provide valuable evidence for quality improvement of health service delivery to better meet the needs of children and young people in OOHC.

Project Title	HREC1097 - Family and Domestic Violence Hubs Monitoring and Evaluation: Phase 2
Chief Investigator	David Hodgson
Organisation	Curtin University
Approval Date	10/26/2021
Project Narrative	Curtin University is researching the benefits and effectiveness of the FDV hubs in Mirrabooka and Kalgoorlie. The study will help better understand how hubs can reduce family and domestic violence in the community and improve services for women experiencing family and domestic violence.

Project Title	HREC1098 - Wangkiny Yirra "Speaking Up" Project - First Nations women and children with disability and their experiences of family and domestic violence
Chief Investigator	Jocelyn Jones
Organisation	Curtin University
Approval Date	8/30/2021
Project Narrative	First Nations women and children with disability are at greater risk of family and domestic violence and its consequences than their non-Indigenous peers. Despite this, the voices of Aboriginal people are largely missing from disability research in Australia. The aim of this project is to consult with First Nations communities and key stakeholders in Western Australia (WA) to gain an understanding of their experiences of family and domestic violence, the factors they believe open them to the risk of harm, their observations of barriers or enablers to seeking assistance and support, and views on best practice in currently available or recommendations for future culturally safe prevention and protection programs.

Project Title	HREC1099 - Aboriginal families' perceptions of the role of added sugar in health
Chief Investigator	Linda Slack-Smith
Organisation	The University of Western Australia
Approval Date	8/30/2021
Project Narrative	This project will raise the profile for Aboriginal families of the impact of high sugar consumption on their young children's health and what the alternatives are. The research will give a voice to Aboriginal people about their knowledge and experiences related to this issue, the challenges they face and behaviours that can either promote or compromise good health.

Project Title	HREC1101 - Poche Proposal – Child and Adolescent Health Service Aboriginal Family and Youth Engagement Project
Chief Investigator	Melanie Robinson
Organisation	Child and Adolescent Health Service
Approval Date	10/26/2021
Project Narrative	The project aims to measure the experiences of Aboriginal families and young people and how they interact with the Child and Adolescent Health Service. The interactions with Aboriginal families are often difficult to measure and an unpleasant experience with a health service can often have an impact on future attendance at appointments and across time this can impact on the health and wellbeing of the Aboriginal children and young people. By utilising an existing tool to measure the patient experience we can begin to capture some of the voices of the Aboriginal families and utilise this to design and implement services that meet the needs of Aboriginal families.

Project Title	HREC1102 - Indigenous worldviews incorporated into m-health approaches for Indigenous women and children. Mums & Bubs Deadly Diets.
Chief Investigator	Kym Rae
Organisation	University of Queensland
Approval Date	11/24/2021
Project Narrative	The Mums & Bubs Deadly Diets project aims to co-design a prototype of a smartphone application or web-based tool with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elders, women, and communities to support healthy eating and healthy behaviours during pregnancy. The project will showcase Indigenous perspectives on nutrition needs in pregnancy, the potential of mobile health to address needs and will contribute to knowledge on how emerging technologies are built with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.



Project Title	HREC1103 - Co-designed system strengthening in community-controlled primary health care to increase clinical referrals to remote Aboriginal environmental health services based on need
Chief Investigator	Ray Christophers
Organisation	Nirrumbuk Environmental Health & Services
Approval Date	11/24/2021
Project Narrative	Not Provided

Project Title	HREC1106 - Co-designing the Curtin University Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Research Strategy
Chief Investigator	Michael Wright
Organisation	Curtin University
Approval Date	10/26/2021
Project Narrative	Aboriginal Elders, young people, academics and senior non-Aboriginal research staff at Curtin University will work together to develop an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Research Strategy that promotes Aboriginal ways of working and supports non-Aboriginal researchers to conduct culturally safe research with Aboriginal people. This co-design process will support the building of relationships and help non-Aboriginal academics to understand an Aboriginal worldview to change how Curtin undertakes Aboriginal research. In the long term, this way of working, together with the new Research Strategy, will promote greater self-determination and support Aboriginal peoples' social and emotional health and wellbeing.

Project Title	HREC1107 - Exploring the role of the Endorsed Midwife in an Aboriginal Medical Service setting
Chief Investigator	Nina Sivertsen
Organisation	Flinders University
Approval Date	11/24/2021
Project Narrative	This project aims to provide information to, and build capacity of, Aboriginal Medical Services maternal health models by identifying barriers and enablers of the role of the Endorsed Midwife in the AMS setting. Perspectives of Aboriginal women who have connected and utilised the Endorsed midwife service provides wholistic feedback of their experiences, yielding data useful to improve service implementation and quality.

Project Title	HREC1110 - RANZCOG Maternal Health Mapping Project (WA)
Chief Investigator	Tracy Reibel
Organisation	Murdoch University
Approval Date	11/24/2021
Project Narrative	The RANZCOG Maternal Health Mapping Project (WA) is an important opportunity for women to provide their views, ideas and opinions of women's health services including what needs to change and be improved. Both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal women's voices will be included. We will speak to women in diverse locations to ensure a diversity of views are collected.

Project Title	HREC1112 - Both-Way Learning: Aboriginal community-led health promotion action research
Chief Investigator	Judith Katzenellenbogen
Organisation	The University of Western Australia
Approval Date	11/24/2021
Project Narrative	This project aims to put into practice and evaluate a Both-Way-Learning (BWL) model for health promotion to increase research skills among Aboriginal people in WA and address community health priorities, initially in the South West region. Collaborating with and nested in the South West Aboriginal Medical Service (SWAMS), we will conduct BWL workshops with volunteer community researchers designed to develop research skills including numeracy, critical thinking, conceptual clarity and analytical skills using community health data. Using co-design processes, local community researchers will examine and select the most appropriate, useful and acceptable methods and objectives for their action research projects focussing on community-prioritised health promotion topics that have potential to improve the health of the local Aboriginal community.

Project Title	HREC1114 - Characteristics of Aboriginal Australians with obstructive sleep apnoea and CPAP treatment outcomes at a large Western Australian sleep service
Chief Investigator	Nigel McArdle
Organisation	Western Australian Sleep Disorders Research Institute
Approval Date	10/26/2021
Project Narrative	Sleep Apnoea is a condition that makes breathing during sleep difficult, causing sleepiness and poorer long term health. Understanding differences in the condition and its treatment between Aboriginal and Caucasian patients will help provide better individual care and inform patient choices.

Project Title	HREC1115 - Yarning About COVID (YAC) survey
Chief Investigator	Shea Spierings
Organisation	University of Queensland
Approval Date	10/26/2021
Project Narrative	The aim of the Yarning About COVID (YAC) survey is to gain an understanding of how information about COVID-19 has been shared and understood among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities across Australia. This project uses a survey to gather quantitative data that will be used to inform future pandemic health messaging strategies for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

Project Title	HREC1116 - Using the Growth and Empowerment Measure as a vehicle for service improvement.
Chief Investigator	Daniel Morrison
Organisation	Wungening Aboriginal Corporation
Approval Date	10/26/2021
Project Narrative	There is a pressing need to improve child protection systems for Aboriginal families in Western Australia, and in particular to support Aboriginal-led and delivered programs such as Wungening Moort. Wungening Moort will use the Growth and Empowerment Measure (GEM tool), which was developed by Aboriginal people, to measure the healing and empowerment families experience in the program and use this knowledge to improve the Wungening Moort program. This will build the evidence-base for Aboriginal-led programs which keep children and young people safely at home, connected with country, culture and community.

Project Title	HREC1117 - Aboriginal Consumer-Led Strategies to Reduce Harms From Illicit Drugs
Chief Investigator	Roanna Lobo
Organisation	Curtin University
Approval Date	10/26/2021
Project Narrative	Health and social costs of injecting drug use are high. The proposed interventions are consistent with a holistic approach to promoting health and wellbeing in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander populations and address structural drivers of health inequities

Project Title	HREC1121 - Characterising Hepatitis B in Australia through Molecular epidemiology longitudinal cohort study (CHARM 2) - longitudinal cohort study
Chief Investigator	Joshua Davis
Organisation	Menzies School of Health Research
Approval Date	10/26/2021
Project Narrative	The CHARM2 study is learning more about the types of Hepatitis B virus in Australia. This virus is very common in Aboriginal people across Australia and can cause liver failure and cancer. Research in the Northern Territory shows that the types of Hepatitis B virus in Australia are probably different to those in other countries. Learning more about the types of the virus in Western Australia will help find the best way to look after people with Hepatitis B.

Project Title	HREC1123 - A retrospective review of orbital floor reconstructions done in a tertiary hospital by the maxillofacial department
Chief Investigator	Lewis Hong
Organisation	Royal Perth Hospital
Approval Date	11/24/2021
Project Narrative	The main aim of this project is to look at the population of patients who undergo surgery for their eye socket after sustaining certain types of fractures, as well as the post-surgical outcomes. This data would assist in identifying Australian trends; data that may be useful for resource allocation and guiding future prospective studies.

Project Title	HREC1124 - Evaluation of a Service Delivery Model for the Yiriman Traditional Healing Practices Pilot
Chief Investigator	Gillian Kennedy
Organisation	University of Notre Dame
Approval Date	11/24/2021
Project Narrative	The Yiriman Traditional Healing Practices Pilot (THPP) seeks to harness the ancient wisdom and knowledge of Aboriginal traditional healing methods to address trauma and improve the well-being of Aboriginal people in the Kimberley, through its integration into the western medical system. This research, at the Nulungu Research Institute at The University of Notre Dame, Broome campus, will evaluate the process taken to develop a service delivery model for Traditional Healing in the Kimberley region. The project is being driven by cultural bosses of the Yiriman Project, under the auspices of the Kimberley Aboriginal Law and Culture Centre.

Project Title	HREC1125 - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander LGBTQA+ Social Emotional Wellbeing Care: Consumer Focus Groups
Chief Investigator	Andrea Steele
Organisation	Murdoch University
Approval Date	11/24/2021
Project Narrative	This study will explore the needs and desires of Aboriginal LGBTQA+ adults when accessing Social Emotional Wellbeing (SEWB) care services the Perth and Peel regions of Western Australia. In doing so, this study will be able to better equip service providers to support Aboriginal LGBTQA+ adults, with the goal of increasing patient wellbeing outcomes and service engagement.

Project Title	HREC1126 - Desktop research to inform the Kimberley Aboriginal Suicide, Mental Health and Self Harm Data Scoping Project
Chief Investigator	Kimberley Seear
Organisation	Kimberley Aboriginal Medical Services
Approval Date	11/24/2021
Project Narrative	The collection and analysis of relevant, high-quality data is necessary to support suicide prevention efforts. This desktop research project (primarily a literature review) will consolidate key existing knowledge and elucidate areas of uncertainty, to inform the decision-making of the Kimberley Aboriginal Suicide, Mental Health and Self-Harm Data Scoping Project Reference Group.

Project Title	HREC1128 - Do You See What I See? Research Project The perceptions of White Western Australians working in the human services sector and Aboriginal clients in the Perth Metropolitan area
Chief Investigator	John Carapetis
Organisation	Telethon Kids Institute
Approval Date	11/24/2021
Project Narrative	In better understanding these perceptions and how they mediate the interactions of the two groups it is proposed that these learnings and findings could form the evidence for more effective models of service delivery.

Project Title	HREC1131 - Regional collaboration to create a Kimberley Health Evidence Data Platform
Chief Investigator	Mick Gooda
Organisation	Kimberley Aboriginal Medical Services
Approval Date	12/15/2021
Project Narrative	Our vision is to create a linked Kimberley primary health care data platform, collaboratively, safely and securely, with appropriate access and use defined for health services and researchers.

Project Title	HREC1133 - Co-designing mindful compassion programs for wellbeing in the Fitzroy Valley
Chief Investigator	Amy Finlay-Jones
Organisation	Telethon Kids Institute
Approval Date	12/15/2021
Project Narrative	In this project, Marninwarntikura Women's Resource Centre are working with Telethon Kids Institute to develop a resource for promoting community wellbeing and supporting community workers to manage the effects of trauma. Our resource will focus on compassion - understanding how people can take care of themselves and other people without getting overwhelmed or burnt out.

Project Title	HREC1113 - A novel pilot project to improve sexual health engagement among young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in remote communities - Enhanced Walkabout Barber
Chief Investigator	Robert Monaghan
Organisation	Kirby Institute, UNSW
Approval Date	12/15/2021
Project Narrative	<p>Through co-design, collaboration and implementation with the Warburton community and health service we will increase local Aboriginal workforce capacity in Ngaanyatjarra Health Service (Peer Connectors), improve STI knowledge (community engagement with Walkabout), increase STI testing and treatment (community level coverage to reduce prevalence) and build partnerships and optimise referral pathways for sexual and mental health for the community.</p> <p>This project builds on an existing service, Walkabout Barber/Beauty, to raise awareness and knowledge of sexual health in the context of haircuts and beauty services in Warburton WA in partnership with Ngaanyatjarra Health Service. Members of the community are offered the opportunity to access either a free hair-cut or beauty service provided by Walkabout Barber enterprise, as well as attend a yarning circle workshop around sexual health, suicide prevention and access to Ngaanyatjarra Health services, conducted by Mr Dowd, (a trained trauma and recovery specialist) as well as Aboriginal Peer connectors (one male and one female) from within the community employed by NHS to engage and support community in a culturally safe way.</p>

Project Title	HREC1120 - Quantifying health service utilisation, mortality and temporal trends in people with mental illness or suicidal behaviour in Western Australia
Chief Investigator	Colleen O'Leary
Organisation	Office of the Chief Psychiatrist
Approval Date	12/15/2021
Project Narrative	This data linkage project will enable an in-depth examination of the patient journey over a ten-year period including their use of mental and physical health services, the standards of psychiatric care provided, and patient outcomes. The findings will have implications for planning, policy, practice and health service delivery relating to all Western Australians with mental illness or suicidal behaviour who are in contact with secondary health services.

Project Title	HREC1111 - Impact of Rapid Access to cardiology Determined multi-modality testing among Individuals presenting with new onset Chest pain: improving quality, efficiency and cost effectiveness at Royal Perth Hospital: The RADICAL project
Chief Investigator	Jonathan Spiro
Organisation	Royal Perth Hospital
Approval Date	12/15/2021
Project Narrative	Heart attacks remain the biggest killer in Australia and it is important to pick up symptoms early. Our study involves setting up a rapid access chest pain clinic at Royal Perth Hospital where we can learn more about which is the best test for people with chest pain. Through our research we hope to pick up important heart disease early so that we can continue to improve the health of people with heart disease.

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## **Summaries of Approved Projects**

**January – June 2016**



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<b>Project Title</b>	<i>2016 / 690 - Western Australian component of South Australian and Northern Territory Stroke Study (initial phase) (SAiNTSS1): Indigenous vs. non – Indigenous stroke incidence, mortality and disease burden</i>		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Judith Katzenellenbogen		
<b>Institution</b>	Telethon Kids Institute		
<b>Region</b>	State – wide		
<b>Start Date</b>	25/10/2015	<b>Finish Date</b>	31/01/2020
<b>Project Summary</b>	The aim of the SAiNTS Study is to assess the impact of stroke on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in SA, NT and WA, to outline barriers to care, and to identify critical targets to influence health system enhancement and change that will ultimately result in best practice health care and improved outcomes. This will involve a comparison with the non-Aboriginal population to determine disparities between the two population groups.		

<b>Project Title</b>	<i>2016 / 691 - A collaborative mumps outbreak investigation</i>		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Ashley Eastwood		
<b>Institution</b>	WACHS		
<b>Region</b>	Kimberley		
<b>Start Date</b>	12/01/2016	<b>Finish Date</b>	30/04/2016
<b>Project Summary</b>	<p>What can we learn about factors contributing to the 2015 mumps outbreak in the Kimberley?</p> <p>Describe the characteristics of Aboriginal people diagnoses with mumps as a notifiable condition during the 2015 outbreak including their vaccination history, age, social circumstances, comorbidities, genotype, access to healthcare and map geographic mobility and epilinks</p> <p>To convene an Aboriginal reference group to discuss these findings, consider their implications and develop guidance for KPHU for future disease control responses including community wide initiatives</p>		

<b>Project Title</b>	<i>2016 / 700 - Aboriginal women yarning about experiences as a student nurse in a WA university</i>		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Melanie Robinson		
<b>Institution</b>	Department of Health		
<b>Region</b>	Perth Metro, South West		
<b>Start Date</b>	July 2016	<b>Finish Date</b>	December 2018
<b>Project Summary</b>	<p>This study proposes to examine the experiences of third year Aboriginal nursing students and newly graduated Aboriginal nurses, to identify commonalities within their experiences related to what helped or hindered them in their studies.</p> <p>Aboriginal students experience high rates of attrition and lower completion rates in the nursing programs at the undergraduate level. A number of previous studies have explored the barriers to completion and strategies necessary for Aboriginal nursing student success but they have not been conducted in Western Australia.</p>		

<b>Project Title</b>	<i>2016 / 701 – Progression of chronic kidney disease to end – stage in the Kimberley region</i>		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Emma Griffiths		
<b>Institution</b>	Kimberley Renal Services & Rural Clinical School of Western Australia		
<b>Region</b>	Kimberley		
<b>Start Date</b>	March 2016	<b>Finish Date</b>	March 2017
<b>Project Summary</b>	<p>The aim of the project is to therefore determine the effect of AKI in contributing to the progression of existing CKD in an Aboriginal cohort. This will be achieved by fulfilling a number of specific aims including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identifying the number of episodes of AKI</li> <li>• Describing the cause and severity of AKI episodes</li> <li>• Comparing the progression of CKD towards ESKD between people with CKD with AKI and people without AKI</li> <li>• Identifying and controlling for chronic disease indicators (cardiovascular disease, diabetes mellitus, hypertension, ACE inhibitor use) that are related to progression to ESKD</li> <li>• Identifying the service indicators (health system access via primary care providers/ nephrology services) related to progression to ESKD.</li> </ul>		

<b>Project Title</b>	2016 / 705 – An evaluation of health services (Perth and Kimberley) for the treatment of congenital hip problems, talipes (club foot) and other significant congenital or early childhood musculoskeletal abnormality, in children from the Kimberley Region of Western Australia.		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	David Atkinson		
<b>Institution</b>	Rural Clinical School of Western Australia and Kimberley Aboriginal Medical Services		
<b>Region</b>	Kimberley		
<b>Start Date</b>	April 2016	<b>Finish Date</b>	December 2017
<b>Project Summary</b>	<p>The aim of the project is to therefore determine the effect of AKI in contributing to the progression of existing CKD in an Aboriginal cohort. This will be achieved by fulfilling a number of specific aims including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identifying the number of episodes of AKI</li> <li>• Describing the cause and severity of AKI episodes</li> <li>• Comparing the progression of CKD towards ESKD between people with CKD with AKI and people without AKI</li> <li>• Identifying and controlling for chronic disease indicators (cardiovascular disease, diabetes mellitus, hypertension, ACE inhibitor use) that are related to progression to ESKD</li> <li>• Identifying the service indicators (health system access via primary care providers/ nephrology services) related to progression to ESKD.</li> </ul>		

<b>Project Title</b>	2016 / 707 – <i>Developing lung function reference ranges in Aboriginal Australians</i>		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Graham Hall		
<b>Institution</b>	Telethon Kids Institute		
<b>Region</b>	Kimberley		
<b>Start Date</b>	01/06/2016	<b>Finish Date</b>	31/06/2019
<b>Project Summary</b>	<p>The specific aims of this project are to:</p> <p>AIM 1: Characterise lung function using spirometry, gas transfer and static lung volumes lung function tests in Aboriginal Australian children and adults without known lung disease.</p> <p>AIM 2: Develop robust lung function reference equations in healthy Aboriginal Australians using the approach utilised by the Global Lung Function Initiative.</p>		

<b>Project Title</b>	2016 / 670 – <i>Getting it right: The validation study</i>		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Maree Hackett		
<b>Institution</b>	George Institute for Global Health		
<b>Region</b>	Kimberley		
<b>Start Date</b>	January 2016	<b>Finish Date</b>	September 2016
<b>Project Summary</b>	The primary aim of the study is to assess the validity of the adapted PHQ – 9 (a PHQ – 9) and the contribution of the additional seven questions. This will provide the evidence for whether we can recommend use of the PHQ-9 as a screening tool for depression and for the assessment of social and emotional wellbeing in health services research, clinical care delivery and policy evaluation in Federal and State chronic diseases programs.		

<b>Project Title</b>	2016 / 706 – <i>Can an ECG device be used by Aboriginal Health Workers and other community workers to undertake opportunistic screening to detect abnormal heart rhythm including Atrial Fibrillation and determine and prevalence of Atrial Fibrillation in Aboriginal people in Australia?</i>		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Sandra Hamilton		
<b>Institution</b>	UWA		
<b>Region</b>	Kimberley		
<b>Start Date</b>	01/05/2016	<b>Finish Date</b>	01/05/2018
<b>Project Summary</b>	<p>This study aims to determine if a portable ECG device can be used for opportunistic screening in rural and remote communities to detect abnormal heart rhythm and determine the prevalence Atrial Fibrillation (AF) and facilitate referral and treatment pathways to prevent the effects of Atrial Fibrillation, including stroke and premature death.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Determine the feasibility of a portable ECG device to diagnose abnormal heart rhythm in Aboriginal people through opportunistic screening through local health services and health workers.</li> <li>2) Provide estimate rates on the prevalence of AF in Aboriginal people in Western Australia (WA).</li> <li>3) To provide a framework for larger scale studies using the same diagnostic model to determine the prevalence of AF in Aboriginal people across Australia.</li> <li>4) Facilitate and enable the treatment and management of Aboriginal people living with AF.</li> <li>5) Improve AF health literacy in Aboriginal people and health workers.</li> <li>6) Help prevent the effects of untreated AF in Aboriginal people; including ischemic stroke and premature death.</li> <li>7) Provide a pathway to introducing more health awareness into cardiovascular disease and its causes in Aboriginal people.</li> </ol>		

<b>Project Title</b>	<i>2016 / 686 – The bacteria associated with term and preterm birth</i>		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Julie Quinlivan		
<b>Institution</b>	University of Notre Dame		
<b>Region</b>	Pilbara		
<b>Start Date</b>	01/02/2016	<b>Finish Date</b>	30/06/2017
<b>Project Summary</b>	<p>The specific aims of this project are to: To identify and compare the normal vaginal and placental bacterial species in pregnant women.</p> <p>To investigate bacterial species associated with intra-uterine infection and preterm birth in pregnant women.</p>		

<b>Project Title</b>	<i>2016 / 693 – Airway Management in non – elective oral and maxillofacial surgery</i>		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Ramon Baba		
<b>Institution</b>	Royal Perth Hospital		
<b>Region</b>	Pilbara		
<b>Start Date</b>	10/02/2016	<b>Finish Date</b>	10/08/2016
<b>Project Summary</b>	<p>The objective is to study the type of airway management in patients undergoing emergency surgery for acute problems of the oral and maxillofacial region: the jaws, face, head and neck. The typical problems will broadly speaking be either traumatic injuries (e.g. broken facial bones, lacerations) or infections of the maxillofacial region (e.g. dental or skin abscesses.)</p>		

<b>Project Title</b>	<i>2016 / 694 – Diabetic retinopathy screening in Western Australia: A study of experiences and satisfactions of patients and practitioners</i>		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Angus Turner		
<b>Institution</b>	Lions Eye Institute		
<b>Region</b>	Great Southern and Kalgoorlie – Boulder		
<b>Start Date</b>	10/02/2016	<b>Finish Date</b>	01/02/2017
<b>Project Summary</b>	<p>The study aims to determine the acceptability of the diabetic retinopathy screening model when it is newly implemented in the Great Southern and Kalgoorlie-Boulder regions of Western Australia. Ascertaining the acceptability of the program and the satisfaction and security of patients is paramount in further developing the retinal screening program in the regions included in the study, as well as elsewhere. The proposed study will also assess satisfaction and perceptions of the program from the point of view of Aboriginal Health Workers, nursing staff, other allied health staff and general practitioners who are essential to the daily administration and running of a successful retinal screening model. Findings from this study will be used to increase the accessibility of the retinal screening program and to cater more strongly to the needs to patients and health care workers.</p>		

<b>Project Title</b>	<i>2016 / 678 – Sexual Health and Blood Borne Viruses Social Marketing Campaign for Aboriginal Western Australians</i>		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Daniel Vujcich		
<b>Institution</b>	Department of Health		
<b>Region</b>	State – wide		
<b>Start Date</b>	February 2016	<b>Finish Date</b>	February 2016
<b>Project Summary</b>	<p>WA Health is developing a new social marketing campaign to educate young Aboriginal people about sexually transmissible infections (STI) and blood-borne viruses (BBV). The aim of the campaign is to normalise opportunistic STI and BBV screening amongst health staff and clients, and educate young Aboriginal people about how to protect themselves.</p> <p>As part of this research project, the draft concepts will be presented to focus groups of young Aboriginal people to determine cultural acceptability, clarity of message and likely effectiveness.</p>		

<b>Project Title</b>	<i>2016 / 715 – Food pricing policy study</i>		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Megan Ferguson		
<b>Institution</b>	Menzies School of Health Research		
<b>Region</b>	Kimberley		
<b>Start Date</b>	13/06/2016	<b>Finish Date</b>	13/06/2017
<b>Project Summary</b>	<p>The aim of the qualitative study is to identify and characterise the types of food pricing policies which are or have been in place in remote Indigenous community stores that aim to improve health outcomes.</p> <p>2. To describe the process of development, including the evidence considered and the criteria used to assess options.</p>		

<b>Project Title</b>	<i>2016 / 722 – Development and validation of the first culturally based quality of life tool for Aboriginal Australians living with dementia or cognitive impairment</i>		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Kate Smith		
<b>Institution</b>	NHMRC – ARC, UWA		
<b>Region</b>	Perth Metro		
<b>Start Date</b>	13/06/2016	<b>Finish Date</b>	13/06/2017
<b>Project Summary</b>	<p>The aim of the qualitative study is to identify and characterise the types of food pricing policies which are or have been in place in remote Indigenous community stores that aim to improve health outcomes.</p> <p>Aims</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To develop and validate a culturally based quality of life tool for older Aboriginal Australians with cognitive impairment.</li> <li>2. Determine the key factors that are associated with quality of life for this population.</li> <li>3. To employ and train Aboriginal researchers to build research capacity in the field of ageing.</li> <li>4. To disseminate research results to policy makers, Aboriginal organisations, service providers and carers groups to lead to positive change.</li> </ol>		

<b>Project Title</b>	<i>2016 / 734 – Research Master Class Evaluation</i>		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Alex Brown		
<b>Institution</b>	SAHMRI		
<b>Region</b>	State – wide		
<b>Start Date</b>	10/08/2016	<b>Finish Date</b>	10/02/2018
<b>Project Summary</b>	<p>The Wardliparingga Aboriginal Research Unit, SAHMRI has developed two research master classes, Understanding Research and Undertaking Research. Over 130 staff from 14 Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisations (ACCHOSs) and their peak bodies have already undertaken at least one of these two day face to face Master classes. The Master class evaluation will focus on three primary objectives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) To identify any changes to awareness, understanding or behavior that participants feel have resulted from attending a master class</li> <li>2) To identify and describe any outcomes that participants believe have been influenced by or are a direct result of attending a master class</li> <li>3) To explore ways in which participants believe future master classes and / or associated resources and support could be improved</li> </ol>		

<b>Project Title</b>	<i>2016 / 736 – Retrospective audit of the clinical presentation, management and outcomes of adults with skin and soft tissue infections requiring hospitalisation in the Kimberley region</i>		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Kaspar Wilson		
<b>Institution</b>	WACHS		
<b>Region</b>	Kimberley		
<b>Start Date</b>	09/08/2016	<b>Finish Date</b>	09/02/2017
<b>Project Summary</b>	<p>The Wardliparingga Aboriginal Research Unit, SAHMRI has developed two research master classes, Understanding Research and Undertaking Research. Over 130 staff from 14 Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisations (ACCHOSs) and their peak bodies have already undertaken at least one of these two day face to face Master classes. The Master class evaluation will focus on three primary objectives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) To identify any changes to awareness, understanding or behavior that participants feel have resulted from attending a master class</li> <li>2) To identify and describe any outcomes that participants believe have been influenced by or are a direct result of attending a master class</li> <li>3) To explore ways in which participants believe future master classes and / or associated resources and support could be improved</li> </ol>		



<b>Project Title</b>	<i>2016 / 729 – Acute Appendicitis is less common in Australian Indigenous people?</i>		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Marwan Al - Hayo		
<b>Institution</b>			
<b>Region</b>	Goldfields		
<b>Start Date</b>	10/08/2016	<b>Finish Date</b>	10/10/2016
<b>Project Summary</b>	Retrospective study, systematic review attempt to compare the incidence of appendicitis in Indigenous and non – indigenous populations over 8 years in Kalgoorlie regional hospital through review of medical charts and histopathology results.		

<b>Project Title</b>	<i>2016 / 601 – The Alert Program: A tailored evidence based treatment program for Aboriginal children living with FASD (Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders)</i>		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	James Fitzpatrick		
<b>Institution</b>	Telethon Kids Institute		
<b>Region</b>	Kimberley		
<b>Start Date</b>	01/01/2015	<b>Finish Date</b>	31/12/2019
<b>Project Summary</b>	<p>The overall goal of this project is to develop, implement, and evaluate a tailored school-based therapeutic program to improve impairments in executive functioning and self-regulation for Aboriginal children in the Fitzroy Valley.</p> <p><b>Aims</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To determine the effectiveness of a school-based program to improve executive functioning and self-regulation in school aged Aboriginal children living in the Fitzroy Valley.</li> <li>2. To document a sustainable and culturally appropriate method of implementing the Alert Program through schools in the Fitzroy Valley.</li> <li>3. To introduce the Alert Program into child health practice and school programs in the Fitzroy Valley.</li> <li>4. To translate an approach to screening and therapy for impairments in executive functioning</li> </ol>		

<b>Project Title</b>	<i>2016 / 688 – State –wide Specialist Aboriginal Mental Health Service (SSAMHS) Evaluation 2016 – Qualitative</i>		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Wynne James		
<b>Institution</b>	The Mental Health Commission		
<b>Region</b>	State - wide		
<b>Start Date</b>	14/01/2016	<b>Finish Date</b>	31/08/2016
<b>Project Summary</b>	<p>The Mental Health Commission has engaged Shelby consulting to conduct a comprehensive evaluation of the SSAMHS program that will assess the outcomes for Aboriginal people with mental health disorders / issues against its objectives and key performance indicators. The aim of the evaluation is to provide an independent examination of the SSAMHS program in regard to the extent it has met its objectives which are to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Improve mental health outcomes for Aboriginal people</li> <li>2. Improve access to culturally appropriate mental health services for Aboriginal people and their families</li> <li>3. Develop and maintain interagency partnerships aimed at the development of a more holistic approach to Aboriginal mental health care;</li> <li>4. Improve the cultural understanding and functioning of mental health service provider; and</li> <li>5. Build capacity of the Aboriginal mental health workforce</li> </ol>		

<b>Project Title</b>	<i>2016 / 696 – Epidemiology of gout in WA</i>		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Helen Keen		
<b>Institution</b>	UWA		
<b>Region</b>	Kimberley		
<b>Start Date</b>	01/03/2016	<b>Finish Date</b>	01/03/2019
<b>Project Summary</b>	<p>Data Link Project: We want to define the epidemiology and disease burden of gout in Western Australia. This includes defining the comorbidities (cancer, cardiovascular disease, renal disease etc.), mortality and health care resource utilisation of gout patients in WA.</p>		



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<b>Project Title</b>	2016 / 729 Is acute appendicitis less common in Australian Indigenous people?		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Marwan Al - Hayo		
<b>Institution</b>	WACHS		
<b>Region</b>	Kalgoorlie		
<b>Start Date</b>	01/06/2016	<b>Finish Date</b>	01/08/2016
<b>Project Summary</b>	Retrospective study to compare incidence of appencititis in Indigenous and non – Indigenous populations over 8 years in Kalgoorlie regional hospital.		

<b>Project Title</b>	2016 / 730 <i>Tackling Indigenous Smoking (TIS) Programme Evaluation</i>		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Ashley Faure Brac		
<b>Institution</b>	Cultural and Indigenous Research Centre Australia (CIRCA)		
<b>Region</b>	National		
<b>Start Date</b>	01/08/2016	<b>Finish Date</b>	30/06/2018
<b>Project Summary</b>	<p>National Evaluation, CIRCA has been contracted by the Department of Health to conduct the evaluation of the entire TIS programme. This evaluation will be approached in terms of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Fit between the TIS programme and the needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities (appropriateness)</li> <li>- How well is the TIS programme progressing towards achieving the long term outcomes</li> <li>- Level of change that has occurred through the TIS programme (effectiveness)</li> </ul>		

<b>Project Title</b>	<i>2016 / 731 - The prevalence of autism among Aboriginal children: findings from 17 years of surveillance in Western Australia</i>		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Emma Glasson		
<b>Institution</b>	Telethon Kids Institute		
<b>Region</b>	State – wide		
<b>Start Date</b>	December 2016	<b>Finish Date</b>	December 2017
<b>Project Summary</b>	Data Linkage project – collect data: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Describe diagnosis rates among Aboriginal children compared to non – Aboriginal children collected over the period 1999 -2015</li> <li>- Describe whether the diagnostic profile of the Aboriginal children differs significantly from non – Aboriginal children, including age at diagnosis, type of autism diagnosis, gender, intellectual functioning and autism severity</li> </ul>		

<b>Project Title</b>	<i>2016 / 732 – Cleft lip and palate – a comparative psychosocial perspective</i>		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Wendy Nicholls		
<b>Institution</b>	Princess Margaret Hospital		
<b>Region</b>	Kimberley		
<b>Start Date</b>	30/05/2017	<b>Finish Date</b>	30/05/2019
<b>Project Summary</b>	The study aims to assess the health outcomes, mental health status and health services utilisation of people with cleft conditions and compare these to the general population. This will include the number and type of hospital admissions, reason for admission (primary and secondary), procedures undertaken, length of stay, mental health admissions, deaths, community mental health occasions of service, ambulatory and emergency visits will be assessed.		

<b>Project Title</b>	<i>2016 / 734 – Research Master Class Evaluation</i>		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Alex Brown		
<b>Institution</b>	South Australian Health and Medical Research Institute (SAHMRI)		
<b>Region</b>	Kimberley		
<b>Start Date</b>	June 2016	<b>Finish Date</b>	December 2016
<b>Project Summary</b>	<p>Wardliparringa Aboriginal Research Unit, SAHMRI has developed two Research Master classes – Understanding Research and Undertaking Research. Over 130 staff from 140 Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services and their peak bodies have already undertaken at least one of these two day face – to – face master classes.</p> <p>A short feedback survey sent at each session are well received and anecdotal evidence suggests that there are some positive long term outcomes.</p> <p>The Master Class Evaluation will focus on three primary objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Identify any changes to awareness, understanding or behavior that participants feel have resulted from attending a Master Class</li> <li>- Identify and describe any outcomes that participants believe have been influenced by or are a direct result of attending a Master Class</li> <li>- To explore ways in which participants believe future master classes and / or associated resources and support could be improved.</li> </ul>		

<b>Project Title</b>	<i>2016 / 736 – Retrospective audit of the clinical presentation, management and outcomes of adults with skin and soft tissue infections requiring hospitalisation in the Kimberley region</i>		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Kaspar Wilson		
<b>Institution</b>	WACHS		
<b>Region</b>	Kimberley		
<b>Start Date</b>	01/08/2016	<b>Finish Date</b>	01/02/2017
<b>Project Summary</b>	<p>Data Linkage project: All patients admitted to Broome Hospital with skin and soft tissue infections between July and December 2016. Study designed to inform clinicians about the types of patients who suffer from the most severe disease and how the antibiotics used affects outcomes.</p>		

<b>Project Title</b>	<i>2016 / 737 – Kadadjiny Dwank Project Otitis Media (OM) from an urban Aboriginal perspective</i>		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Rosemary Walley		
<b>Institution</b>	Telethon Kids Institute		
<b>Region</b>	Perth Metro (Kwinana/Rockingham and Armadale)		
<b>Start Date</b>	October 2016	<b>Finish Date</b>	December 2019
<b>Project Summary</b>	<p>Providing an urban perspective to the body of knowledge of OM, assisting with preventing middle ear infections in young children we hope to help maintain the delicate function of the middle ear that enables a child to hear sounds of his / her mother of an environment and culture.</p> <p>Conducted with focus groups, semi structured questionnaires and yarning, the aim of the research aims to address three broad questions:</p> <p>What people know and do about ear infections?</p> <p>What are the barriers to accessing care?</p> <p>How does OM impact on the child and family?</p> <p>Intended to consider possible interventions and strategies that could reduce the impact on poor ear health for children, and their families in an urban environment.</p>		

<b>Project Title</b>	<i>2016 / 738 – The Epidemiology of Amphetamine Type Stimulant Related Hospital Presentations and Admissions in Hedland, Western Australia</i>		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Mathew Condon		
<b>Institution</b>	Department of Health		
<b>Region</b>	Pilbara		
<b>Start Date</b>	September 2016	<b>Finish Date</b>	December 2016
<b>Project Summary</b>	<p>Retrospective Study – to determine the epidemiology of amphetamine type stimulant (ATS) hospital related presentations and admissions to Hedland Health Campus between 2011 – 2015, document trends over time, document demographic features including gender, ethnic background and age.</p>		

<b>Project Title</b>	<i>2016 / 739 – Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD) History in the Pilbara: An evidence – based prevention intervention</i>		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	James Fitzpatrick		
<b>Institution</b>	Telethon Kids Institute		
<b>Region</b>	Pilbara		
<b>Start Date</b>	December 2016	<b>Finish Date</b>	December 2020
<b>Project Summary</b>	Evaluating the effectiveness of an evidence based FASD prevention intervention to reduce the rates of alcohol use in pregnancy among Aboriginal women in three communities in the remote Pilbara region in Western Australia.		

<b>Project Title</b>	<i>2016 / 717 – Baseline for monitoring the burden of rheumatic heart disease in Australian jurisdictions: Western Australia component</i>		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Judith Katzenellenbogen		
<b>Institution</b>	Telethon Kids Institute		
<b>Region</b>	State - Wide		
<b>Start Date</b>	October 2016	<b>Finish Date</b>	December 2020
<b>Project Summary</b>	<p>This baseline study seeks to establish the current burden and distribution of ARF and RHD in Western Australia, using de-identified linked data from existing routinely collected administrative data sources. De-identified linked data will be used:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To determine the burden (incidence, prevalence, mortality) of ARF/RHD by Aboriginal status, remoteness/ location, and jurisdiction.</li> <li>2. To estimate ARF recurrence and its determinants in first-ever cases.</li> <li>3. To characterise progression of the disease and determinants of progression within 1, 2 and 5 years.</li> <li>4. To estimate hospital utilisation and costs associated with ARF/RHD.</li> <li>5. To develop methods to increase the robustness of estimates of ARF/RHD burden.</li> </ol> <p>This baseline project will document current disease burden and establish the processes and data infrastructures which may be used for subsequent analyses and measurement of trends, and will contribute to the development of a sustainable data analysis and indicator measurement system.</p>		



<b>Project Title</b>	<i>2016 / 744 – Working with Aboriginal women to tackle smoking in the Pilbara (for community purposes ‘Tackling Aboriginal Women’s Smoking’</i>		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Roz Walker		
<b>Institution</b>	Telethon Kids Institute		
<b>Region</b>	Pilbara		
<b>Start Date</b>	December 2016	<b>Finish Date</b>	June 2018
<b>Project Summary</b>	<p>The research will be using a woman – centered approach, the team seeks to understand the reasons for the high rates of smoking among Aboriginal women living in Hedland and Newman and surrounding communities in Pilbara, Western Australia. There are gaps of understanding the factors linked with Aboriginal women’s decision – making, experience and ability to quit smoking before, during and after pregnancy. This project can be used to create strategies able to be used by primary health care providers to support and assist women in their efforts to change behaviours which are harmful to their health.</p>		

<b>Project Title</b>	<i>2016 / 746 – The Squeaky Clean Kids program</i>		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Claire Huppertz		
<b>Institution</b>	WACHS		
<b>Region</b>	Kimberley		
<b>Start Date</b>	September 2016	<b>Finish Date</b>	December 2018
<b>Project Summary</b>	<p>The Squeaky Clean Kids Program goal is to reduce the incidence of infectious diseases (trachoma, skin infections and diarrheal disease) in Aboriginal children living in trachoma endemic communities and those communities ‘at risk’ of resurgence in WA by June 2018.</p>		

<b>Project Title</b>	<i>2016 / 747 – Gastrostomy for children with severe disability</i>		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Jenny Downs		
<b>Institution</b>	Telethon Kids Institute		
<b>Region</b>	State- wide		
<b>Start Date</b>	December 2016	<b>Finish Date</b>	December 2020
<b>Project Summary</b>	Data Linkage Project from across Western Australia, in this study we will find out how often complications occur. We will also find out whether having a gastrostomy reduces the number of hospital admissions for chest infections or poorly controlled epilepsy.		

<b>Project Title</b>	<i>2016 / 749 – A review of coroner's recommendations following Indigenous deaths in custody and Indigenous deaths up to one after release from prison</i>		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Luke Martin		
<b>Institution</b>	Monash University		
<b>Region</b>	National		
<b>Start Date</b>	December 2016	<b>Finish Date</b>	December 2019
<b>Project Summary</b>	This research aims to identify risk factors and health issues relating to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander prisoners in different regions of Australia. Examining these issues will assist health and correctional services to better work with communities to reduce preventable Indigenous deaths in custody and deaths following release from prison.		

<b>Project Title</b>	<i>2016 / 750 – Understanding burn injuries in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children: treatment, access to services and outcomes</i>		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Rebecca Ivers		
<b>Institution</b>	The George Institute		
<b>Region</b>	National		
<b>Start Date</b>	December 2016	<b>Finish Date</b>	April 2018
<b>Project Summary</b>	<p>The three aims of this sub – study investigating ‘Models of Care’ are:</p> <p><b>Map burn care:</b> Health services mapping will be used to examine models of care and use of operational guidelines for burn management by healthcare professionals. The mapping will include both structure - the organisation, communication, referral processes, rehabilitation and community outpatient care in place; and processes - the use and implementation of structured care plans, clinical pathways, assessment protocols, rehabilitation prescriptions, and post-discharge management pathways in each site.</p> <p><b>Analyse enactment of burn care:</b> To identify enactment of and attitudes to care at the institutional level, knowledge, attitudes, practices and perceived needs of patients by healthcare professionals involved in the management of burn injury will be evaluated. The consultation will focus on management of burns, and perceived barriers to treatment, with a particular focus on system level approaches to establish a clear representation of how operational guidelines are enacted.</p> <p><b>Inform the development</b> of a national burn injury model of care informed that is culturally safe.</p>		

<b>Project Title</b>	<i>2016 / 751 – How did we survive? Aboriginal women sharing their lived experiences and knowledge of lessons learned in life through story-telling</i>		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Jasmine Gregory		
<b>Institution</b>	Student – Adelaide University		
<b>Region</b>	Mid - West		
<b>Start Date</b>	January 2017	<b>Finish Date</b>	July 2018
<b>Project Summary</b>	<p>The aim of this study is to understand what contributes to the resilience of Aboriginal women. The outcome will include sharing this knowledge and the insights to guide future policy and program development for Aboriginal women.</p> <p>A reference group made up of at least 5 Aboriginal women, who are well known and can be easily identified by members of communities involved will be established. This reference group will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Help to identify and invite participants for the study</li> <li>- Guide the Research and;</li> <li>- Help to interpret the results</li> </ul>		

<b>Project Title</b>	<i>2016 / 752 – Skin health situational analysis to inform skin disease control programs for the Kimberley</i>		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Asha Bowen		
<b>Institution</b>	Telethon Kids Institute		
<b>Region</b>	Kimberley		
<b>Start Date</b>	December 2016	<b>Finish Date</b>	June 2017
<b>Project Summary</b>	<p>The aim of the project is to conduct situational analysis of the skin health services and activities currently available for managing skin infection. This project provides opportunity to deliver a report to Kimberley stakeholders that documents the current skin health management resources available, and the gaps that need to be filled for designing a comprehensive skin disease control program</p>		



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<b>Project Title</b>	<i>2017 / 760 - Qualitative and quantitative effects of exenatide use in Kimberley Aboriginal patients with type 2 Diabetes</i>		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Lydia Scott		
<b>Institution</b>	WACHS		
<b>Region</b>	Kimberley		
<b>Start Date</b>	01/03/2017	<b>Finish Date</b>	20/07/2017
<b>Project Summary</b>	<p>Improving the management of type 2 Diabetes in the Kimberley region (Derby) specific, specific aims are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To evaluate the acceptability of exenatide among Kimberley Aboriginal patients with type 2 diabetes and compare this to insulin use.</li> <li>• To describe the efficacy of exenatide among the study population to improve glycemic control and other components of the metabolic syndrome.</li> <li>• To use this project and the findings to build capacity amongst the local Aboriginal community regarding diabetes management and skills for future research.</li> <li>• To provide feedback to local clinicians regarding the use of exenatide in local Aboriginal communities.</li> </ul>		

<b>Project Title</b>	<i>2017 / 762 - Building Bridges Project: Co – designing engagement with Aboriginal youth</i>		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Michael Wright		
<b>Institution</b>	National Drug Research Drug Institute, Curtin University		
<b>Region</b>	Perth Metro		
<b>Start Date</b>	30/01/2017	<b>Finish Date</b>	31/12/2019
<b>Project Summary</b>	To improve accessibility and responsiveness of youth mental health services to the needs of Aboriginal young people		

<b>Project Title</b>	<i>2017 / 763 – An alternative pathway to bowel screening for Indigenous Australians</i>		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Gail Garvey		
<b>Institution</b>	Menzies		
<b>Region</b>	National		
<b>Start Date</b>	February 2017	<b>Finish Date</b>	June 2018
<b>Project Summary</b>	The aim of this National Pilot is to assess whether an Alternative Pathway via IPHCCs can improve Indigenous participation rates in the NBCSP. Secondary objectives include assessing whether providing different levels of support to IPHCCs preparing to offer the Alternative Pathway makes a difference to the feasibility, acceptability, appropriateness and sustainability of the Pathway.		

<b>Project Title</b>	<i>2017/ 765 - The identification of national heritage, ethnicity and/or religion in clinical handover or medical records at a large teaching hospital</i>		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	David Morgan		
<b>Institution</b>	Fiona Stanley Hospital		
<b>Region</b>	Perth Metro (Patients state – wide)		
<b>Start Date</b>	24/02/2017	<b>Finish Date</b>	30/06/2018
<b>Project Summary</b>	The aim of this research project is to record the frequency at which a patient's national heritage / country-of-birth, ethnicity or religion is mentioned or recorded, either during clinical handover in the intensive care unit (ICU), or in the medical records in the intensive care unit of a large metropolitan hospital in Perth. Where a person's national heritage, ethnicity or religion is mentioned or recorded then this research project also aims to record if any, and what, rationale is provided for any such inclusion.		

<b>Project Title</b>	<i>2017/766 - Enroll – HD: A worldwide observational study for Huntington’s disease families</i>		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Peter Panegyres		
<b>Institution</b>	Department of Health		
<b>Region</b>	Worldwide & Kimberley (Kununurra)		
<b>Start Date</b>	February 2017	<b>Finish Date</b>	July 2017
<b>Project Summary</b>	Enroll – HD is a worldwide observational study for Huntington’s disease (HD) families. It will monitor how the disease appears and changes over time in different people, and it is open to people who either have HD or are at risk. The primary objective is to build a large and rich database of clinical information and bio specimens from people with their family history of HD.		

<b>Project Title</b>	<i>2017/768 - Establishment of a data repository for epidemiological analysis</i>		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Jag Atrie		
<b>Institution</b>	Department of Health – Epidemiological branch		
<b>Region</b>	Kimberley		
<b>Start Date</b>	24/02/2017	<b>Finish Date</b>	24/02/2020
<b>Project Summary</b>	Data Linkage project: the epidemiology branch provides evidence on the distribution and determinants of disease at the population level, the fundamental to the provision of evidence based programs and services that aim to improve the health status of Western Australians		

<b>Project Title</b>	<i>2017/735 - Comparison of the body’s processing of anti – injection medicines in Indigenous versus non Indigenous Australia kidney transplant recipients</i>		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Ramyasuda Swaminathan		
<b>Institution</b>	Fiona Stanley Hospital		
<b>Region</b>	Perth Metro (Kwinana/Rockingham and Armadale)		
<b>Start Date</b>	July 2017	<b>Finish Date</b>	July 2022
<b>Project Summary</b>	The main aim of this study is to investigate for differences in processing anti – rejection medicines between Indigenous and non		



	<p>– indigenous Australians. Specifically the study will examine whether:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Blood levels of the anti – rejection medications differ</li> <li>• Different processing of the anti – rejection drug tacrolimus in Indigenous kidney transplant recipients can be explained by differences in genetic make up</li> <li>• The immune system healthy vs. suppressed</li> <li>• Drug levels in the blood of Indigenous kidney transplant recipients are similar to drug levels in saliva</li> </ul> <p>If differences do exist, this will have the potential to reduce both medication side effects and rejection and thereby improve outcomes after kidney transplantation for Indigenous individuals</p>
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<b>Project Title</b>	<i>2017 / 774 - Improving recognition and management of chronic moist cough in young Aboriginal children by caregivers and health care workers in Western Australia</i>		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Andre Schultz		
<b>Institution</b>	Telethon Kids Institute		
<b>Region</b>	Kimberley		
<b>Start Date</b>	June 2017	<b>Finish Date</b>	November 2018
<b>Project Summary</b>	This study aims to identify ways to d i a g n o s e chronic lung disease earlier in children and to facilitate effective medical management and to stop the disease from progressing to a debilitating and ultimately terminal outcome.		

<b>Project Title</b>	<i>2017 / 789 - Remote STI/BBV Project: Sexually Transmissible Infections (STI), Blood Borne Viruses (BBV), prevention, education program and independent evaluation (2016 -2019)</i>		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	James Ward		
<b>Institution</b>	South Australia Health Medical Research Institute		
<b>Region</b>	State – wide		
<b>Start Date</b>	June 2017	<b>Finish Date</b>	July 2019
<b>Project Summary</b>	The Remote STI/BBV project aims to increase the uptake of testing and management for sexually transmitted infections (STI) and blood-borne viruses (BBV) in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (hereafter Aboriginal) communities in remote and very remote areas of Australia. The project comprises elements of health promotion, education and prevention and we are seeking ethical review for all project components. The project will (i) develop health promotion resources for three groups		

	(young people, people of influence in remote communities and clinicians working in remote communities); (ii) develop, implement and evaluate a youth (16-25 year olds) peer education STI and BBV program in selected remote communities and (iii) determine the programs impact on STI & BBV testing and management among 15-29 year old Aboriginal people in participating communities and (iv) conduct an overall evaluation of the project.
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<b>Project Title</b>	<i>2017 / 781 - Improving mental health screening for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander pregnant women and mothers of young children</i>		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Julia Marley		
<b>Institution</b>	Rural Clinical School		
<b>Region</b>	Kimberley		
<b>Start Date</b>	June 2017	<b>Finish Date</b>	December 2020
<b>Project Summary</b>	<p>This study aims to improve screening for, and contribute to addressing, mental health issues during pregnancy and the first 12 months after the birth of the baby.</p> <p>The locally developed, culturally appropriate and user friendly Kimberley Mum's Mood Scale (KMMS) was validated against clinical assessment in a sample of 91 Kimberley Aboriginal women. Kimberley regional guidelines now recommend using the KMMS to screen for anxiety and depression during the perinatal period for Aboriginal women. The next step for Kimberley health services are to increase and improve KMMS screening in pregnancy and postnatally and address identified mental health issues. Project staff will work closely with Kimberley services to find out:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How the KMMS can best be implemented into routine practice in each service</li> <li>• The KMMS cut point of moderate still detects everyone with GP assessed clinically moderate or high severity depression and anxiety, and:</li> <li>• That the management plans developed during the KMMS for those at lower risk are appropriate.</li> </ul>		

<b>Project Title</b>	<i>2017 / 782 - The missing piece study: Do skin sores, sore throats or both lead to acute rheumatic fever? (A pilot study)</i>		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Asha Bowen		
<b>Institution</b>	Telethon Kids Institute		
<b>Region</b>	Kimberley		
<b>Start Date</b>	May 2017	<b>Finish Date</b>	June 2018
<b>Project Summary</b>	<p>To develop methodologies/tools for effectively evaluating symptoms and photographing pharyngitis (throat infection) amongst Aboriginal children in the Kimberley region.</p> <p>a. A symptom checklist for sore throats in Aboriginal children will be developed.</p> <p>b. A protocol for photographing the tonsils will be developed.</p> <p>To pilot using methodologies/tools designed to comprehensively evaluate the concurrent burden of both GAS impetigo (skin infection) and pharyngitis (throat infection) in Aboriginal children in the Kimberley region.</p>		

<b>Project Title</b>	<i>2017 / 785 - Preventing rejection and allograft loss after kidney transplantation in Indigenous Australians with end stage kidney disease through better immunological matching – THE PARADIGM STUDY</i>		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Wai Lim		
<b>Institution</b>	Sir Charles Gardiner Hospital		
<b>Region</b>	Perth Metro		
<b>Start Date</b>	May 2017	<b>Finish Date</b>	November 2017
<b>Project Summary</b>	<p>This will be a retrospective study including all indigenous ESKD patients who have received a kidney transplant in Western Australia between 2000 and 2016. As part of the transplant wait-listing and routine management following kidney transplantation, deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA, extracted from peripheral blood cells) and sera are routinely stored in the Department of Clinical Immunology, Fiona Stanley Hospital at regular intervals pre- and post-transplant to enable the completion of HLA-typing and to identify the presence of anti-HLA antibodies, respectively.</p> <p>There will be 2 overarching aims:</p> <p>1) Identification and calculation of the number of eplet mismatches of every indigenous kidney transplant recipient in Western Australia between 2000 and 2016 and their matched donors.</p>		

	2) Determining the association between the number of eplet mismatches and clinical outcomes, including rejection, graft function and graft loss.
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<b>Project Title</b>	<i>2017 / 789 - Effects of HPV vaccination on the development of cervical abnormalities for Aboriginal women: A Western Australian study</i>		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Aime Munro		
<b>Institution</b>	Notre Dame		
<b>Region</b>	State- wide		
<b>Start Date</b>	June 2017	<b>Finish Date</b>	December 2019
<b>Project Summary</b>	<p>The introduction of the National Human Papillomavirus Vaccination Program (NHPVVP) and the revised cervical screening program to become effective from May 2017, the overarching research question of this study is to: investigate the impact of NHPVVP on the effectiveness of preventing the development of high-grade cervical abnormalities or cervical cancer for Aboriginal women compared to other Australian women. The following questions will be addressed for Western Australia:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Do Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal women completed the recommended 3 dose HPV vaccination schedule (with the same vaccine type)? Does completed HPV vaccination coverage vary by age, Aboriginal status, socio economic status (SEIFA) or access or remoteness indexes of Australia (ARIA)? Do Aboriginal women take longer to complete the course and are they more likely to never complete it?</li> <li>• Are Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal women experiencing the same significant declines in the development of high-grade cervical abnormalities (by histological sub-type) and cervical cancer?</li> <li>• Are Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal women continuing to participate in routine cervical screening? Does this vary by vaccination status, age, SEIFA or ARIA?</li> <li>• What is the uptake of HPV vaccine in non-program eligible women (ie women aged &gt; 26 years in 2007)? Is there any evidence of vaccine effectiveness in this group of women against cervical disease?</li> </ul>		

<b>Project Title</b>	<i>2017 / 793 - Enhanced Indigenous Mortality Data Collection</i>		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Fadwa Al - Yaman		
<b>Institution</b>	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare		
<b>Region</b>	National		
<b>Start Date</b>	June 2017	<b>Finish Date</b>	December 2022
<b>Project Summary</b>	Data Linkage Project: This research aims to investigate the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (ATSI) deaths in registered death datasets that are used in preparing official ATSI mortality and life expectancy estimates.		

<b>Project Title</b>	<i>2017 / 794 - Enhancing rehabilitation services for Aboriginal Australians after brain injury</i>		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Elizabeth Armstrong		
<b>Institution</b>	Edith Cowan University		
<b>Region</b>	Kimberley		
<b>Start Date</b>	July 2017	<b>Finish Date</b>	December 2021
<b>Project Summary</b>	<p>The project aims to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Improve delivery of rehabilitation services to Aboriginal people post-brain injury (stroke and traumatic brain injury)</li> <li>2. Improve overall health outcomes for Aboriginal people with brain injury</li> <li>3. Conduct an economic evaluation to support the business case for funding new rehabilitation services, which will contribute to the planning and sustainability of future services</li> <li>4. Explore the acceptability of the intervention from the perspectives of the health professionals and the Aboriginal participants involved, and to utilise this information to assist in interpretation and translation of findings.</li> </ol>		

<b>Project Title</b>	<i>2017 / 799 - Exploring experiences and knowledge of Durdakabbin (in Nyungar language) "Getting well, recovering from sickness"</i>		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Mike Sowerby		
<b>Institution</b>	Curtin University		
<b>Region</b>	Perth Metro		
<b>Start Date</b>	June 2017	<b>Finish Date</b>	December 2017
<b>Project Summary</b>	<p>The aims of this research are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• generate more interest in Traditional Nyungar Healing as a solution to health and wellness of the community</li> <li>• respectfully document the voice of the people who have knowledge and experience so these traditional knowledge systems are supported to be sustainable for the Nyungar and wider community.</li> <li>• build onto the knowledge base of traditional healing knowledges locally, nationally and globally.</li> <li>• be respectful and acknowledge the Spiritual realm, cultural secrecy and sensitivity of all health stories by inclusion of individuals and community for review this important work.</li> </ul>		

<b>Project Title</b>	<i>2017 / 772 – The Looking Forward, Moving Forward Project</i>		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Michael Wright		
<b>Institution</b>	National Drug Research Institute / Curtin University		
<b>Region</b>	Kimberley		
<b>Start Date</b>	July 2017	<b>Finish Date</b>	December 2021
<b>Project Summary</b>	<p>This project aims to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Build measures to show how the <i>Minditj Kaart–Moorditj Kaart Framework</i> helps services to improve their relationships with Aboriginal Elders, clients and their families;</li> <li>2. Collate evidence to show how using the <i>Minditj Kaart–Moorditj Kaart Framework</i> makes a difference to the health and wellbeing of Aboriginal clients and their families;</li> <li>3. Demonstrate the <i>Minditj Kaart–Moorditj Kaart Framework's</i> cultural importance and illustrate its suitability for use in other Aboriginal communities and locations in Western Australia; and</li> <li>4. Ensure the <i>Minditj Kaart–Moorditj Kaart Framework</i> is culturally safe and respectful in other Aboriginal communities and locations, by using Indigenous research methodologies.</li> </ol>		



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**July – December 2017**

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<b>Project Title</b>	2017 / 809 Pathways between racial discrimination and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health and wellbeing		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Leah Cave		
<b>Institution</b>	Telethon Kids Institute		
<b>Region</b>	National		
<b>Start Date</b>	08/2017	<b>Finish Date</b>	08/2020
<b>Project Summary</b>	Data Linkage Project analyzing two existing data sets, Footprints in Time study, Australian Bureau of Statistics, Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health survey (AATSIHS)		

<b>Project Title</b>	2017 / 735 Comparison of the body's processing of anti – rejection medicines in Indigenous vs. non – Indigenous Australian kidney transplant recipients (PK Transplant study)		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Ramyasuda Swaminathan		
<b>Institution</b>	Department of Health		
<b>Region</b>	State- wide		
<b>Start Date</b>	07/2017	<b>Finish Date</b>	11/2018
<b>Project Summary</b>	<p>The main aim of this study is to investigate for differences in processing of anti – rejection medicines between Indigenous and non – Indigenous Australians.</p> <p>Specifically examine whether:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Blood levels of the anti-rejections medications differ between Indigenous and non – indigenous kidney transplant recipients</li> <li>- Different processing of the anti – rejection drug tacrolimus in Indigenous kidney transplant recipients</li> <li>- The immune system of Indigenous vs. non – indigenous recipients suppressed more for a given dose of immune suppressing medication</li> <li>- Drug levels in the blood of Indigenous kidney transplant recipients are similar to drug levels in saliva</li> </ul> <p>If differences do exist this will have implications for the way doctors dose the immunosuppressant medications, with the potential to reduce both medication side effects.</p>		



<b>Project Title</b>	2017 / 698 The distribution of Strongyloides steracolis in Australia		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Jennifer Shield		
<b>Institution</b>	LaTrobe University		
<b>Region</b>	Kimberley, Pilbara and Goldfields		
<b>Start Date</b>	07/2017	<b>Finish Date</b>	07/2018
<b>Project Summary</b>	Data Linkage project identifying the place where people with Strongyloidiasis live, and plotting the locations on a map using software. We plan to produce two maps, the Strongyloides map for Aboriginal people from places that have a significant Aboriginal population and the Strongyloides Serology map which does not identify the ethnicity of the patients		

<b>Project Title</b>	2017/ 790 Management of dental decay in young Aboriginal children		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Peter Arrow		
<b>Institution</b>	Independent		
<b>Region</b>	Kimberley		
<b>Start Date</b>	07/2017	<b>Finish Date</b>	30/12/2017
<b>Project Summary</b>	The principal aim of the proposed study is to develop, implement and evaluate a remote primary care model to deliver effective primary dental services, including treatment and preventive services, to Aboriginal pre-school children (based on minimally invasive approaches including Atraumatic Restorative Treatment — ART and the Hall crown technique). This will be compared with standard care for cost and benefits in terms of improved dental health, childhood oral health-related quality of life, and reduced Childhood dental anxiety.		

<b>Project Title</b>	2017/800 Comprehensive primary health care for Indigenous offenders from Aboriginal and / or Torres Strait Islander Community Controlled Health Organisations (ACCHOs)		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Tony Butler		
<b>Institution</b>	Kirby Institute		
<b>Region</b>	State – wide		
<b>Start Date</b>	July 2017	<b>Finish Date</b>	December 2017
<b>Project Summary</b>	<p>Study Aims</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Understand the programs and services ACCHOs currently offer Aboriginal and or Torres Strait Islander (ATSI) people in prison and post release;</li> <li>- Explore ACCHOs staff members understanding and experiences of processes involved in providing primary health care services to ATSI people in prison and post release;</li> <li>- Explore challenges and enablers experienced by ACCHOs to primary health care service delivery for ATSI people in prison and post release and</li> <li>- Describe areas in ACCHOs would like future research to pursue in regards to primary health care delivery for ATSI people in prison and those in the community</li> </ul>		

<b>Project Title</b>	2017 / 468 3D facial analysis for the health of Aboriginal Western Australians		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Gareth Baynam		
<b>Institution</b>	Department of Health / Telethon Kids		
<b>Region</b>	Kimberley		
<b>Start Date</b>	10/2017	<b>Finish Date</b>	12/2019
<b>Project Summary</b>	<p>The fundamental basis of these applications is the understanding of the range of normal facial variation. Importantly, there is a lack of understanding of the facial variation of Aboriginal Western Australians. If this persists then these emerging technologies will not be as applicable for this important part of our community that is proportionally over represented in outpatient clinics, including the PCH Cranio-Maxillo-Facial clinic. In collaboration with a research team with a track record of local Aboriginal Community engagement, this project plans to begin to assess facial variation in Aboriginal Western Australians to provide the foundation for further studies to ultimately facilitate improved and equitable medical care.</p>		

<b>Project Title</b>	2017/ 814 Staphylococcus aureus bloodstream infections in Australian children: A two–year prospective multi-centered study looking at pediatric clinical (Invasive S. aureus infections and hospitalisations [ISIAH]) and microbiological (Australian Group on Antimicrobial Resistance [AGAR]) epidemiology		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Anita Campbell		
<b>Institution</b>	PMH / Department of Health		
<b>Region</b>	State – wide		
<b>Start Date</b>	10/2017	<b>Finish Date</b>	08/2020
<b>Project Summary</b>	<p>By undertaking a prospective multi-center descriptive study, we will:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Extend the known clinical epidemiology of <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> bloodstream (SAB) in children including comorbidities, risk factors, disease spectrum, treatment and outcome.</li> <li>2. Describe the microbiological (laboratory) epidemiology of SAB in Australian children including genotype, resistance genes and pathogen markers.</li> <li>3. Determine the burden of SAB in Australian children including morbidity, mortality and the economic impact.</li> <li>4. Identify key variables affecting outcome for SAB in children.</li> </ol> <p>These aims will ultimately provide guidance for future clinical trials on risk-stratified treatment approaches.</p>		

<b>Project Title</b>	2017 / 815 2017 Hedland MADE audit		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	John Bockxmeer		
<b>Institution</b>	Department of Health		
<b>Region</b>	Pilbara		
<b>Start Date</b>	10/2017	<b>Finish Date</b>	01/2018
<b>Project Summary</b>	<p>Retrospective Audit of a new Paediatric Risk Assessment form whereby all children under 16 years with an injury, a burn or a poisoning who presents to Hedland Health campus Emergency Department are screen for safeguarding issues. This proforma aims to correctly identify children maybe at risk from safe guarding issues and direct the team looking after them to the most appropriate follow up,</p>		

<b>Project Title</b>	2017 / 818 An analysis of routinely collected data in three states to identify schools which have the lowest vaccination coverage for human papilloma virus (or HPV)		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Rebecca Guy		
<b>Institution</b>	Kirby Institute		
<b>Region</b>	State – wide		
<b>Start Date</b>	10/2017	<b>Finish Date</b>	10/2019
<b>Project Summary</b>	<p>The proposed research is Part 1 of a research project funded by the National Health and Medical Research Council under the Partnership Project scheme. The research is a partnership between three health departments in Western Australia (WA), Tasmania, and New South Wales (NSW), the National HPV Vaccination Program Register and researchers. Its overall aim is to identify and address gaps in Australia's Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination program, delivered through high schools in Australia.</p> <p>The overall aims of this research are to determine across three states:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Which schools have the lowest HPV vaccination coverage</li> <li>2) If characteristics of the adolescents, parents or school are the reasons for schools having lower vaccination coverage.</li> </ol>		

<b>Project Title</b>	2017 / 819 The SToP Trial: See, Treat, Prevent skin sores and scabies. A healthy skin programme in communities in the Kimberley		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Asha Bowen		
<b>Institution</b>	Telethon Kids Institute		
<b>Region</b>	Kimberley		
<b>Start Date</b>	02/2018	<b>Finish Date</b>	December 2022
<b>Project Summary</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) To achieve a 50% reduction in the prevalence of impetigo (skin sores) in school aged children 5-10 years of age.</li> <li>2) To document the impact of reduced skin infection burden on other child health indicators.</li> <li>3) To monitor antimicrobial resistance of bacterial skin pathogens with increasing cotrimoxazole use.</li> <li>4) To determine the economic burden of skin infection in school aged children of remote communities and evaluate the cost-effectiveness of the SToP activities.</li> </ol>		

<b>Project Title</b>	2017 / 820 ICE resources for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Dennis Guy		
<b>Institution</b>	Curtin University		
<b>Region</b>	Metro & Kimberley		
<b>Start Date</b>	11/2017	<b>Finish Date</b>	06/2018
<b>Project Summary</b>	<p>The aim of this project is to improve access for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander family and community members to culturally appropriate evidence-based information about methamphetamine. The project is designed to specifically respond to the need for information and support among Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Australians and to build upon the work on the development of the on-line 'Ice Toolkit' being developed for the broader population(<a href="http://www.cracksintheice.org.au">www.cracksintheice.org.au</a>).</p>		

<b>Project Title</b>	2017 / 823 Clinical Yarning: Improving communication in Aboriginal Health Care		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Ivan Lin		
<b>Institution</b>	UWA		
<b>Region</b>	Kimberley		
<b>Start Date</b>	09/2017	<b>Finish Date</b>	07/2018
<b>Project Summary</b>	<p>This application is to translate the Clinical Yarning model into practice by developing and piloting an accessible and evidence-based education program to improve communication in Aboriginal health care. Ultimately if this program is proved successful, our target is to offer Clinical Yarning education to all health practitioners and all health science students who work with Aboriginal patients, with an aim to improve the quality of health care provided to Aboriginal people.</p>		

<b>Project Title</b>	2017/ 825 Economic empowerment of women experiencing family and domestic violence in WA		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Trudi Marchant		
<b>Institution</b>	Curtin University		
<b>Region</b>	n/a		
<b>Start Date</b>	December 2016	<b>Finish Date</b>	December 2020
<b>Project Summary</b>	Due to privacy and confidentiality of the project unable to disclose further information		

<b>Project Title</b>	2017 / 803 Collaborative Approach to Indigenous Healing through Music in Wangkatjunka		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Petra Skeffington		
<b>Institution</b>	Murdoch University		
<b>Region</b>	Kimberley		
<b>Start Date</b>	10/2017	<b>Finish Date</b>	11/2018
<b>Project Summary</b>	The aims of this research are to observe and document healing through music, in order to build an evidence base around the efficacy of music interventions in remote communities. In order to be culturally sensitive and avoid assumptions about how change may occur, a participant – observer design will be used in collaboration with the community, to explore most significant change and potential impact of the music intervention on biomarkers of stress		

<b>Project Title</b>	2017 / 811 The health and wellbeing of our Wiluna Martu community from our perspective: Immediate responses		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Heidi Minter		
<b>Institution</b>	Ngangganawili Aboriginal Health Service		
<b>Region</b>	Wiluna		
<b>Start Date</b>	10/2017	<b>Finish Date</b>	06/2018
<b>Project Summary</b>	This QI project, <i>Immediate Responses</i> , aims to evaluate the effectiveness of the training and ongoing support provided to Wiluna Martu community members and NAHS staff who will be researchers in <i>From Our Perspective</i> and the training provided to other NAHS staff in support of the research project.		

<b>Project Title</b>	2017/834 Prevalence of chronic moist cough in Aboriginal children in the Kimberley		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Andre Schultz		
<b>Institution</b>	Telethon Kids Institute		
<b>Region</b>	Kimberley		
<b>Start Date</b>	03/2018	<b>Finish Date</b>	02/2019
<b>Project Summary</b>	Up-skill local medical staff pre-recruitment: Chronic moist cough recognition and management in order to facilitate appropriate identification of children with chronic moist cough and also for care for children diagnosed with chronic moist cough.		

<b>Project Title</b>	2017/816 An Audit of dermatological referred to and managed by the visiting dermatologist to the Kimberley over the last 5 years		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Clare Tait		
<b>Institution</b>	Independant		
<b>Region</b>	Kimberley		
<b>Start Date</b>	12/2017	<b>Finish Date</b>	August 2018
<b>Project Summary</b>	The aim of the project is to conduct situational analysis of the skin health services and activities currently available for managing skin infection. This project provides opportunity to deliver a report to Kimberley stakeholders that documents the current skin health management resources available, and the gaps that need to be filled for designing a comprehensive skin disease control program.		





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<b>Project Title</b>	2018 / 837 Personalising the process: The children's court drug court in Perth		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Suzanne Ellis		
<b>Institution</b>	Telethon Kids Institute		
<b>Region</b>	State - wide		
<b>Start Date</b>	16/05/18	<b>Finish Date</b>	16/05/2019
<b>Project Summary</b>	To identify the experiences of stakeholders of the Children's Court Drug Court.		

<b>Project Title</b>	2018 / 838 - Defining and Defeating Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander disadvantage in breast cancer survival		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Andrew Redfern		
<b>Institution</b>	Department of Health		
<b>Region</b>	State- wide		
<b>Start Date</b>	16/05/2018	<b>Finish Date</b>	31/12/2020
<b>Project Summary</b>	Retrospective cohort, Data obtained from the WA Cancer Registry Invasive unilateral epithelial breast cancer and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and non-Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status in State Cancer Registry.		

<b>Project Title</b>	2018 / 839 Understanding current antimicrobial prescribing practice in remote primary health care clinics across northern Australia		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Jodie McVernon		
<b>Institution</b>	UniMelb		
<b>Region</b>	Kimberley		
<b>Start Date</b>	02/2018	<b>Finish Date</b>	07/2018
<b>Project Summary</b>	<p>(i) Compare and contrast prescribing recommendations for five key indications: impetigo, acute otitis media, abscess, lower respiratory tract infection/pneumonia and sexually transmitted infection; guidelines from WA, QLD and NT.</p> <p>(ii) Collect pharmacy data on antimicrobial drug distribution to remote primary care services in each jurisdiction.</p> <p>(iii) Conduct a retrospective 'snapshot' audit of all antimicrobial prescribing and listed indication by a) Doctors b) Nurses c) Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practitioners, from clinical records in remote services identified in consultation with partners. The NCAS team will directly advise on the design of data extraction templates, and provide telephone support during the audit phase to ensure optimal data capture.</p> <p>(iv) Report on all antimicrobial prescribing behavior, focusing further on indications listed in (i) by jurisdiction and health worker type, contextualized against distribution and local guidelines.</p>		

<b>Project Title</b>	2018 / 840 GOANNA Survey 2: The second Australian study of sexual health, relationships and behaviour in young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	James Ward		
<b>Institution</b>	SAHMRI		
<b>Region</b>	Kimberley		
<b>Start Date</b>	06/2018	<b>Finish Date</b>	07/2020
<b>Project Summary</b>	<p>Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisations in six jurisdictions across Australia will be invited to partner in the project. Each organisation will be asked to nominate a survey coordinator who will recruit survey collectors from the local community and oversee survey implementation (with full funding provided by the project). The project uses a periodic cross-sectional design with convenience sampling. This method was used in the original GOANNA survey, and will be repeated to maintain consistency and allow assessment of trends over time.</p>		

<b>Project Title</b>	2018 / 841 - Yarning together: Developing a culturally secure rehabilitation approach for Aboriginal Australians after brain injury		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Natalie Ciccone		
<b>Institution</b>	ECU		
<b>Region</b>	State – wide		
<b>Start Date</b>	05/2018	<b>Finish Date</b>	06/2019
<b>Project Summary</b>	The pre-therapy stage will consist of the collection of demographic information along with a diagnostic assessment of ACD completed using the Aboriginal Communication Assessment After Brain Injury (ACAABI) assessment tool. This culturally tailored tool examines the type of communication impairment and the functional impact of the impairment. The participant (and family members if appropriate) will be interviewed about their experience of stroke and services provided, their ACD, and expectations and priorities for therapy. Within this phase three sessions will be completed in which everyday speech (discourse) samples are collected following a prescribed protocol.		

<b>Project Title</b>	2018/842 The Ironbark Program: Older Aboriginal People Standing Tall and Strong		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Ann Marie Hill		
<b>Institution</b>	Curtin University		
<b>Region</b>	Metro & South West		
<b>Start Date</b>	06/2018	<b>Finish Date</b>	06/2021
<b>Project Summary</b>	This program was originally designed to improve strength and balance to prevent falls; providing Aboriginal communities with a healthy ageing program that can be delivered by trained local Aboriginal health workers. Older Aboriginal people completed the physical activities at their community centres, followed by health education delivered through yarning circles. While this program was successful in the local communities in NSW, this was due in part to NSW Aboriginal community strengths. Findings from one community cannot be routinely generalised to a diverse range of other Aboriginal communities – for example Aboriginal communities in WA.		

<b>Project Title</b>	2018 / 844 - Evaluation of the Strong Mind-Strong Game (SM-SG) football project		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Sharynne Hamilton		
<b>Institution</b>	Telethon Kids Institute		
<b>Region</b>	Kimberley		
<b>Start Date</b>	05/2018	<b>Finish Date</b>	11/2018
<b>Project Summary</b>	The SM-SG program targets disengaged and at-risk young women aged 15-18 years old in Derby. The SM-SG program will recruit young women identified by the Youth at Risk multi-agency group in Derby, and others identified by service providers and the Derby high school as potentially at-risk. The evaluation will involve collecting data from two target groups: the girls participating in the SM-SG program, and the program coaches and community partners.		

<b>Project Title</b>	2018 / 846 - Development of an automated screening system for eye diseases – A real world study		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Ming He		
<b>Institution</b>	UniMelb		
<b>Region</b>	Metro		
<b>Start Date</b>	05/2018	<b>Finish Date</b>	05/2019
<b>Project Summary</b>	<p>Primary Aims:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) To understand the acceptability and satisfaction of end users (clinicians and patients)</li> <li>2) To assess technical feasibility of the automated screening system</li> </ol> <p>Secondary Aims:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) To assess disease detection rates and diagnostic accuracy</li> <li>2) To evaluate patient adherence to referral to an eye health professional</li> <li>3) To perform a cost analysis</li> </ol>		

<b>Project Title</b>	2018/848 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Lived Experience Project		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Pat Dudgeon		
<b>Institution</b>	UWA		
<b>Region</b>	Kimberley		
<b>Start Date</b>	05/2018	<b>Finish Date</b>	12/2018
<b>Project Summary</b>	The project will engage with ATSI peoples who have lived experience in suicide to investigate what is needed within the area of ATSI suicide prevention.		

<b>Project Title</b>	2018 / 851 - The Epidemiology of Influenza in the Northern Territory		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Steven Tong		
<b>Institution</b>	Melbourne Health		
<b>Region</b>	Kimberley		
<b>Start Date</b>	05/2018	<b>Finish Date</b>	05/2020
<b>Project Summary</b>	<p>This project aims to understand geographic, time-based, ethnic and evolutionary patterns in the spread of influenza in northern Australia. Specifically, we are interested in:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Whether there are consistent patterns of influenza spread from large to urban centres, to larger remote communities and subsequently to smaller remote communities.</li> <li>2. Where influenza infections outside of usual Australian flu season are arising from given the year round circulation of influenza in the Northern Territory.</li> </ol>		

<b>Project Title</b>	2018 / 853 Real world Efficacy of Antiviral therapies in Chronic Hepatitis C (REACH-C)		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Gail Matthews		
<b>Institution</b>	Kirby Institute		
<b>Region</b>	Great Southern, Metro, South – west and Kimberley		
<b>Start Date</b>	08/2018	<b>Finish Date</b>	12/2020
<b>Project Summary</b>	<p>The REACH-C study aims to evaluate the real world response rates of direct acting antiviral (DAA) therapies for the treatment of chronic hepatitis C. The study includes diverse clinical settings including specialist viral hepatitis clinics, sexual health clinics, drug and alcohol services and general practices in Australia. The study will provide valuable information on factors that determine DAA efficacy as well as the success of the DAA roll out and scale up. Specifically, the study aims to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To monitor levels and types of treatment uptake over time as therapies for HCV infection evolve</li> <li>2. To assess patterns of treatment prescription over time and by genotype, fibrosis stage and other key variables</li> <li>3. To assess treatment response rates to DAA based therapies including the reasons for treatment failure</li> <li>4. To monitor rates of retreatment including for treatment failure and for reinfection development of the on-line 'Ice Toolkit' being developed for the broader population(<a href="http://www.cracksintheice.org.au">www.cracksintheice.org.au</a>).</li> </ol>		

<b>Project Title</b>	2018 / 836 - Traditional Aboriginal Healing in Mental Health Care, Western Australia		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Jocelyn Jones		
<b>Institution</b>	Curtin University		
<b>Region</b>	Midwest		
<b>Start Date</b>	04/2018	<b>Finish Date</b>	12/2018
<b>Project Summary</b>	<p>This is a study of SSAMHS clients and staff, traditional healers and mental health practitioners. The study design is qualitative and will use a culturally safe framework. A culturally safe environment is an environment which is safe; where there is no assault, challenge or denial of their identity, of who they are and what, they need. It is about shared respect, shared meaning, shared knowledge and experience, of learning together with dignity, and truly listening. There is a strong tradition of oral history among Aboriginal peoples.</p>		

<b>Project Title</b>	2018 / 835 - Risk and outcomes of dialysis and renal transplant patients undergoing surgery		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Dharmenaan Palamuthusingam		
<b>Institution</b>	Department of WA Health		
<b>Region</b>	n/a		
<b>Start Date</b>	04/2018	<b>Finish Date</b>	06/2019
<b>Project Summary</b>	<p>This data-linkage project is a retrospective analysis of deidentified data of routinely collected data from a patient's admission to hospital. The data linkage units perform the data-linkage and thus the researchers do not have access to personal identifiers. During this project no contact is made with patients or their communities. There is no intervention or change in the standard of care delivered to these patients.</p>		



This lay summary is for projects approved between July – December 2018. This document is made available to assist researchers, institutions and the general public search for projects have ethics approval from the Western Australian Aboriginal Health Ethics Committee.

<b>Project Title</b>	2018 / 855 ACCESS: Australian Collaboration for Coordinated Enhanced Sentinel Surveillance		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Basil Donovan		
<b>Institution</b>	Kirby Institute		
<b>Region</b>	Metro		
<b>Start Date</b>	04/18	<b>Finish Date</b>	12/19
<b>Project Summary</b>	The overall aim of ACCESS is to underpin Australia's strategic response to STIs and blood borne viruses by maintaining a surveillance system to monitor the testing, diagnosis and management of these infections and evaluate the impact of health interventions to prevent their spread.		

<b>Project Title</b>	2018 / 856 Ngatha Wangga (I Talk): Translation of knowledge to improve the lives of Yamaji people		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Charmaine Green		
<b>Institution</b>	ECU		
<b>Region</b>	Mid-West		
<b>Start Date</b>	06/18	<b>Finish Date</b>	03/20
<b>Project Summary</b>	A primary research objective will be use ethnography to critically examine and utilize my historical, political and professional life events to understand the impact of the colonial concept of nullius on the health and wellbeing of my Yamaji.		

<b>Project Title</b>	2018 / 858 Let's CHAT (Community Health Approaches To) Dementia in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Dina LoGuidice		
<b>Institution</b>	University of Melbourne		
<b>Region</b>	National		
<b>Start Date</b>	07/18	<b>Finish Date</b>	12/20
<b>Project Summary</b>	<p>The aims of the project are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Improve detection and management of dementia and cognitive impairment among older Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people attending Aboriginal Primary Care services</li> <li>(ii) Improve the quality of life of older Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with dementia and cognitive impairment, and their carers/family.</li> </ul>		

<b>Project Title</b>	2018 / 859 Stay Strong e-Mental Health Training and Evaluation		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Kylie Dingwall		
<b>Institution</b>	Menzies		
<b>Region</b>	Metro		
<b>Start Date</b>	07/18	<b>Finish Date</b>	06/19
<b>Project Summary</b>	<p>To deliver and evaluate the Menzies e-mental health training program and e-mental health implementation support program. Free training and support are provided to participating health services. The training program focuses on developing counselling skills and using electronic tools in cross-cultural contexts which enables participants to train others and a follow up support program post training is delivered to support use of e-mental health tools in practice through booster and troubleshooting.</p>		

<b>Project Title</b>	2018 / 860 Evaluation of health service student programs in a primary health and culturally responsive framework: Service learning in Mt Magnet, Western Australia		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Kathryn Fitzgerald		
<b>Institution</b>	Rural Health		
<b>Region</b>	Mt Magnet		
<b>Start Date</b>	08/19	<b>Finish Date</b>	06/19
<b>Project Summary</b>	To evaluate the students' work in terms of the services they provide in the context of a culturally responsive practice. The framework used in the Indigenous Allied health Australia's Cultural Responsiveness in Action: An IAHA Framework (2015) within a framework of knowing, being and doing.		

<b>Project Title</b>	2018 / 861 Evaluating the early intervention speech therapy program at East Kalgoorlie Primary School		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Naomi Bath		
<b>Institution</b>	UWA		
<b>Region</b>	East Kalgoorlie		
<b>Start Date</b>	08/18	<b>Finish Date</b>	06/19
<b>Project Summary</b>	To review the outcomes of the early intervention speech therapy program at the East Kalgoorlie Primary School in 4,5 and 6 year old children who were referred to speech therapy, by comparing their TAC-K score at 4 years with their scores in each subsequent year.		

<b>Project Title</b>	2018 / 862 Identifying factors affecting health outcomes for Aboriginal people in Onslow, Western Australia		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Tammy Abbott		
<b>Institution</b>	Ninti One		
<b>Region</b>	Pilbara		
<b>Start Date</b>	06/18	<b>Finish Date</b>	09/18
<b>Project Summary</b>	This research project is to explore the specific issues and barriers preventing Aboriginal people living in Onslow from achieving optimal health. It will highlight priority health promotion and services needs for Aboriginal people and the findings will be used as a basis for advocacy and further service intervention to address the priority areas.		

<b>Project Title</b>	2018 / 863 Nurse-Led Aboriginal Dementia Prevention (The NULABOR Study) - Phase 1		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Sandra Eades		
<b>Institution</b>	UniMelb		
<b>Region</b>	Metro and South West		
<b>Start Date</b>	09/18	<b>Finish Date</b>	06/20
<b>Project Summary</b>	<p>To reduce the risk of dementia among Aboriginal adults aged 35-60 years at high risk through a nurse-led prevention program targeted at cardiovascular and other risk factors. Specific aims are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To establish a research program in partnership with the South West Aboriginal Medical Service (SWAMS, Derbarl Yerrigan Health Service (DYHS) and community members.</li> <li>2. To undertake a Randomised Controlled Trial to test effectiveness of an Aboriginal- specific nurse-led prevention program.</li> </ol>		

<b>Project Title</b>	2018 / 865 Where are they now?" A follow up study about ear health in the Fitzroy Valley from childhood to early adulthood		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Maureen Carter		
<b>Institution</b>	ACCHSs		
<b>Region</b>	Kimberley		
<b>Start Date</b>	07/18	<b>Finish Date</b>	01/20
<b>Project Summary</b>	A pilot of 10 interviews is proposed to test the interview structure and obtain data to support funding applications. Interview data will be stored in a secure, confidential database at Nindilingarri.		
<b>Project Title</b>	2018 / 805 The ATLAS Project		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	James Ward		
<b>Institution</b>	SAHMRI		
<b>Region</b>	Kimberley		
<b>Start Date</b>	07/2018	<b>Finish Date</b>	12/2020
<b>Project Summary</b>	To establish a national sentinel STI and BBV surveillance system among Aboriginal primary health care services for surveillance, monitoring and evaluation purposes (the ATLAS network).		

<b>Project Title</b>	2018 / 822 Career Pathways for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Professionals Project		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Sally Nathan		
<b>Institution</b>	UNSW		
<b>Region</b>	National		
<b>Start Date</b>	11/2018	<b>Finish Date</b>	02/2019
<b>Project Summary</b>	This national project will provide insights and guidance to enhance the capacity or ability of the health system to retain and support the development and careers of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people working in the health system. The project will investigate who is part of the workforce, and the real – world experiences of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health staff and the perspectives of health managers and other key stakeholders.		

<b>Project Title</b>	2018 / 826 SISTAQUIT		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Gillian Gould		
<b>Institution</b>	UNSW		
<b>Region</b>	State – wide		
<b>Start Date</b>	03/18	<b>Finish Date</b>	03/20
<b>Project Summary</b>	To increase the proportion of health providers offering assistance in quitting to pregnant smokers and to improve the quit rates of pregnant smokers, measured by carbon monoxide testing during pregnancy and after birth. Aiming at improving birth weights and respiratory outcomes of the babies in the first six months of life.		

<b>Project Title</b>	2018 / 833 What Matters: Indigenous Quality of Life and Wellbeing Index Project – Phase 1: Qualitative Exploration		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Kristen Howard		
<b>Institution</b>	UNSW		
<b>Region</b>	Metro		
<b>Start Date</b>	ASAP	<b>Finish Date</b>	12/19
<b>Project Summary</b>	To develop an index to measure quality of life for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. The index will incorporate dimensions that are important to indigenous people in order to improve the relevance and transparency of health decision making.		

<b>Project Title</b>	2018 / 866 Knowing Diabetes, Doing Diabetes: Practical knowledge in urban Aboriginal Australia		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Maja De Langen		
<b>Institution</b>	PhD Candidate		
<b>Region</b>	Perth Metro		
<b>Start Date</b>	10/18	<b>Finish Date</b>	10/19
<b>Project Summary</b>	The aim of the project is to understand how abstract medical knowledge relating to diabetes care changes when it moves from clinic to everyday life. The knowledge people develop and use to live with diabetes.		

<b>Project Title</b>	2018 / 867 Dementia Prevention and Risk Management Program for Aboriginal Australians (DAMPAA)		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Kate Smith		
<b>Institution</b>	UWA		
<b>Region</b>	Metro and South – West		
<b>Start Date</b>	5 years	<b>Finish Date</b>	06/23
<b>Project Summary</b>	To develop an ACCHS-based, Aboriginal health worker coordinated program to reduce cognitive decline in Aboriginal Australians aged 45 years and over who are at risk of dementia. The DAMPAA will based on best practice guidelines and also aims to enhance the quality of life and social emotional wellbeing, as well as improve daily function.		

<b>Project Title</b>	2018 / 870 Pre-school Osteoarticular Infections (POI) study. A study of bone and joint infections in children aged under 5 years		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Andrea Meehan		
<b>Institution</b>	Department of Health		
<b>Region</b>	National – Data Linkage		
<b>Start Date</b>	No recruitment, retrospective data audit	<b>Finish Date</b>	12/19
<b>Project Summary</b>	To find out the number of children aged 3 months to 5 years admitted to Princess Margaret Hospital for bone and joint infections from 2014 to 2016, different rates of admission between		

	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children and non-Indigenous children, which pathogens were detected and the difference in the types of pathogens causing the bone and joint infections.
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<b>Project Title</b>	2018 / 871 Revisiting the Murchison Stock take 2018: Murchison Primary Health Care Service		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Sandra Hamilton		
<b>Institution</b>	WA Rural Health		
<b>Region</b>	Murchison		
<b>Start Date</b>	10/18	<b>Finish Date</b>	31/12
<b>Project Summary</b>	The primary intent of this mapping was to identify service expansion and coordination opportunities to improve access to health care service for Aboriginal people residing in Murchison.		

<b>Project Title</b>	2018 / 875 The National Empowerment Project's Cultural, Social, and Emotional Wellbeing Program		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Pat Dudgeon		
<b>Institution</b>	UWA		
<b>Region</b>	Perth Metro		
<b>Start Date</b>	12/18	<b>Finish Date</b>	06/21
<b>Project Summary</b>	The NEP CSEWB Program is to promote and strengthen the cultural, social and emotional wellbeing of individuals, families and community and to involve a number of activities that have a community –wide focus.		

<b>Project Title</b>	2018 / 876 Rare cancers in Western Australia: Incidence and survival		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Gemma Bikey		
<b>Institution</b>	Department of Health		
<b>Region</b>	Western Australia		
<b>Start Date</b>	10/18	<b>Finish Date</b>	12/19
<b>Project Summary</b>	To provide a descriptive analysis of the epidemiology (incidence, prevalence and survival) of rare cancers in Western Australia, analyzing fully de- identified data from the WA Cancer Registry.		

<b>Project Title</b>	2018 / 877 Second study of Sexual Health and Attitudes of Australian Prisoners (SHAAP-2)		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Tony Butler		
<b>Institution</b>	Kirby Institute		
<b>Region</b>	Metro and South – West		
<b>Start Date</b>	04/19	<b>Finish Date</b>	06/21
<b>Project Summary</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To conduct a representative population-based survey of the sexual health, attitudes and behaviors of adult prisoners in three Australian jurisdictions (NSW, WA and QLD)</li> <li>2. Examine the sexual health and safety of key vulnerable prisoner subgroups: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women, victims of childhood sexual assault, and lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people.</li> </ol>		

<b>Project Title</b>	2018 / 881 Indigenous family violence policies, legislation and services: Improving access and suitability for Indigenous women		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Marcia Langton		
<b>Institution</b>	University of Melbourne		
<b>Region</b>	Kununurra		
<b>Start Date</b>	09/18	<b>Finish Date</b>	12/19
<b>Project Summary</b>	This research aims to collect and analyse ethnographic data from the regional town of Kununurra, using ethnographic interviews with professionals, agency and service personnel and victims with the intention of identifying legal policy and practice gaps.		

<b>Project Title</b>	2018 / 883 Evaluation of the National Suicide Prevention Trial: The Kimberley		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Jane Pirkis		
<b>Institution</b>	University of Melbourne		
<b>Region</b>	Kimberley		
<b>Start Date</b>	01/19	<b>Finish Date</b>	12/21
<b>Project Summary</b>	The objectives is to determine what approaches are most effective in planning and implementing suicide prevention activities so that they meet the needs of local communities and reduce risk of suicidal behavior in those communities.		



<b>Project Title</b>	2018 / 884 Implementation of quality improvement in Indigenous primary health care: Leveraging Effective Ambulatory Practices (LEAP)		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Sarah Larkins		
<b>Institution</b>	University of Sydney		
<b>Region</b>	Pilbara		
<b>Start Date</b>	10/2018	<b>Finish Date</b>	31/2020
<b>Project Summary</b>			

<b>Project Title</b>	2018 / 885 Kimberley Suicide and Self Harm Data Project		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	David Lawrence		
<b>Institution</b>	UWA		
<b>Region</b>	Kimberley		
<b>Start Date</b>	05/18	<b>Finish Date</b>	12/18
<b>Project Summary</b>	The project aims to collate all available existing suicide and self-harm data for the Kimberley region in order to provide an historical analysis of the suicide and self-harm trends in the region as compared to the rest of Western Australia.		

<b>Project Title</b>	2018 / 886 Young Leaders: Aboriginal youth educating their peers about youth health issues		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Daniel Vujcich		
<b>Institution</b>	AHCWA		
<b>Region</b>	Western Australia		
<b>Start Date</b>	09/2018	<b>Finish Date</b>	07/19
<b>Project Summary</b>	To identify and upskill future leaders in the Aboriginal health sector and encourage their peers to engage in healthy behaviors and access relevant services. The focus will be health issues that mostly affect young people- namely: Sexual health, blood-borne viruses and healthy relationships Alcohol and other drugs Mental and emotional wellbeing		

<b>Project Title</b>	2018 / 845 The Facts Study		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Bianca Calabria		
<b>Institution</b>	ANU		
<b>Region</b>	Pilbara		
<b>Start Date</b>	03/18	<b>Finish Date</b>	03/20
<b>Project Summary</b>	To examine the extent of exposure to violence against women and their children, social impacts, including on relationships, health, wellbeing, education, workforce participation. Focus on the availability, appropriateness and effectiveness of service or other supports and measures on how to reduce violence in communities.		

<b>Project Title</b>	2018 / 852 Exploring issues affecting breast cancer survival: A comparative study		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Shaouli Shahid		
<b>Institution</b>	Curtin University		
<b>Region</b>	State – wide		
<b>Start Date</b>	03/18	<b>Finish Date</b>	03/21
<b>Project Summary</b>	Listen to the stories of Aboriginal and non-aboriginal patients with breast cancer at remote, rural and local sites in order to gain an understanding of key issues associated with breast cancer and treatment, compare the experiences of different patients at different locations. To appraise understanding, philosophy, attitude and communication pertaining to outcome. Moreover to identify the best treatment and explore solutions for problems such as doctor and patient education.		

<b>Project Title</b>	2018 / 853 Real world Efficacy of Antiviral therapies in Chronic Hepatitis C (REACH-C)		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Gail Matthews		
<b>Institution</b>	Kirby Institute		
<b>Region</b>	Metro / Great Southern and Kimberley		
<b>Start Date</b>	06/18	<b>Finish Date</b>	12/20
<b>Project Summary</b>	The REACH-C study aims to monitor levels and types of treatment uptake over time as therapies for HCV infection evolve, to assess patterns of treatment prescription over time and treatment response rates to DAA based therapies including reasons for treatment failure. Besides an observation to be carried out on the rate of retreatment including for treatment failure and for reinfection		

<b>Project Title</b>	2018 / 889 Influenza ('flu') and pertussis ('whooping cough') vaccine effectiveness and safety in pregnancy		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Annette Regan		
<b>Institution</b>	Curtin University		
<b>Region</b>	State – wide		
<b>Start Date</b>	08/18	<b>Finish Date</b>	12/22
<b>Project Summary</b>	The project intention is to estimate the proportion of respiratory infections (influenza & pertussis) in pregnant women and their infants. Also to find out the amount of women receiving both vaccines during their pregnancy. It also aims at estimating the impact of maternal vaccination on the health of infants at birth and through 5 years of age and the effectiveness on both mothers and their infants.		

<b>Project Title</b>	2018 / 890 Women's Action for Mums and Bubs (WOMB): A trial of participatory women's groups to improve Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander maternal and child health		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Sarah Larkins		
<b>Institution</b>	James Cook University		
<b>Region</b>	Mid – west		
<b>Start Date</b>	21/11/2018	<b>Finish Date</b>	31/12/2022
<b>Project Summary</b>	A cluster randomized trial, aims participatory women's group as an intervention improve the quality of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander maternal and child health care		

<b>Project Title</b>	2018 / 892 The Missing Piece Surveillance Study: A surveillance study for Strep A sore throat and skin infections in the Kimberley		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Asha Bowen		
<b>Institution</b>	Telethon Kids		
<b>Region</b>	Kimberley		
<b>Start Date</b>	01/19	<b>Finish Date</b>	12/20
<b>Project Summary</b>	This project aims to quantify the concurrent burden of Strep A sore throats and Strep A skin infections in Aboriginal children in the Kimberley. It also describes the epidemiology and compare the strains of Strep A impetigo and Strep A pharyngitis infections in Aboriginal children in Australia. Along with an evaluation of performance and development of clinical decision rules of Strep A.		

<b>Project Title</b>	2019 / 899 - Assessing the burden of streptococcal disease in Western Australia		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Lauren Manning		
<b>Institution</b>	UWA		
<b>Region</b>	Metro		
<b>Start Date</b>	04/2019	<b>Finish Date</b>	06/2020
<b>Project Summary</b>	To describe the vaccine preventable burden of invasive beta – haemolytic streptococcal disease in WA between year 2000 - 2018 Data Linkage participants will be de-identified from the Hospital Data Collection, Path west and mortality databases all within Western Australia.		

<b>Project Title</b>	2019 / 905 Cockburn Ear Portal – An ENT and audiology referral portal for improving access to ear health services for Aboriginal children in metropolitan areas using tele - health		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Chris Brennan – Jones		
<b>Institution</b>	TKI		
<b>Region</b>	Metro		
<b>Start Date</b>	07/2019	<b>Finish Date</b>	09/2020
<b>Project Summary</b>	The main aim of the study to create an equitable ear health service for Aboriginal children by reducing the waiting time to receive the first ENT consultation to less than 4 weeks. The children will be recruited via the existing Djaalinj Waankinj Aboriginal epidemiology program in the Armadale and Rockingham communities.		

<b>Project Title</b>	2019 / 910 - Understanding and promoting the social and emotional wellbeing and mental health of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander LGBTIQ young people		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Ashleigh Lin		
<b>Institution</b>	TKI		

<b>Region</b>	Metro		
<b>Start Date</b>	06/2019	<b>Finish Date</b>	05/2020
<b>Project Summary</b>	<p>Identifying the guidance available for Australian health and social services on how best to support a young person who is Aboriginal and / or Torres Strait Islander and Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex or Queer (LGBTIQ).</p> <p>Participants aged 14-25 years old who identify may not receive the same level of social support and health care as other members of the community.</p> <p>Aims to identify the SEWB needs of Aboriginal LGBTIQ young people, identify the risks for mental health difficulties and co – design interventions with local support services that support them</p>		

<b>Project Title</b>	2019 / 912 - Racism in the Australian Health Justice System and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples: Logics of racialization and Australian coronial inquests		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Chelsea Bond		
<b>Institution</b>	University of QLD		
<b>Region</b>	Metro		
<b>Start Date</b>	04/2019	<b>Finish Date</b>	03/2022
<b>Project Summary</b>	<p>The main aim of the study to create an equitable ear health service for Aboriginal children by reducing the waiting time to receive the first ENT consultation to less than 4 weeks.</p> <p>The children will be recruited via the existing Djaalinj Waankinj Aboriginal epidemiology program in the Armadale and Rockingham communities.</p>		

<b>Project Title</b>	2019 / 895 – A pilot survey of HTLV-1 in the Ngaanyatjarra lands in Western Australia		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Lloyd Einsidel		
<b>Institution</b>	Bakers Institute		

<b>Region</b>	The Lands		
<b>Start Date</b>	03/2019	<b>Finish Date</b>	12/2020
<b>Project Summary</b>	i) To study the prevalence of HTLV-1 in four remote Indigenous communities in Western Australia ii) To identify the clinical associations of HTLV-1 infection in these communities iii) To determine whether higher HTLV-1 proviral loads are associated with an increased risk of HTLV-1 associated diseases iv) To empower and improve communities through building knowledge and understanding of HTLV-1		

<b>Project Title</b>	2019 / 914 - Longitudinal study of wellbeing and quality of life in remote Indigenous youth: The Bigiswun Kid project		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Elizabeth Elliot		
<b>Institution</b>	West mead Clinical School		
<b>Region</b>	Kimberley		
<b>Start Date</b>	03/2019	<b>Finish Date</b>	12/2021
<b>Project Summary</b>	1. Describe the health, education and welfare status of the Lililwan cohort at 16 – 18 years of age. 2. Examine relationships between exposures during pregnancy, birth characteristics, and health and neurodevelopment at 7 – 9 years of age, and positive/adverse adolescent outcomes. 3. Determine whether Lililwan Project management plans were followed and identify past and present service gaps and support needs. 4. Document self-reported quality of life, mental health and well-being of adolescents.		

<b>Project Title</b>	2019 / 896 - Living Stories – Yarning about pituri and tobacco in Australia		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Sylvia Lockyer		
<b>Institution</b>	Independent – Prospective PhD Student		



<b>Region</b>	Pilbara		
<b>Start Date</b>	03/2019	<b>Finish Date</b>	06/2020
<b>Project Summary</b>	This project aims to extend knowledge of historical and traditional use of tobacco, nicotine and pituri and how and why the relationship with these plants and their substance has changed over time in Indigenous communities.		

<b>Project Title</b>	2019 / 915 - Decolonising psychology in practice: developing a holistic healing model of psychological services in Nyungar country		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Lauren Breen / Karen Ugle		
<b>Institution</b>	Curtin University		
<b>Region</b>	Metro		
<b>Start Date</b>	05/2019	<b>Finish Date</b>	11/2023
<b>Project Summary</b>	<p>To gain Aboriginal perspectives on the development of a culturally appropriate service model of psychological practice</p> <p>To capture the voices of Aboriginal people relating to the design of research into Aboriginal Social and Emotional Wellbeing in Nyungar country</p> <p>To inform the future development of respectful and safe psychology services and psychotherapeutic programs for the people in the South West of Western Australia</p>		

<b>Project Title</b>	2019 / 916 - Evaluation of the Australian Government's investment in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Primary Health Care through the Indigenous Australians Health Programme		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Ned Hardie – Boys		



<b>Institution</b>	Allen and Clarke		
<b>Region</b>	National		
<b>Start Date</b>	05/2019	<b>Finish Date</b>	09/2019
<b>Project Summary</b>	<p>The Department of Health commissioned to conduct a national evaluation (2019-22) of the Australian Governments investment in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Primary Health Care.</p> <p>The purpose of the evaluation is to contribute to strengthening Primary Health Care for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and their communities, the evaluation will;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Identify barriers, enablers and key intervention points for changes required at different levels of the system to improve health outcomes</li> <li>2. Support informed policy and planning decision-making</li> <li>3. Develop improved understanding of clients' and health care providers' perspectives and experiences of the health care system</li> <li>4. Inform revisions to the Implementation Plan for the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Plan 2013 -2023.</li> <li>5. Recommend a long-term approach for monitoring and evaluation</li> </ol>		

<b>Project Title</b>	2019 / 917 - Isolated ulna shaft fractures: Incidence, cost and demographics of patients admitted for inpatient care in Western Australian Tertiary Teaching Hospitals		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Sheldon Moniz		
<b>Institution</b>	WA Health		
<b>Region</b>	Metro		
<b>Start Date</b>	05/2019	<b>Finish Date</b>	08/2019

<b>Project Summary</b>	A retrospective audit of admissions, the primary aim of this project is to describe the demographic factors of patients presenting to Royal Perth, Fiona Stanley or Sir Charles Gardiner hospitals with isolated ulnar shaft fractures between 2013 – 2018.
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<b>Project Title</b>	2019 / 918 - Isolated ulna shaft fractures: Incidence, cost and demographics of patients admitted for inpatient care in Western Australian Tertiary Teaching Hospitals		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Rosetta Smith		
<b>Institution</b>	James Cook University		
<b>Region</b>	Kimberley		
<b>Start Date</b>	05/2019	<b>Finish Date</b>	09/2019
<b>Project Summary</b>	The aim of this project to explore community perceptions of the health and wellbeing relating to 5-11 year old children living at Pandanus Park Aboriginal community, findings presented back to the community who decide on the most effective strategies to improve health and wellbeing outcome for the children		

<b>Project Title</b>	2019 / 920 - Improving lung health of Aboriginal children hospitalised with chest infections		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Andre Schultz		
<b>Institution</b>	TKI		
<b>Region</b>	Metro		
<b>Start Date</b>	05/2019	<b>Finish Date</b>	06/2021
<b>Project Summary</b>	<p>Aboriginal children hospitalised with acute respiratory (ARIs) are particularly vulnerable to developing chronic lung disease, there is no formal follow up strategy in WA or Aboriginal children hospitalised with ARIs</p> <p>The project aims to implement a solution package (developed through participatory action research) to improve follow up of Aboriginal children hospitalised at PCH with chest infection</p>		

<b>Project Title</b>	2019 / 921 - Evaluation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people's engagement with PrEP trials in Australia		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	James Ward		
<b>Institution</b>	SAHMRI		
<b>Region</b>	Metro		
<b>Start Date</b>	05/2019	<b>Finish Date</b>	12/2019
<b>Project Summary</b>	This study is a retrospective analysis of the uptake of, and adherence with, PrEP amongst the Australian population at high-risk of HIV infection, with a particular focus on the differences that exists between the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and non-Indigenous people.		

<b>Project Title</b>	2019 / 922 - Exposure-dependent mumps vaccine effectiveness		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Darren Westphal		
<b>Institution</b>	DoH		
<b>Region</b>	State – wide		
<b>Start Date</b>	05/2019	<b>Finish Date</b>	06/2020
<b>Project Summary</b>	The aim to assess the hypothesis that intense (e.g., recurrent, high-dose) exposures in close-contact settings might enable mumps virus to overcome vaccine-derived immunity, which would otherwise be expected to prevent infection and/or disease. We will test support for this hypothesis by comparing the ability of alternative mathematical models of mumps transmission to account for epidemiologic observations in Western Australia.		

<b>Project Title</b>	2019 / 923 - The BRICK Project: Burden and Response In Cellulitis in Kids		
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<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Elise Salleo		
<b>Institution</b>	TKI		
<b>Region</b>	State – wide		
<b>Start Date</b>	05/2019	<b>Finish Date</b>	07/2020
<b>Project Summary</b>	<p>A Retrospective audit:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. To describe the epidemiology of cellulitis in WA children by calculating the incidence and by identifying trends in patient characteristics such as age, Indigenous status, geographical location, common co-morbidities and recurrent cellulitis.</li><li>2. To understand how cellulitis contributes to the overall burden of GAS infections in WA children.</li><li>3. To investigate the treatment of cellulitis and the adherence of treatment to current guidelines.</li><li>4. To compare cellulitis in paediatric cases to adult cases.</li><li>5. To validate the ICD codes for cellulitis in children.</li></ol>		



<b>Project Title</b>	2019 / 925 - Investigating factors which impede and enable optimal implementation of regional rheumatic heart disease control strategies and interventions.		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Judith Katzenellenbogen		
<b>Institution</b>	UWA		
<b>Region</b>	Statewide		
<b>Start Date</b>	10/2019	<b>Finish Date</b>	06/2020
<b>Project Summary</b>	This health systems research project aims to a) investigate the factors influencing the capacity of Australia's primary health care system to implement strategies for the diagnosis and management of acute rheumatic fever and rheumatic heart disease, and b) determine how these relate to the health system functioning.		

<b>Project Title</b>	2019 / 926 - Yawardani Jan-ga (Horses doing healing)		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Juli Coffin		
<b>Institution</b>	Telethon Kids Institute		
<b>Region</b>	Kimberley		
<b>Start Date</b>	07/2019	<b>Finish Date</b>	07/2024
<b>Project Summary</b>	The aim of this project is to implement, evaluate and consolidate the approach of Equine Assisted Learning in a setting where there is a demonstrated need for culturally appropriate, Social and Emotional Wellbeing interventions for Aboriginal youth.		

<b>Project Title</b>	2019 / 927 - Maxillofacial trauma at Royal Perth Hospital: aetiology and treatment patterns between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and non-Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander patients		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Samuel Chu		
<b>Institution</b>	Department of Health		
<b>Region</b>	Metro		

<b>Start Date</b>	01/2019	<b>Finish Date</b>	06/2019
<b>Project Summary</b>	This project aims to study the difference in both the epidemiology and the treatment of maxillofacial trauma at Royal Perth Hospital over two years, and to quantify the differences existing between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and non-Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander patients.		

<b>Project Title</b>	2019 / 928 - A pilot study of Meningococcal carriage in the remote northern communities of Western Australia		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Charlene Kahler		
<b>Institution</b>	University of Western Australia		
<b>Region</b>	Pilbara/Western Desert		
<b>Start Date</b>	09/2019	<b>Finish Date</b>	01/2020
<b>Project Summary</b>	This survey will determine if vaccination has improved and reduced meningococcal carriage and what other types are still being carried without any symptoms in Aboriginal communities.		

<b>Project Title</b>	2019 / 929 – Pneumonia hospitalisations in Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children 0 – 5 years following the introduction of a pneumococcal vaccination schedule: 1998 – 2017		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Frank Beard		
<b>Institution</b>	National Centre for Immunisation Research and Surveillance		
<b>Region</b>	Statewide		
<b>Start Date</b>	10/2019	<b>Finish Date</b>	10/2021
<b>Project Summary</b>	This study will use existing national hospitalisation data to perform a comprehensive review and analyse the rate of hospital admissions for pneumonia in children aged 0-5 years, over an extended time-frame including all changes in the pneumococcal vaccine schedule. Rates of hospitalisation for pneumonia in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children will be compared to non-Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children.		

<b>Project Title</b>	2019 / 930 – The per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances health study: Data Linkage Study		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Rosemary Korda		
<b>Institution</b>	The Australian National University		
<b>Region</b>	NSW, Queensland, Northern Territory		
<b>Start Date</b>	10/2019	<b>Finish Date</b>	12/2020
<b>Project Summary</b>	This data linkage study is one component of The Per- and Poly-fluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) Health Study: Phase II, which is investigating the exposure to and potential health effects of PFAS in areas of known contamination in the communities of Williamstown in New South Wales, Oakey in Queensland and Katherine in the Northern Territory, Australia.		

<b>Project Title</b>	2019 / 931 – Identifying gaps in Hepatitis B screening and management in the midwest region of Western Australia, and Aboriginal and Vietnamese insights into their understanding of Chronic Hepatitis B		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Marisa Gilles		
<b>Institution</b>	Department of Health		
<b>Region</b>	Midwest		
<b>Start Date</b>	09/2019	<b>Finish Date</b>	12/2020
<b>Project Summary</b>	This study will identify gaps regarding screening, diagnosis, and management of Chronic Hepatitis B by GPs and their patients notified in the Midwest region between 2009-2018, and determine the knowledge of individuals in the high-risk groups of Aboriginal and Vietnamese people living in Carnarvon with regard to Chronic Hepatitis B screening and prognosis.		

<b>Project Title</b>	2019 / 932 – Increasing Aboriginal peoples' use of services that reduce harm from illicit drugs
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<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Roanna Lobo		
<b>Institution</b>	Curtin University		
<b>Region</b>	Statewide		
<b>Start Date</b>	09/2019	<b>Finish Date</b>	03/2020
<b>Project Summary</b>	This project aims to co-design intervention strategies to reduce harms from illicit drugs among Aboriginal peoples (includes Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander).		

<b>Project Title</b>	2019 / 933 – Evaluation of the Essential Pain Management workshops in Aboriginal Health Services		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Roger Goucke		
<b>Institution</b>	Department of Health		
<b>Region</b>	Statewide		
<b>Start Date</b>	10/2019	<b>Finish Date</b>	04/2020
<b>Project Summary</b>	The research project will evaluate a pilot program that uses the Essential Pain Management training program to: provide healthcare professionals with pain management and training skills; increase the number of Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists trainees with skills and experience working in Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services (ACCHSs); increase the number of health practitioners working in ACCHSs with the skills to assess and treat chronic pain; encourage and foster interest in pain medicine and anaesthesia careers in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander healthcare professionals; foster stronger links between Aboriginal health services and local specialist healthcare providers; improve the management of chronic pain conditions in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander patients, improving health outcomes.		

<b>Project Title</b>	2019 / 934 – National audit and operational framework for Safe at Home Programs – Western Australia Case Study
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<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Kyllie Cripps		
<b>Institution</b>	University of New South Wales		
<b>Region</b>	Statewide		
<b>Start Date</b>	12/2019	<b>Finish Date</b>	07/2020
<b>Project Summary</b>	As part of the 'National Audit and Operational Framework for Safe at Home Programs' this project will be assessing the effectiveness of the Keeping Women Safe in their Homes (KWSITH) / Safe at Home (SAH) responses to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women. This project applies to a case study focusing specifically on the effectiveness of KWSITH/SAH responses to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women in Western Australia.		

<b>Project Title</b>	2019 / 935 - Childhood systemic lupus erythematosus in the Western Australian Aboriginal population: clinical presentation, management and outcomes		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Anne Sage		
<b>Institution</b>	Department of Health		
<b>Region</b>	Statewide		
<b>Start Date</b>	09/2019	<b>Finish Date</b>	10/2019
<b>Project Summary</b>	This project will be a retrospective longitudinal observational single centre cohort study of patients with confirmed childhood Systemic Lupus Erythematosus managed within the Child and Adolescent Health Service in Western Australia from 1998 to 2018. It will include documentation of the clinical manifestations and long term outcomes of SLE in Aboriginal children in WA.		

<b>Project Title</b>	2019 / 936 - Eye-tracking data for typically developing Australian children on four tasks		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Martyn Symons		
<b>Institution</b>	Telethon Kids Institute		

Metro	Statewide		
Start Date	09/2019	Finish Date	03/2020
Project Summary	New technologies are being developed to quickly screen children and determine their risk of having FASD. Using a special eye-tracking machine that can accurately measure where children are looking on a computer screen, while performing simple tasks for 30 minutes, it may be possible to quickly and cheaply determine if they should be referred for FASD diagnosis. This project is the first step in developing a set of quick, inexpensive eye-tracking tests to screen children for a range of problems including FASD, ADHD, and Autism Spectrum Disorder so they get treatment and support at the earliest age possible.		

Project Title	2019 / 937 - Prediction of Indigenous women at high risk of preterm birth using vaginal bacterial biomarkers		
Chief Investigator	Matthew Payne		
Institution	University of Western Australia		
Region	Mid-West		
Start Date	12/2019	Finish Date	12/2020
Project Summary	This study will conduct a pilot-scale prospective cohort study of early mid-gestation WA Indigenous pregnant women in the mid-west region, to document vaginal bacteria present using full-length 16S rRNA gene profiling (molecular analysis) and to ascertain whether the GLU test can accurately predict preterm birth in this ethnic group, and if not, identify specific bacterial DNA profiles that are predictive of preterm birth risk.		

Project Title	2019 / 938 - Understanding and responding to the cost and health impact of short-term health staffing in remote and rural Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community controlled health services		
Chief Investigator	John Wakerman		
Institution	Menzies School of Health Research		

<b>Region</b>	Statewide		
<b>Start Date</b>	11/2019	<b>Finish Date</b>	11/2022
<b>Project Summary</b>	This study aims to generate new knowledge about the impact of short-term staffing in remote and rural Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community controlled health services on Aboriginal communities, the potential mitigating effect of community control, and effective, context-specific, evidence-based retention strategies.		

<b>Project Title</b>	2019 / 940 - Describing congenital heart defects in Western Australia: 1980-2016		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Michele Hansen		
<b>Institution</b>	Telethon Kids Institute		
<b>Region</b>	Statewide		
<b>Start Date</b>	12/2019	<b>Finish Date</b>	05/2021
<b>Project Summary</b>	A comprehensive description of Congenital Heart Defect (CHD) cases in WA has not been undertaken since 1994 when CHD were described for all births from 1980-1989 and a prevalence of 7.6/1000 total births was reported. An additional 20 years of data are now available. The aim of this study is to examine the prevalence and characteristics of congenital heart defects in a geographically defined Australian population over a 36-year period (1980 to 2016).		

<b>Project Title</b>	2019 / 941 - A review of the survival of patients diagnosed with penile cancer in Western Australia.		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Simeon Ngweso		
<b>Institution</b>	Joondalup Health Campus		
<b>Region</b>	Western Australia		

<b>Start Date</b>	10/2019	<b>Finish Date</b>	02/2020
<b>Project Summary</b>	The primary objectives of the research are to highlight patterns of care to reveal whether penile cancer patients in Western Australia are being managed in accordance with international standards and whether their survival outcomes are at an internationally acceptable level. In order to provide an accurate representation of all patients, the project aims to accurately capture statistics from all communities including rural and remote locations and also Indigenous patients.		

<b>Project Title</b>	2019 / 943 - Indigenous child removals Western Australia (I-CaRe WA)		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Sandra Eades		
<b>Institution</b>	University of Melbourne		
<b>Region</b>	Statewide		
<b>Start Date</b>	12/2019	<b>Finish Date</b>	12/2022
<b>Project Summary</b>	This project will explore the views and narratives from Aboriginal kinship carers about positive and negative experiences of providing out-of-home care to Aboriginal children and their views on how they can be better supported. The project will also explore the views and narratives from primary health care staff of Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisations (ACCHOs) about how services can be strengthened to support families at risk of having their children removed, to increase kinship carer arrangements and to better support kinship carers.		

<b>Project Title</b>	2019 / 948 - The economic empowerment project - Me, Myself and Money Evaluation		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Donna Chung		
<b>Institution</b>	Curtin University		
<b>Region</b>	Statewide		
<b>Start Date</b>	11/2019	<b>Finish Date</b>	04/2021



<b>Project Summary</b>	This research aims to evaluate the Me, Myself and Money program which is being developed as a training program for women to raise women's awareness of economic abuse, increase their financial wellbeing and confidence with finances. The Curtin program evaluation will focus on identifying what works well and what needs to be changed so it can be more helpful for future facilitators and program participants.
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<b>Project Title</b>	2019 / 949 – A retrospective review of presentation features and outcomes in patients diagnosed with leukemia in Australia		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Rishi Kotecha		
<b>Institution</b>	Department of Health		
<b>Region</b>	Statewide		
<b>Start Date</b>	11/2019	<b>Finish Date</b>	11/2020
<b>Project Summary</b>	Questions asked in this study are: Are there differences between the leukaemia presentation features (such as age, phenotype, cytogenetics and molecular genetics) and response to treatment and outcome (Event-Free Survival, Leukaemia-Free Survival) within one centre and within the above states? Is 'remoteness' associated with different presentation features and different response to chemotherapy? Are there differences between the different states in the ration of patients from remote communities? Do Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children have a different pattern of presentation and outcome? Depending on patient number, can we demonstrate differences between other ethnic groups?		

<b>Project Title</b>	2019 / 953 – A diagnostic aid for the diagnosis of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) in an Indigenous Australian population using non-contact sound recordings		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Scott Claxton		
<b>Institution</b>	Genesis Care Sleep and Respiratory		
<b>Region</b>	Midwest		
<b>Start Date</b>	01/2020	<b>Finish Date</b>	07/2020

<b>Project Summary</b>	ResApp Health Limited has developed an innovative smartphone-based software application (COPDCheck) to screen adults for COPD. This study will test the COPDCheck diagnostic algorithms and application at the Geraldton Regional Aboriginal Medical Service with the goal of investigating its clinical performance and usage when compared to standard-of-care clinical diagnosis in an Indigenous Australian population. This study is important to validate the algorithms more broadly as previous Australian studies have not focused on specifically testing efficacy and applicability in the Indigenous Australian population.
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<b>Project Title</b>	2019 / 955 – Our Journey, Our Story: building bridges to improve Aboriginal youth mental health and wellbeing		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Michael Wright		
<b>Institution</b>	Curtin University		
<b>Region</b>	Metro and Kimberley		
<b>Start Date</b>	01/2020	<b>Finish Date</b>	05/2024
<b>Project Summary</b>	This project aims to enhance the capacity of mainstream mental health service providers to be flexible, confident and competent when responding to the needs of Aboriginal young people. Specifically, 'Our Journey, Our Story' aims to establish an evidence base for optimal youth mental health service accessibility and responsiveness that improves the social, emotional and mental wellbeing of Aboriginal young people.		

<b>Project Title</b>	2020 / 911 – Improving Aboriginal Health and well-being: young people and type 2 diabetes		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Lisa Whitehead		
<b>Institution</b>	Edith Cowan University		
<b>Region</b>	Western Australia		
<b>Start Date</b>	01/07/2019	<b>Finish Date</b>	07/09/2020
<b>Project Summary</b>	The aims of the project are to explore the health beliefs and behaviours of young people who identify as Aboriginal with type 2 diabetes mellitus registered on the Perth Children's Hospital (PCH) database in Western Australia; to explore barriers to engagement with health services and enablers/incentives to increase engagement and self-management by Aboriginal young people with diabetes, and to co-develop culturally defined and appropriate principles for ways to make change and support young people and families, with the longer term view of informing potential intervention programs around managing type 2 diabetes.		

<b>Project Title</b>	2020 / 939 – A mixed methods investigation of mutual support groups for Aboriginal People		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Peter Kelly		
<b>Institution</b>	University of Wollongong		
<b>Region</b>	Western Australia		
<b>Start Date</b>	01/2020	<b>Finish Date</b>	12/2020
<b>Project Summary</b>	The overall aim of this study is to investigate the cultural utility of SMART Recovery Australia as a recovery resource for Aboriginal peoples.		

<b>Project Title</b>	2020 / 944 – Developmental Disability among Aboriginal Children in Western Australia		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Alison Gibberd		
<b>Institution</b>	University of Melbourne		

<b>Region</b>	Western Australia		
<b>Start Date</b>	31/12/2019	<b>Finish Date</b>	30/06/2021
<b>Project Summary</b>	The aims of this study are to use linked, population-based data to: identify regions of WA where health services are making early diagnoses and children are accessing disability services in early childhood; identify characteristics of children and families where children are diagnosed early and receive services early; examine the relationship between developmental disability and the child protection system and how this varies with access to disability services and other strengths and vulnerabilities within the family.		

<b>Project Title</b>	2020 / 945 – Urban Hearing Pathways		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Samantha Harkus		
<b>Institution</b>	Hearing Australia		
<b>Region</b>	Metro		
<b>Start Date</b>	30/11/2019	<b>Finish Date</b>	30/06/2020
<b>Project Summary</b>	The Urban Hearing Pathways Project is seeking to understand how Aboriginal families with children aged 0-5 years can access services to make sure their children can hear well so that they can develop their listening and talking skills.		

<b>Project Title</b>	2020 / 951 – ESCALATION: Establishing a state-wide system to identify and respond to clinically deteriorating children in Western Australia		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Fenella Gill		
<b>Institution</b>	Curtin University		
<b>Region</b>	Western Australia		
<b>Start Date</b>	10/2019	<b>Finish Date</b>	12/2020



<b>Project Summary</b>	The ESCALATION project aims to develop a system across Western Australian health care services for doctors and nurses to be able to better recognise and respond to early signs when a child's health condition is getting worse.
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<b>Project Title</b>	2020 / 957 – Evaluation and development of Key Performance Indicators under the Rheumatic Fever Strategy		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Andrew Alderdice		
<b>Institution</b>	Abt Associates		
<b>Region</b>	Western Australia		
<b>Start Date</b>	01/03/2020	<b>Finish Date</b>	31/05/2020
<b>Project Summary</b>	To assess the extent to which the locally designed preventative activities that form part of Rheumatic Fever Strategy have had an impact on reducing the incidence of GAS infections and new cases of ARF within the timeframes of the evaluation.		

<b>Project Title</b>	2020 / 958 – Process Evaluation of the Family Support Networks		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Lisa Thompson		
<b>Institution</b>	Department of Communities		
<b>Region</b>	Metro		
<b>Start Date</b>	19/08/2019	<b>Finish Date</b>	31/01/2020
<b>Project Summary</b>	Process evaluation of Family Support Networks.		

<b>Project Title</b>	2020 / 959 - Prioritising and privileging First Nations voices in the decision-making about pandemic influenza vaccine allocation in Australia: listening to community panels		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Kristy Crooks		

<b>Institution</b>	Hunter New England Local Health District, Charles Darwin University/Menzies School of Health Research		
<b>Region</b>	Western Australia		
<b>Start Date</b>	02/2020	<b>Finish Date</b>	12/2020
<b>Project Summary</b>	This research is about working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities to develop a new way of distributing flu vaccine by conducting community participation decision-making panels. It will explore new ways of understanding and new ways of working in the public health emergencies spaces, so that First Nations people are engaged in the decision-making process.		

<b>Project Title</b>	2020 / 960 - Culturally Appropriate Family and Domestic Violence Support Services: Engaging with Communities to Design a Culturally Appropriate Family Violence Program to Strengthen Aboriginal Family Safety		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Angela Ryder		
<b>Institution</b>	Relationships Australia		
<b>Region</b>	Metro and South West		
<b>Start Date</b>	01/01/2020	<b>Finish Date</b>	30/12/2021
<b>Project Summary</b>	The Aboriginal Family Safety Project will use a co-design approach to develop a culturally appropriate program to improve the safety and wellbeing of Aboriginal women experiencing family violence.		

<b>Project Title</b>	2020 / 961 - Osteoarthritis in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians - Phase 1 of Enhancing Equity, Collaboration and Culturally secure Osteoarthritis care for Aboriginal Australians		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Ivan Lin		
<b>Institution</b>	Western Australia Centre for Rural Health		
<b>Region</b>	Geraldton and Murchison		

<b>Start Date</b>	03/02/2020	<b>Finish Date</b>	31/07/2021
<b>Project Summary</b>	This project aims to understand Osteoarthritis (OA)-related Quality Of Life from the perspective of Aboriginal people with OA; to identify the barriers and enablers for Aboriginal people with OA to access care, from the perspective of Aboriginal people with OA and key informants who work in Aboriginal health care.		

<b>Project Title</b>	2020 / 962 – Preventing falls in older Aboriginal People: The Ironbark Trial		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Anne-Marie Hill		
<b>Institution</b>	Curtin University		
<b>Region</b>	Western Australia		
<b>Start Date</b>	12/2019	<b>Finish Date</b>	06/2022
<b>Project Summary</b>	The Ironbark trial aims to show that the <i>Ironbark: Standing Strong and Tall Program</i> reduces the rate of falls in Aboriginal people 45 years and older, compared to people who receive a community wellbeing program - <i>Ironbark: Healthy Community program</i> .		

<b>Project Title</b>	2020 / 963 – Identifying candidates for renal transplantation in the Kimberley region		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Emma Griffiths		
<b>Institution</b>	KAMS & The Rural Clinical School of WA		
<b>Region</b>	Kimberley		
<b>Start Date</b>	01/01/2020	<b>Finish Date</b>	31/12/2022
<b>Project Summary</b>	Aims of the project are: to develop and evaluate a CQI process to improve the process of transplant suitability assessment in the Kimberley region; to increase the proportion of patients dialysing with Kimberley Renal Services who have been formally assessed		

	for transplant status; to increase the number of patients waitlisted for transplantation.
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<b>Project Title</b>	2020 / 964 – GP Urgent Care Network Pilot Evaluation		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	David Whyatt		
<b>Institution</b>	University of Western Australia		
<b>Region</b>	Western Australia		
<b>Start Date</b>	03/02/2020	<b>Finish Date</b>	31/12/2020
<b>Project Summary</b>	This research project is an evaluation of the Urgent Care Network to determine the characteristics of the patients seen by the urgent care clinics, based on data collected as part of the administration and delivery of healthcare.		

<b>Project Title</b>	2020 / 965 – Impact of the (PTB) preterm birth prevention initiative in Western Australia		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	John Newnham		
<b>Institution</b>	University of Western Australia		
<b>Region</b>	Western Australia		
<b>Start Date</b>	04/03/2020	<b>Finish Date</b>	04/03/2023
<b>Project Summary</b>	The study aims to evaluate whether the WA Preterm Birth Prevention Initiative's strategies have resulted in a delay in gestational age at delivery.		

<b>Project Title</b>	2020 / 966 – Australian hepatitis B and hepatitis C duplicate notifications linkage project		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Benjamin Cowie		



<b>Institution</b>	WHO Collaborating Centre for Viral Hepatitis, Doherty Institute		
<b>Region</b>	Western Australia		
<b>Start Date</b>	01/02/2020	<b>Finish Date</b>	01/02/2022
<b>Project Summary</b>	This study will collect all state and territory notified cases of hepatitis B and C across Australia and link these data to identify duplication notifications.		

<b>Project Title</b>	2020 / 967 – Derbarl Yerrigan Health Service Aboriginal Corporation Respiratory Disease Health Quality Improvement Plan		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Richelle Douglas		
<b>Institution</b>	Derbarl Yerrigan Health Service Aboriginal Corporation		
<b>Region</b>	Metro		
<b>Start Date</b>	02/03/2020	<b>Finish Date</b>	05/07/2021
<b>Project Summary</b>	The aim of this project is to assess the impact of a quality improvement program for clinical diagnosis and management of chronic respiratory disease at Derbarl Yerrigan Health Service Aboriginal Corporation.		

<b>Project Title</b>	2020 / 968 – Current practice for lung function testing in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Graham Hall		
<b>Institution</b>	Telethon Kids Institute		
<b>Region</b>	Western Australia		
<b>Start Date</b>	06/01/2020	<b>Finish Date</b>	06/09/2021
<b>Project Summary</b>	The aim of the study is to review current practice of lung function testing for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people within health care services throughout Australia.		

<b>Project Title</b>	2020 / 969 – Smileyscope: evaluating acceptability in the Kimberley		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Emma Carlin		
<b>Institution</b>	Rural Clinical School of Western Australia		
<b>Region</b>	Kimberley		
<b>Start Date</b>	10/02/2020	<b>Finish Date</b>	31/12/2020
<b>Project Summary</b>	This evaluation will assess the impact and outcomes of Smileyscope for young people with rheumatic heart disease who are patients of Broome Regional Aboriginal Medical Service, Ord Valley Aboriginal Health Service, Kimberley Aboriginal Medical Services – Bidyadanga.		

<b>Project Title</b>	2020 / 970 – Equity in access: a NDIS Kimberley case study		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Emma Carlin		
<b>Institution</b>	Rural Clinical School of Western Australia		
<b>Region</b>	Kimberley		
<b>Start Date</b>	10/03/2020	<b>Finish Date</b>	30/12/2021
<b>Project Summary</b>	This study will address the paucity of knowledge in the high priority area of Aboriginal people’s access to, and the provision of, services through the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS). It aims to evaluate process and short term impacts of the Kimberley NDIS Remote Community Connector & Evidence Access and Coordination of Planning Program.		

<b>Project Title</b>	2020 / 972 – Tackling Indigenous Smoking Program 2018-19 to 2021-22 Evaluation		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Lena Etuk		

<b>Institution</b>	Cultural & Indigenous Research Centre Australia		
<b>Region</b>	Western Australia		
<b>Start Date</b>	17/04/2020	<b>Finish Date</b>	28/02/2022
<b>Project Summary</b>	This research project is an evaluation of the Tackling Indigenous Smoking program 2018-19 – 2021-22, assessing its contribution to progress toward minimising the harms from smoking among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.		

<b>Project Title</b>	2020 / 974 – Seven Sisters Program: Netball, Teamwork, Resilience		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Rose Whitau		
<b>Institution</b>	Glass Jar Australia		
<b>Region</b>	Wheatbelt		
<b>Start Date</b>	07/2020	<b>Finish Date</b>	31/01/2021
<b>Project Summary</b>	The Seven Sisters program will provide Aboriginal girls and women with opportunities to develop positive social and emotional wellbeing skills and preventative mental health strategies, which will enable them to respond and adapt to emerging challenges as they progress through the life course.		

<b>Project Title</b>	2020 / 975 – Identifying opportunities for prevention of cerebral palsy and improved outcomes in Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children through the examination of sociodemographic and clinical profiles		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Tanya Martin		
<b>Institution</b>	University of Sydney		
<b>Region</b>	Western Australia		

<b>Start Date</b>	01/03/2020	<b>Finish Date</b>	01/03/2022
<b>Project Summary</b>	The project is a retrospective population based cohort study using data from the Australian Cerebral Palsy Register (ACPR). The project will determine the prevalence of cerebral palsy (CP) in Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children (in birth years 1995 – 2014), and whether rates are increasing or decreasing.		

<b>Project Title</b>	2020 / 977 - Evaluating and enhancing the Kimberley Empowerment, Healing and Leadership Program (KEHLP)		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Emma Carlin		
<b>Institution</b>	Rural Clinical School of Western Australia		
<b>Region</b>	Kimberley		
<b>Start Date</b>	01/05/2020	<b>Finish Date</b>	30/12/2020
<b>Project Summary</b>	This project will evaluate and enhance the Kimberley Empowerment, Healing and Leadership Program (KEHLP). The aim of the project is to evaluate process, impact and outcomes of the KEHLP and use these learnings to refine and enhance the KEHLP.		

<b>Project Title</b>	2020 / 979 – Promoting vitamin D sufficiency among Aboriginal people through dietary strategies and safe sun exposure		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Lucinda Black		
<b>Institution</b>	Curtin University		
<b>Region</b>	Metro		
<b>Start Date</b>	28/04/2020	<b>Finish Date</b>	31/12/2024
<b>Project Summary</b>	The aims of the project are to: identify traditional and current knowledge and attitudes about diet and sun exposure; collect samples of bush tucker and measure vitamin D content using pioneering methods; compile a vitamin D composition database		



	using internationally-standardised methods; estimate intakes of vitamin D among Aboriginal people using national food consumption data; determine optimal food fortification strategies for increasing vitamin D intakes among Aboriginal people; and disseminate findings on diet and safe sun exposure to promote vitamin D sufficiency.
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<b>Project Title</b>	2020 / 980 – Be You Kimberley and Pilbara Evaluation		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	James Smith		
<b>Institution</b>	Menzies School of Health Research		
<b>Region</b>	Pilbara/Kimberley		
<b>Start Date</b>	27/04/2020	<b>Finish Date</b>	01/03/2021
<b>Project Summary</b>	This project is an evaluation of the <i>Be You Kimberley and Pilbara Project</i> (BYKP). BYKP is a place-based mental health in education program that seeks to promote mentally-healthy learning communities by creating and disseminating culturally-responsive resources that support educators to promote mental health, and respond to critical incidents in their communities.		

<b>Project Title</b>	2020 / 981 – Understanding the experiences of Kimberley children and young adults with diabetes, to improve models of care		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Renae Kirkham and Kimberley Seear		
<b>Institution</b>	Menzies School of Health Research & Rural Clinical School of WA		
<b>Region</b>	Kimberley		
<b>Start Date</b>	20/04/2020	<b>Finish Date</b>	30/06/2021
<b>Project Summary</b>	The specific aim of the current study is to understand the lived experiences of Aboriginal young people with diabetes in the Kimberley, in order to understand factors impacting on their knowledge of self-management, and health behaviours that contribute to glucose levels.		

<b>Project Title</b>	2020 / 983 – Linking-up for better outcomes: Western Australian Aboriginal children and families		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Rhonda Marriott		
<b>Institution</b>	Murdoch University		
<b>Region</b>	Western Australia		
<b>Start Date</b>	01/05/2020	<b>Finish Date</b>	30/04/2024
<b>Project Summary</b>	<p>This study is an extensive and systematic examination of the mental health of Aboriginal parents in the period around birth. It draws on powerful population data sources in Western Australia to tackle two urgent aims:</p> <p>1) improve understanding of the deleterious impact of poor parental mental health on the development of Western Australian Aboriginal children via robust examination of the timing and accumulation of problems on early life outcomes; and</p> <p>(2) inform the implementation of culturally appropriate and workable parenting skills education, health promotion and cultural resilience interventions to reduce the burden of perinatal mental health problems among Aboriginal Australians.</p>		

<b>Project Title</b>	2020 / 986 – Mooditj Miyal. Healthy Eyes: Empowering Health Worker Staff to Perform Retinal Screening		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Kristin White		
<b>Institution</b>	South West Aboriginal Medical Services		
<b>Region</b>	South West		
<b>Start Date</b>	06/2020	<b>Finish Date</b>	28/02/2021
<b>Project Summary</b>	<p>This project aims to develop a standardised pathway for Aboriginal Health Workers to take retinal photographs, and send the photographs to the Lions Eye Institute for review and action. It is designed to empower and build capacity in the Aboriginal Health Worker workforce, and ensure the screening cycle remains sustainable into the future.</p>		

<b>Project Title</b>	2020 / 988 – Welcome to the place of healing from fire: Welcome to Country and orientation to the State Adult Burns Unit at Fiona Stanley Hospital		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Tiffany Ryan		
<b>Institution</b>	Fiona Stanley Hospital		
<b>Region</b>	Western Australia		
<b>Start Date</b>	01/12/2020	<b>Finish Date</b>	01/12/2024
<b>Project Summary</b>	Previous research has indicated the benefits of patient voice content to develop an animated audio-visual orientation tool employing storytelling for culturally appropriate communications. The animated video-story will be accessible before Aboriginal patients transfer to the burns unit. The first aim of this research is to develop the animated audio-visual tool and printed visual resources.		

<b>Project Title</b>	2020 / 992 – Improving joint replacement outcomes in Australia		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Stephen Graves		
<b>Institution</b>	Australian Orthopaedic Association National Joint Replacement Registry		
<b>Region</b>	Western Australia		
<b>Start Date</b>	01/07/2020	<b>Finish Date</b>	31/12/2025
<b>Project Summary</b>	The overarching aim of this proposal is to use Australian Orthopaedic Association National Joint Replacement Registry (AOANJRR) data linked with national and state/territory administrative datasets to identify and describe trends and variation in a range of serious and burdensome complications following joint replacement.		

<b>Project Title</b>	2020 / 993 – DETECT Schools Study: Understanding the impact of COVID-19 in Western Australian Schools		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Peter Gething		
<b>Institution</b>	WA Government and Telethon Kids Institute		
<b>Region</b>	Western Australia		
<b>Start Date</b>	18/05/2020	<b>Finish Date</b>	31/12/2020
<b>Project Summary</b>	Through this project, the WA Government in partnership with Telethon Kids, proposes to make good decisions about relaxing restrictions, gain a greater understanding of any role that schools play in the transmission of the disease, and understand how students and staff are coping in this challenging environment.		



<b>Project Title</b>	2020 / 946 – Evaluation of the Aboriginal Acute Care Coordination Team (AACCT) project		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Erica Parker		
<b>Institution</b>	WA Department of Health		
<b>Region</b>	Metro		
<b>Start Date</b>	12/2020	<b>Finish Date</b>	08/2021
<b>Project Summary</b>	The aim of this research is to investigate the impact that the AACCT program has had on health outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with an acute condition who are enrolled in the program.		

<b>Project Title</b>	2020 / 947 - Kaat-Koort: Aboriginal Brain Health Study - Phase 2		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Sandra Eades		
<b>Institution</b>	University of Melbourne		
<b>Region</b>	Metro and South West		
<b>Start Date</b>	08/2020	<b>Finish Date</b>	06/2023
<b>Project Summary</b>	The overall aim of the project is to reduce the risk of dementia among Aboriginal adults aged 35-60 years at high risk, through an Aboriginal Health Worker-led program targeting diet, physical exercise, smoking cessation, and cardio-metabolic disease risk factor management over a period of 24-months.		

<b>Project Title</b>	2020 / 950 - The experiences and impact of racism on Indigenous general practice trainees		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Talila Milroy		
<b>Institution</b>	Royal Australian College of General Practice		
<b>Region</b>	National		
<b>Start Date</b>	15/01/2020	<b>Finish Date</b>	15/02/2021

<b>Project Summary</b>	The aim of the project is to elucidate the experiences and impact of racism on Indigenous general practice trainees completing training term 1, 2 or 3, and to better understand the experiences of this group of health professionals including the barriers and challenges faced by this group.
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<b>Project Title</b>	2020 / 971 - Brain Injury Yarning Circles: Support groups for Aboriginal Australians after brain injury		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Elizabeth Armstrong		
<b>Institution</b>	Edith Cowan University		
<b>Region</b>	Metro and Murchison/Gascoyne		
<b>Start Date</b>	01/06/2020	<b>Finish Date</b>	31/12/2020
<b>Project Summary</b>	The aims of the project are: to provide a culturally secure, feasible and acceptable community based support group for Aboriginal people post stroke and traumatic brain injury in rural and metropolitan areas; to promote social and emotional wellbeing post brain injury, for the brain injury survivors themselves and to decrease carer strain. The project will establish and evaluate the first regional and metropolitan support groups specifically for Aboriginal brain injury survivors and their families to encourage social and emotional wellbeing, and ultimately improve health outcomes for this under-served population.		

<b>Project Title</b>	2020 / 973 - Ngulluk Koolunga Ngulluk Koort (Our Children, Our Heart) Early Years Education and Support project		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Brad Farrant		
<b>Institution</b>	Telethon Kids Institute		
<b>Region</b>	Metro		
<b>Start Date</b>	28/04/2020	<b>Finish Date</b>	31/12/2022
<b>Project Summary</b>	This project is focused on improving the educational, social, emotional and cultural wellbeing of Aboriginal children (3 year old children/pre-Kindy), their families and the broader community in the Willagee area (Caralee Community School catchment area).		

<b>Project Title</b>	2020 / 976 - Healing conversations: a practical framework for clinical communication between Aboriginal communities and healthcare practitioners		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Andrea McKivett		
<b>Institution</b>	University of Adelaide		
<b>Region</b>	South Australia and Western Australia		
<b>Start Date</b>	01/05/2020	<b>Finish Date</b>	01/12/2022
<b>Project Summary</b>	This research study aims to develop and test a tailored communication framework to assist healthcare practitioners have more effective clinical conversations with Aboriginal peoples. It aims to develop and test a tailored clinical communication framework for use in healthcare interactions between Aboriginal community members and healthcare practitioners. Once the framework has been developed in consultation with the Aboriginal community, healthcare practitioners and medical students, the framework will be tested in two medical education programs in South Australia and Western Australia to assess its utility and acceptability.		

<b>Project Title</b>	2020 / 978 - HTLV-1 in the centre: A longitudinal study on HTLV-1 and associated conditions among Aboriginal people in central Australia		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Mohammad Radwanur Talukder		
<b>Institution</b>	Baker Institute		
<b>Region</b>	Central Desert Region		
<b>Start Date</b>	01/06/2020	<b>Finish Date</b>	31/12/2025
<b>Project Summary</b>	This longitudinal study will prospectively identify the medical conditions that are associated with HTLV-1 in remote communities and provides an opportunity to determine whether people with HTLV-1 are more likely to develop medical conditions over time. The study will specifically seek to determine why people in remote communities are more likely to develop other serious medical problems including diabetes, heart disease and chronic kidney disease. The study will generate important evidence for developing		

	clinical and public health guidelines on HTLV-1. The overall aim of this study is to evaluate the association between HTLV-1 infection and mortality, morbidity and healthcare service utilisation among Aboriginal people living in remote communities in the Ngaanyatjarra lands.
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<b>Project Title</b>	2020 / 985 - The Aboriginal Health Grand Challenge Initiative		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Glenn Pearson		
<b>Institution</b>	Telethon Kids Institute		
<b>Region</b>	Metro and Pilbara		
<b>Start Date</b>	01/01/2020	<b>Finish Date</b>	31/12/2024
<b>Project Summary</b>	The Aboriginal Health Grand Challenge Initiative will co-create an Aboriginal health research platform at the Telethon Kids Institute that facilitates the implementation of research and translation which is informed by Aboriginal community and family priorities. This will be achieved via Aboriginal leadership through strong, accountable project governance structures and the following objectives: developing understandings from families, communities, service organisations and research partners on how to create and sustain healthy environments for children; identifying and responding to Aboriginal families' unmet social, clinical and cultural needs; co-creating and implementing a community-driven and responsive internal Telethon Kids Institute research platform; and evaluating the Aboriginal Health Grand Challenge, including the processes and impact of the internal research platform and projects on child and family outcomes.		

<b>Project Title</b>	2020 / 989 - How does independent individual advocacy contribute to the patient experience of healthcare in Western Australia?		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Colleen Fisher		
<b>Institution</b>	The University of Western Australia		
<b>Region</b>	Metro		
<b>Start Date</b>	10/06/2020	<b>Finish Date</b>	02/02/2023



<b>Project Summary</b>	The aim of this project is to explore the experience for patients/health consumers who have worked with an independent advocate, to navigate any aspect of WA Health. This project will provide a richer understanding of the work of advocacy within healthcare by exploring the perspective of people who use advocacy and the people who deliver advocacy services. The focus for this project is the perspective and experience of advocacy of the health consumer.
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<b>Project Title</b>	2020 / 990 – Improving hospital-based care for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander pre-term infants and their families		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Mary Sharp		
<b>Institution</b>	WA Department of Health		
<b>Region</b>	Western Australia		
<b>Start Date</b>	02/11/2020	<b>Finish Date</b>	30/09/2021
<b>Project Summary</b>	The overall aim of the project is to improve hospital-based care of Aboriginal preterm infants in Western Australia. The primary objectives are to: investigate pathways of how Aboriginal preterm infants move from hospital through to primary and secondary health care services and the barriers and facilitators of these pathways, and to evaluate programs delivered by King Edward Memorial Hospital for preterm infants, the Family Integrated Care program and the Neonatal Follow-up Program, through a clinical audit. It is expected the results of this work will be the development of a culturally appropriate model of care and recommendations to support families of Aboriginal preterm babies. It will also highlight areas of care between services that could be improved for Aboriginal families.		

<b>Project Title</b>	2020 / 991 - Australian Hepatitis and risk survey in prisons (AusHep)
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Tony Butler
<b>Institution</b>	University of New South Wales

<b>Region</b>	National		
<b>Start Date</b>	01/06/2020	<b>Finish Date</b>	31/05/2030
<b>Project Summary</b>	The Australian Hepatitis and Risk Survey in Prisons (AusHep) aims to build on and replace the National Prison Entrants' Blood Borne Virus Survey (NPEBBVS) as the national BBV surveillance measure in the prison sector. The AusHep aims to: annually monitor the prevalence of HCV, HBV and HIV (including exposure, current infection, immunity and reinfection); monitor the engagement in BBV care cascades (i.e. engagement in testing and treatment); and collect important health and risk behaviour data (e.g. harm reduction access, injecting practices).		

<b>Project Title</b>	2020 / 995 – An early start to nutritional health: Improving the rates of breastfeeding in Western Australian Aboriginal babies		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Daniel McAullay		
<b>Institution</b>	Edith Cowan University		
<b>Region</b>	Perth Metro		
<b>Start Date</b>	01/2021	<b>Finish Date</b>	01/2026
<b>Project Summary</b>	This project aims to improve exclusive breastfeeding rates of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander infants in the Perth Metropolitan area. It will facilitate hospital and community-based primary health care staff to provide culturally competent care and support to encourage the initiation and longer-term continuation of breastfeeding as a protective and beneficial practice for mother and child.		

<b>Project Title</b>	2020 / 996 – B Part of It NT Study: Immunisation for adolescents against serious communicable diseases		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Helen Marshall		
<b>Institution</b>	The University of Adelaide: Women's and Children's Hospital		

<b>Region</b>	Central Desert		
<b>Start Date</b>	01/02/2021	<b>Finish Date</b>	31/12/2025
<b>Project Summary</b>	This study aims to implement a 4CMenB immunisation program in young people aged 14-19 and to evaluate the effectiveness of the 4CMenB vaccine against meningococcal disease, meningococcal carriage and gonorrhoea. This study includes the Northern Territory and Western Australian communities serviced by the Ngaanyatjarra Health Service. These Western Australian communities have been included because they follow the NT Immunisation schedule.		

<b>Project Title</b>	2020 / 997 – Augmented reality as a tool to improve cultural security for Aboriginal patients of the Northam Health Service		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Danika Tager		
<b>Institution</b>	Wheatbelt Aboriginal Health Service		
<b>Region</b>	Wheatbelt		
<b>Start Date</b>	01/09/2020	<b>Finish Date</b>	01/01/2022
<b>Project Summary</b>	This project aims to increase the accessibility of culturally appropriate information in the Northam Health Service for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. The project will trial the use of Augmented Reality (AR) to deliver video and other culturally appropriate forms of communication at key points on their patient journey in the Northam Health Service. This content will communicate important information that is known to directly impact patient health outcomes. Specifics will be determined via an extensive community and staff co-design process and could include audio-visual information about patient rights, availability of Aboriginal Liaison Officers, hospital maps, or key discharge information.		

<b>Project Title</b>	2020 / 998 – Strong and Deadly Futures: A randomized controlled trial of a computerized school-based alcohol and other drug use prevention program for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Lexine Stapinski		

<b>Institution</b>	The University of Sydney		
<b>Region</b>	Western Australia		
<b>Start Date</b>	10/2020	<b>Finish Date</b>	12/2024
<b>Project Summary</b>	Strong & Deadly Futures is a culturally inclusive alcohol and other drugs (AOD) prevention program that features computerised delivery to enhance engagement, reach and sustainability. The study builds on a 2019 pilot trial in four schools in NSW and QLD, and will expand the Strong & Deadly Futures program and evaluate its effectiveness in preventing alcohol and other drug use, and increasing feelings of empowerment and wellbeing.		

<b>Project Title</b>	2020 / 1000 – Walkern Katatdjinn (Rainbow Knowledge) National Survey: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander LGBTQA+ young peoples’ social emotional wellbeing		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Ashleigh Lin		
<b>Institution</b>	Telethon Kids Institute		
<b>Region</b>	Western Australia		
<b>Start Date</b>	01/08/2020	<b>Finish Date</b>	31/12/2021
<b>Project Summary</b>	This study is Phase 2 of a three-year project, examining the social emotional wellbeing (SEWB) and mental health of Indigenous LGBTQA+ young people (14-25 years). Building on the qualitative work done in Phase 1, the current phase of the project aims to: quantitatively index the SEWB and mental health of Indigenous LGBTQA+ young people across Australia; determine risk and protective factors for SEWB and mental health among Indigenous LGBTQA+ young people; describe Indigenous LGBTQA+ young peoples’ experiences in health care services including any geographical (e.g. urban vs. remote) differences in access to and experiences in services.		

<b>Project Title</b>	2020 / 1001 – Nutrition issues related to food insecurity in families of Aboriginal and Torres Islander children with diabetes or pre-diabetes		
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<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Hannah Bres		
<b>Institution</b>	Perth Children's Hospital		
<b>Region</b>	Western Australia		
<b>Start Date</b>	01/09/2020	<b>Finish Date</b>	01/09/2021
<b>Project Summary</b>	This study aims to collect information on nutrition issues related to food insecurity and its prevalence among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families with children with pre-diabetes or type 2 diabetes (T2D) attending Perth Children's Hospital. This information will inform the clinical team who provide care to Aboriginal families and document the prevalence of food insecurity in Perth, compared to national statistics.		

<b>Project Title</b>	2020 / 1002 – Novel Interventions to Address Methamphetamine Use in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Communities Phase 4 - We Can Do This: A web-based therapeutic program for reducing methamphetamine use amongst Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people: Wait-list control, randomised trial		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	James Ward		
<b>Institution</b>	The University of Queensland		
<b>Region</b>	Western Australia		
<b>Start Date</b>	08/10/2020	<b>Finish Date</b>	30/06/2021
<b>Project Summary</b>	The aim of the research is to test the effectiveness of a web-based therapeutic program developed with input from a range of stakeholders including Aboriginal people who have used methamphetamine, clinicians and health workers from our Aboriginal health service partners and cultural advisors, in a wait-list controlled randomised trial across multiple sites in urban, regional, and remote locations.		

<b>Project Title</b>	2020 / 1003 – A comparative study of the TOMiscope and conventional diagnostic modalities for detection of Otitis Media on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in Western Australia		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Harvey Coates		

<b>Institution</b>	Earbus Foundation of WA, University of Western Australia		
<b>Region</b>	Western Australia		
<b>Start Date</b>	12/10/2020	<b>Finish Date</b>	30/09/2021
<b>Project Summary</b>	The Foundation will compare current standard diagnostic tools with an innovative instrument called a TOMi Scope© to ascertain an effective and clear diagnosis. Effective diagnostic imagery can greatly assist audiologists/screeners/nurses'/nurse practitioners/GPs to diagnose in a non-intrusive method to get better long term treatment. This scope is a form of ultrasound that can show what is happening behind the eardrum and can be used even when the ear canal is largely obstructed.		

<b>Project Title</b>	2020 / 1005 - Evaluation of the impact of the Young Deadly Free resources in remote communities: Post project follow up		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Roanna Lobo		
<b>Institution</b>	Curtin University		
<b>Region</b>	Western Australia		
<b>Start Date</b>	01/09/2020	<b>Finish Date</b>	31/12/2020
<b>Project Summary</b>	The aim of the current evaluation is to investigate the broader reach of the Young Deadly Free (YDF) resources. The evaluation also aims to determine the long-term impact of the YDF brand and resource messaging on the project's participating communities and other communities not directly involved with the project. Note: The YDF project sought to raise awareness about sexually transmissible infections and blood borne viruses.		

<b>Project Title</b>	2020 / 1006 – Impact of a primary care health assessment and guided service navigation on Aboriginal youth mental health and wellbeing outcomes: Listening and Understanding, Co-design and Pilot (Phase 1)		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Sandra Eades		
<b>Institution</b>	Curtin University		
<b>Region</b>	Metro and South West		

<b>Start Date</b>	01/10/2020	<b>Finish Date</b>	31/10/2021
<b>Project Summary</b>	This aim of this study is to undertake qualitative and co-design activities with key stakeholders within the Perth and Bunbury communities of Western Australia, to inform a health service navigation intervention to increase the mental health and wellbeing of young Aboriginal people. This is a 12 month first phase of a five-year project which will later test the intervention.		

<b>Project Title</b>	2020 / 1008 – Development and evaluation of resources to prevent methamphetamine (“ice”) related harms in the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Maree Teesson		
<b>Institution</b>	The University of Sydney		
<b>Region</b>	Western Australia		
<b>Start Date</b>	01/11/2020	<b>Finish Date</b>	01/03/2022
<b>Project Summary</b>	This aim of this project is to improve access to culturally appropriate evidence-based information and resources about the drug crystal methamphetamine (‘ice’) for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, including people who use crystal methamphetamine, health workers, affected family members and general community members. The objective of this second phase of the project is to seek feedback from the community on the developed information and resources along with the proposed layout and accessibility of the online information toolkit. This consultation will also ask participants to provide suggestions on further resources that could be developed.		

<b>Project Title</b>	2020 / 1009 – Trajectories toward well-being: exploring the psychological phenomena inherent and emerging within flourishing Stolen Generation families		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Jonathan Bullen		
<b>Institution</b>	Curtin University		
<b>Region</b>	Metropolitan		

<b>Start Date</b>	17/08/2020	<b>Finish Date</b>	31/12/2020
<b>Project Summary</b>	This research seeks to explore and understand past and present experiences that have influenced, or currently influence, the life trajectory toward flourishing and wellbeing of the Hill family.		

<b>Project Title</b>	2020 / 1010 – The Real Picture: recognising the high prevalence of diabetes in remote Kimberley communities		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Caitlyn White		
<b>Institution</b>	Kimberley Aboriginal Medical Services		
<b>Region</b>	Kimberley		
<b>Start Date</b>	28/10/2020	<b>Finish Date</b>	29/01/2021
<b>Project Summary</b>	The aim of this project is to provide reliable prevalence estimates for diabetes in Aboriginal people aged 15 years and over in five remote Aboriginal communities in the Kimberley region who attend primary health care services that are provided by Kimberley Aboriginal Medical Services. This is an Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Service-initiated audit to help improve the quality of service delivery by regional health organisations for the prevention and management of diabetes.		

<b>Project Title</b>	2020 / 1012 - Concussion in Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander People/Communities		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Gill Cowen		
<b>Institution</b>	Curtin University		
<b>Region</b>	Metro		
<b>Start Date</b>	19/08/2020	<b>Finish Date</b>	31/12/2020
<b>Project Summary</b>	The aims of the project are to review existing literature relating to Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Peoples knowledge surrounding potentially concussive injuries, concussion and its potential sequelae, and identify similar literature in other indigenous populations worldwide; to investigate current understanding of concussion in Aboriginal peoples in Perth; to investigate if and where Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander		



	Peoples present for assessment in the case of a potentially concussive injury. The project asks: In people who have presented, what is the perception about how the concussion was managed and was the consultation was conducted in a culturally appropriate way?
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<b>Project Title</b>	2020 / 1014 - Evaluation of the Aboriginal In-home Support Service		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Jen Ehlers		
<b>Institution</b>	Social Ventures Australia		
<b>Region</b>	Metro		
<b>Start Date</b>	19/10/2020	<b>Finish Date</b>	28/12/2020
<b>Project Summary</b>	This project will assess the quality and success of implementation, delivery, and ongoing management of the Wungening Moort program, and Inform future design, development, investment, and implementation decisions. Wungening Moort is made up of four service providers – Wungening Aboriginal Corporation, Coolabaroo Community Services, Ebenezer Aboriginal Corporation and Moorditj Koort.		

<b>Project Title</b>	2020 / 1015 - A Focus Group on Narrative Exposure Therapy (NET) with Counsellors from Yorgum Aboriginal Health Services		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Hugo Gonzales		
<b>Institution</b>	Murdoch University		
<b>Region</b>	Western Australia		
<b>Start Date</b>	01/06/2020	<b>Finish Date</b>	31/08/2020
<b>Project Summary</b>	The aim of this research is to introduce Narrative Exposure Therapy (NET) as a potential intervention tool with Aboriginal communities that have experienced trauma. NET is a sustainable, effective, and culturally appropriate treatment for complex trauma that has been successful with refugee communities. The research aims to add NET as a tool to help to facilitate healing within Aboriginal communities that have experienced complex trauma.		

<b>Project Title</b>	2020 / 1017 - Qualitative research into the experiences of technology-facilitated abuse of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women living in regional and remote areas		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Eunice Yu/Mandy Yap		
<b>Institution</b>	Nagula Jarndu (Broome) and Australian National University		
<b>Region</b>	Broome, Alice Springs and regional New South Wales		
<b>Start Date</b>	02/11/2020	<b>Finish Date</b>	31/03/2021
<b>Project Summary</b>	This qualitative research seeks to better understand the experiences of technology-facilitated abuse (TFA) of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women from regional and remote areas, and how best to support them deal with it. The outcomes of this research will inform the development of resources, programs, policies and other supports for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women who live in regional and remote areas in relation to TFA, under the eSafety Women's programs.		

<b>Project Title</b>	2020 / 1018 - Staying moving, staying strong: Developing culturally appropriate health information resource for Aboriginal Australians with osteoarthritis, rheumatoid arthritis, lupus and gout.		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Ivan Lin		
<b>Institution</b>	University of Western Australia		
<b>Region</b>	Murchison/Gascoyne		
<b>Start Date</b>	01/11/2020	<b>Finish Date</b>	31/12/2022
<b>Project Summary</b>	The aim of this project is to develop culturally appropriate information for Aboriginal Australians with osteoarthritis, rheumatoid arthritis, systemic lupus erythematosus and gout. Whilst information for consumers exists, it has not been designed to meet the information needs of Aboriginal Australians. This project aims to address this gap, and is one of several projects embedded in the wider research program 'Enhancing Equity, Collaboration and Culturally secure Osteoarthritis care for Aboriginal Australians'.		

<b>Project Title</b>	2020 / 1019 - Evaluating the progress of regional implementation of the Roadmap to Close the Gap for Vision		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Hugh Taylor		
<b>Institution</b>	University of Melbourne		
<b>Region</b>	National		
<b>Start Date</b>	19/10/2020	<b>Finish Date</b>	30/06/2021
<b>Project Summary</b>	This project is the first comprehensive national evaluation of regional implementation of the Roadmap to Close the Gap for Vision (the Roadmap), adding a level of transparency and context to current national data. The aims of the project are to evaluate progress of regional implementation of The Roadmap; to explore successful approaches to improving eye-care for Indigenous Australians; and to inform future activities. The role and effectiveness of Indigenous Eye Health in Roadmap implementation will be evaluated, and transferable lessons beyond eye health identified.		

<b>Project Title</b>	2020 / 1020 - Achieving Equity in Genomic Health (AEGH) for Indigenous Australians		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Margaret Kelaheer		
<b>Institution</b>	The University of Melbourne		
<b>Region</b>	National		
<b>Start Date</b>	07/10/2020	<b>Finish Date</b>	30/06/2023
<b>Project Summary</b>	The AEGH project will co-design, implement and evaluate measures to improve access, availability, affordability and acceptability to Clinical Genetic Services, and support their integration into the health system. The overarching aim of the project is to increase the benefits of Clinical Genetic Services for Indigenous people. It will involve both service- and system-level activities and analyses to achieve this aim.		

<b>Project Title</b>	2020 / 1021 - Understanding and responding to the cost and health impact of short-term health staffing in remote and rural Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community controlled health services
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<b>Chief Investigator</b>	John Wakerman		
<b>Institution</b>	Menzies School of Health Research		
<b>Region</b>	Western Australia and Northern Territory		
<b>Start Date</b>	01/11/2019	<b>Finish Date</b>	30/11/2022
<b>Project Summary</b>	This study aims to generate new knowledge about the impact of short-term staffing in remote and rural Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community controlled health services on Aboriginal communities; the potential mitigating effect of community control; and effective, context-specific, evidence-based retention strategies.		

<b>Project Title</b>	2020 / 1022 - Establishing and evaluating an Aboriginal Designed Framework and Methodology for understanding Early Childhood Development of Aboriginal children.		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Robyn Williams		
<b>Institution</b>	Curtin University		
<b>Region</b>	Metro		
<b>Start Date</b>	12/10/2020	<b>Finish Date</b>	31/03/2021
<b>Project Summary</b>	This project will evaluate and co-mentor the Derbarl Yerrigan Health Service Aboriginal Corporation clinical staff to build new capacities for understanding Early Childhood Development and Wellbeing of Aboriginal children through: implementation of an overarching Aboriginal worldview on formulation of a child's developmental strengths, difficulties and well being; training in the application and interpretation of evidence-based screening and assessment tools for understanding Early Childhood Development; application of evidence-based Aboriginal methodology to understand cultural strengths and Aboriginal social and emotional wellbeing; and two-way learning to interpret, synthesise and summarise the above information to formulate best health and therapeutic plans to build strong children.		



<b>Project Title</b>	2020 / 1024 - Knowledge activation, implementation and support for COVID-19 messaging in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Communities		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Neil Drew		
<b>Institution</b>	Edith Cowan University		
<b>Region</b>	Western Australia		
<b>Start Date</b>	18/01/2021	<b>Finish Date</b>	30/06/2022
<b>Project Summary</b>	This study will investigate the lived experience of Aboriginal people and communities in translating web-based knowledge about COVID-19 messaging into community action and behaviour change. The project will contribute to a better understanding of the critical health literacy support needs within communities focussing in particular on the role of natural helpers; those 'naturally' turned to in times of crisis.		

<b>Project Title</b>	2020 / 1025 - The Fifth National Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Plan – Reducing Stigma and Discrimination: Targeted Consultations		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Nicola Reavley		
<b>Institution</b>	The University of Melbourne		
<b>Region</b>	National		
<b>Start Date</b>	20/10/2020	<b>Finish Date</b>	01/03/2021
<b>Project Summary</b>	The aim of the project is to undertake targeted consultations with people who have lived experience (either their own or as a support person) on options for a nationally coordinated approach to reducing stigma and discrimination towards people with mental illness that is poorly understood in the community (such as schizophrenia, bipolar disorder or personality disorders). The project has a national focus and includes the views of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples from across Australia, to ensure that any national stigma and discrimination reduction strategy is informed by their views and experiences.		

<b>Project Title</b>	2020 / 1028 - Substance Use Disorder Aeromedical Retrievals in Western Australia		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Matthew Coleman		
<b>Institution</b>	The University of Western Australia		
<b>Region</b>	Western Australia		
<b>Start Date</b>	01/02/2021	<b>Finish Date</b>	31/12/2022
<b>Project Summary</b>	The purpose of this study is to understand the characteristics of people (18 years and older) who needed to be evacuated for treatment by the Royal Flying Doctor Service for substance problems in WA, and to compare their problems, clinical outcomes and care requirements against a metropolitan group of people with similar problems. This study hopes to build evidence and information for regional services to better understand, prepare and advocate for services, funding and resources to care for regional people with substance use problems.		

<b>Project Title</b>	2020 / 1030 - Evaluation of the Australian Government's investment in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Primary Health Care through the Indigenous Australians' Health Programme (IAHP Yarnes)		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Ned Hardie-Boys		
<b>Institution</b>	Allen and Clarke Consulting		
<b>Region</b>	National		
<b>Start Date</b>	19/11/2020	<b>Finish Date</b>	30/06/2023
<b>Project Summary</b>	The overall aim of the IAHP Yarnes evaluation is to strengthen the appropriateness and effectiveness of comprehensive Primary Health Care (PHC) systems for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. This should include consideration to develop an accountability framework that measures the public value and health outcomes of the Australian Government's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders'-specific PHC investment.		

<b>Project Title</b>	2020 / 1032 - Debakarn Koorliny Wangkiny (working title—project name to be co-designed with Nyoongar Elders)		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Michael Wright		
<b>Institution</b>	Curtin University		
<b>Region</b>	Metro		
<b>Start Date</b>	06/01/2021	<b>Finish Date</b>	31/12/2023
<b>Project Summary</b>	The aim of the research is to decolonise practice in the School of Occupational Therapy, Social Work and Speech Pathology at Curtin University, across teaching, curricula, research and service. A decolonising process or framework will be developed which can be replicated across Curtin University and Australian higher education to ultimately, improve the social and emotional wellbeing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.		

<b>Project Title</b>	2020 / 1033 - Transforming Indigenous Mental Health and Wellbeing: Stream 1: Empowering Access and Outcomes: Developing an Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Service Social and Emotional Wellbeing service model for the Kimberley region.		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Pat Dudgeon		
<b>Institution</b>	The University of Western Australia		
<b>Region</b>	Kimberley		
<b>Start Date</b>	10/12/2020	<b>Finish Date</b>	31/12/2024
<b>Project Summary</b>	This study aims to understand how Aboriginal people access Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services (ACCHS) for social and emotional wellbeing (SEWB) and mental health support/services, the types of support offered and the outcomes of the support provided. This study will utilise an Aboriginal participatory action research methodology to determine the strengths and limitations of current approaches and design/enhance a regionally appropriate SEWB and mental health service model for the ACCHS that is responsive and aligned to community need.		

<b>Project Title</b>	2020 / 1034 – Understanding overcrowding and health in our community		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Ray Christophers		
<b>Institution</b>	Nirrumbuk Environmental Health & Services		
<b>Region</b>	Kimberley		
<b>Start Date</b>	12/2020	<b>Finish Date</b>	12/2021
<b>Project Summary</b>	This mixed-methods project ensures Aboriginal experience directly determines the conceptualisation, validation and ongoing use of a culturally-specific guideline to address remote housing, overcrowding and health preventive practices in ongoing COVID-19 preparedness, response and recovery. In three sites, Nirrumbuk will consult with community Councils about initiating discussions on lived experience and overcrowding. Statistical analysis will be used to validate the guideline with health data based on environmental disease transmission routes.		

<b>Project Title</b>	2020 / 1035 - Co-designing an ethical decision making framework to improve Aboriginal mental health and wellbeing		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Michael Wright		
<b>Institution</b>	Curtin University		
<b>Region</b>	Western Australia		
<b>Start Date</b>	30/11/2020	<b>Finish Date</b>	01/10/2021
<b>Project Summary</b>	This Aboriginal-led research project aims to: develop an ethical decision making framework with the guidance and leadership of Aboriginal Elders across metropolitan and regional areas of Western Australia; utilize a co-design approach to inform this framework by establishing partnerships between Elder co-researchers and senior government staff in the WA Departments of Premier and Cabinet and Treasury; and to respond effectively and culturally appropriately to Aboriginal mental health and wellbeing concerns that are a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.		



<b>Project Title</b>	2020 / 1036 - Transforming Indigenous Mental Health and Wellbeing: Empowering the Workforce - Understanding curriculum and training needs		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Jill Milroy		
<b>Institution</b>	The University of Western Australia		
<b>Region</b>	Western Australia		
<b>Start Date</b>	01/12/2020	<b>Finish Date</b>	01/12/2023
<b>Project Summary</b>	This project aims to empower the mental health workforce to deliver a culturally safe and responsive model of care for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. This will be achieved by building the cultural responsiveness of mental health professionals and decolonising educational curricula, in addition to empowering the Social and Emotional Wellbeing workforce. The project will use Aboriginal Participatory Action Research to investigate the key principles of cultural safety in mental health care and research.		

<b>Project Title</b>	2020 / 1039 - Prevention of childhood iron deficiency anaemia in Aboriginal communities		
<b>Chief Investigator</b>	Garth Kendall		
<b>Institution</b>	Curtin University		
<b>Region</b>	Pilbara and Wheatbelt		
<b>Start Date</b>	01/04/2021	<b>Finish Date</b>	01/04/2022
<b>Project Summary</b>	This study, conducted in partnership with the Western Australian Country Health Service, Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services and the Curtin University Centre for Aboriginal Studies, aims to identify barriers and enablers to the successful prevention and management of childhood iron deficiency anaemia (CIDA) in Aboriginal rural and remote communities in Western Australia, these being the Pilbara and Wheatbelt regions. It will result in a report that will guide the implementation of innovative approaches to prevention and management and help decrease the prevalence of CIDA in these vulnerable communities.		