

Two Lizards Drinking - close conversation on health and healing in Aboriginal communities



Hosted by The University of Notre Dame Australia's
Institute of Health and Rehabilitation Research

We invite you to join in a very human conversation with two Aboriginal men working to turn the tide on the current crisis in Aboriginal health.

Describing themselves as a "practical visionary" and a "visionary activist" they will discuss their visions for bringing positive change to health and social wellbeing.



Darryl Kickett was born in Narrogin and is a descendant of the Wilmen and Ballardong Nyungah people. Over the past thirty years he has worked in varying government and Aboriginal community controlled organisations. He has also worked within the university sector, as Head of the Centre for Aboriginal Studies, Curtin University and guided the establishment of the Bridging Course and degree courses for Aboriginal community management and health. He is currently working with Aboriginal groups in Nyungah country to establish a regional structure with the aim of providing a voice for Aboriginal health and building capacity within urban and rural areas to close the gap in life expectancy.



Darrell Henry has worked for twenty years as a Psychologist, predominantly in the areas of drug and alcohol abuse, Aboriginal family violence, and child sexual abuse. He works with Aboriginal men, women and children in their families and communities to focus on Healing. Darrell's Aboriginal grandmother's country is with the Wunmulla people from the Canning Stock route in Desert Western Australia. Darrell has worked in Perth, notably with Yorgum Aboriginal Family Counselling Service, which he co-founded, and throughout regional WA. He currently works as a clinician in Warmun and Narrogin where he trains lay Aboriginal community people in working clinically with chronic trauma and in old and modern ways of healing.

Facilitator: Prof Anna Haebich is a multi-award winning historian, known for her meticulously researched studies of Indigenous history. Anna is a Research Professor with Griffith University and is currently Visiting Fellow with the Institute For Health & Rehabilitation Research at Notre Dame University and Adjunct with the Centre for Human Rights Education at Curtin University.

Date: Thursday 10th December 2009
Time: 5.30 pm for 6pm Conversation from 6 to 7.30pm
Venue: The University of Notre Dame Australia
School of Medicine Lecture Theatre, 2nd floor
38 Henry Street, Fremantle WA
Tea and coffee provided



Please RSVP by 8 December to Associate Professor Beth Hands
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