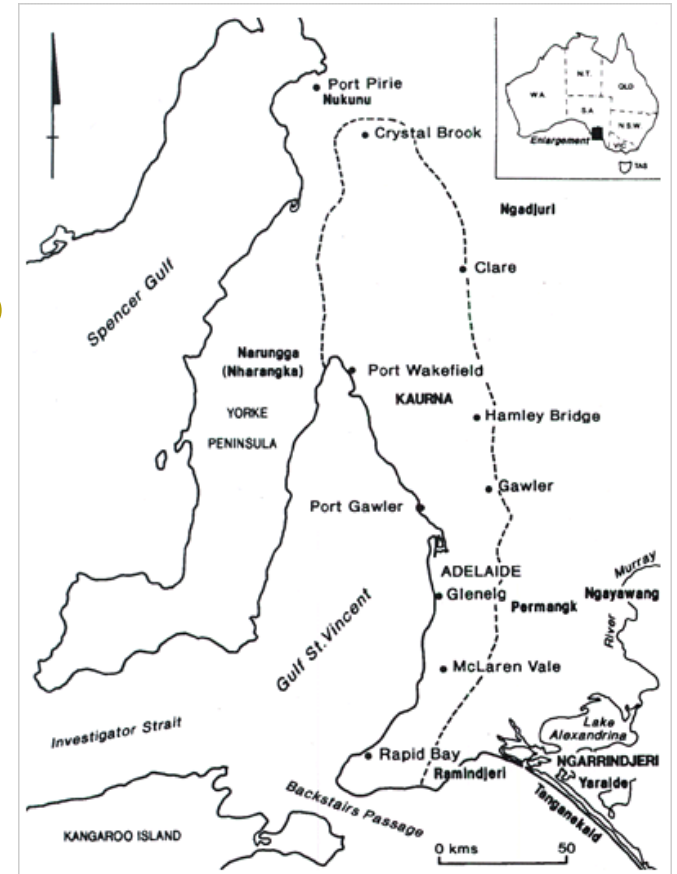


Kaurna Acknowledgement

“We would like to acknowledge this land that we meet on today is the traditional lands for the Kaurna people and that we respect their spiritual relationship with their country.

We also acknowledge the Kaurna people as the custodians of the Adelaide region and that their cultural and heritage beliefs are still as important to the living Kaurna people today.”





Metropolitan Aboriginal Family Birthing Project

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What are we doing to close the gap?

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WHAT WILL WE TALK ABOUT TODAY?

- **What is the Metropolitan Aboriginal Family Birthing Project**
 - > Key messages
 - > How did we get here?
 - > What do Aboriginal people say?
 - > What are we doing?

- **Questions**



Key Messages

Specific programs are still required as universal programs often don't make a difference

A culturally competent workforce

A valued Aboriginal workforce

Community engagement at every step

Partnerships



How did we get here?

- > National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Framework
- > State Strategic Plan
- > SA Health Plan
- > CYWHS Aboriginal Health Strategy
- > Data - sdoh, Pregnancy Outcomes Unit,
- > Projects - Our Culture Our Babies Our Future
- > Program evaluations - Port Augusta, Townsville, NSW, Southern Adelaide,
- > Aboriginal people

How did we get here?

- CYWHS and SA Health commitment to do something different
- Need for a **new service model** which included a **new workforce**.
- Identify funding to adequately resource the program



What did Aboriginal people say?

> **Our Culture Our Babies Our Future**

> **Principles**

- **Woman centred**
- **Cultural issues identified and relationship based care**
- **Holistic approach - in context of family**
- **Everyone's business - effective and appropriate care**
- **Working together - combined efforts to address social determinants of health**
- **Localised decision making**
- **Promoting good health and illness prevention**
- **Capacity building health sector and Aboriginal communities**
- **Sustainability**
- **Aboriginal programs and Aboriginal workforce**

What are we doing?

Setting the project up

Building relationships

- > May 2009 Steering Committee established
- > Consultations with senior and executive staff from CHSA, CNAHS, SAHS, Nunkuwarrin Yunti and the Aboriginal Health Council
- > Program working title 'Metropolitan Aboriginal Family Birthing Program'

What are we doing?

- > **Getting shared agreement on the way forward**
- > July 2009 key stakeholders agreed:
 - CYWHS take the lead and work together to develop a consistent service model aim toward statewide model
 - Principles and integrity of Country Health SA model be maintained in this model
 - October Workshop held with a broad range of stakeholders
- > January 2010 Employed Coordinator

What are we doing?

New service model

- > Acknowledge Anangu Bibi Program
- > Culturally respectful and clinically safe services
 - Continuity of Care model,
 - Aboriginal women have opportunity to be cared for by Aboriginal women close to home
 - True partnership between Aboriginal Health Worker and Midwife & part of a bigger team,
 - Aboriginal community engagement group
 - SA Health Perinatal Practice Guidelines
 - Aust College of Midwives National Midwifery guidelines

What are we doing?

New workforce

- > Aboriginal Maternal Infant Care worker is valued and takes primary health care approach
 - Midwife is valued
 - Training package developed (CHSA, AHCSA),
 - Aboriginal Health Council of SA key partner,
 - Comprehensive orientation to CYWHS and CNAHS (SAHS in next round),
 - Workplace readiness:
 - Cultural awareness training,
 - Midwife placements,
 - Training for managers,
 - Mentors
 - Study room,
 - Career pathway

What are we doing?

Family Support Service

- > Learnings from CHSA & SAHS identified a service gap relating to supporting families with complex needs.
- > approximately 50% of AMIC worker time spent supporting families
- > Northern metropolitan areas, an intervention program to support families is to be established in the next two months.
- > Social Worker and Aboriginal Health Worker for three years to provide social and emotional support to families with complex needs.
- > Anticipated this will expand to another area in 2011



ANY QUESTIONS?

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THANK YOU...



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