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KULUNGA'S VISION

"A society where there is sustained **improvement** in the **health** and wellbeing of **Aboriginal children** and families through implementation of the findings of **high quality** child and maternal health **research** initiated, controlled and conducted by Aboriginal people"

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About Kulunga

The Kulunga Research Network is the Institute's Indigenous research arm.

It was established in 1999 as a joint initiative between the Telethon Institute for Child Health Research and the WA Aboriginal community (through WA Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisations, now known as the Aboriginal Health Council of WA).

The aim of Kulunga is to build capacity in Aboriginal research. A team of Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal researchers and staff oversee the Aboriginal child and maternal health research programs of the Institute.

Kulunga aspires to a model of research and practice that is of the highest value in bringing the ideas and experiences of Aboriginal communities and the research expertise of Aboriginal people together in a world class, multi-disciplinary research setting. Our firm belief is that improvements to the lives of Aboriginal children through sustainable, community owned research effort will have far-reaching impacts on the lives of our families and future generations.

Kulunga Logo

Kulunga is a Noongar word for "child".

'The design represents a joyful child, nurtured by the land and the family. The heart shape represents the love surrounding the child and the nurturing, the child emerging as if a beautiful flower. The wavy line could be thought of as the life course of the child, as she/he moves to adulthood, the open petals symbolising the flexibility of the young child's personality.' The design is by artist Peter Cameron.

Kulunga Patron

The Kulunga Research Network Patron is Troy Cook from the Fremantle Football Club.

FRONT COVER

Photo taken at the **ENHANCING INDIGENOUS CAPACITY: Building a Sustainable Future** National Symposium
Picture of Robert Joel Eggington.

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Message from the Manager

Welcome to the next edition of commUNITY. What a great year it has been so far!

The Kulunga team have been very busy with various projects across the state, and in other jurisdictions including the Northern Territory and Queensland. In May, the Rio Tinto Child Health Partnership hosted its second national symposium, **ENHANCING INDIGENOUS CAPACITY: Building a Sustainable Future** and I am very pleased to say that it was another very successful event.

In a few weeks, the Kulunga team will be heading to the NT to attend the Garna Festival, with this year's Key Forum theme: *Indigenous Health: Real solutions for a chronic problem*. It will be a wonderful opportunity to link with other organisations working towards improving health outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as well as presenting on some of our own research.



Colleen W.

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National Symposium on Workforce Development



Above: This year's symposium branding

On the 8 and 9 May 2007, the Rio Tinto Child Health Partnership hosted its second national symposium in Perth. This year's symposium focused on workforce development in Indigenous maternal and child health.

The theme was "**ENHANCING INDIGENOUS CAPACITY: Building a Sustainable Future**" with emphasis on identifying clear directions and strategies at both a practical and policy level for enhancing the skills of the Aboriginal health workforce, increasing the number of health workers in Indigenous communities and improving the coordination and delivery of primary health care services to Aboriginal people.

Partnership founder Professor Fiona Stanley, who heads the Telethon Institute for Child Health Research, said workforce development was a critical issue in Indigenous health.

"We have to acknowledge how much the non-Aboriginal system has failed to deliver good outcomes for Aboriginal people," Professor Stanley said.

"Aboriginal health workers know much more about the circumstances and factors impacting on Aboriginal health and wellbeing than any other health professionals. They live in the community and have knowledge that non-Aboriginal professionals may not appreciate – they must be listened to and supported in their work if we are to make a real impact."

Over 160 delegates from around Australia attended representing a range of sectors including community-based health care organisations and clinics, Indigenous communities, State and Australian government agencies and leading research institutes in Australia and from overseas.

The highlight for most delegates was the international keynote, Dr Janet Smylie. Many delegates commented on the practical examples given of how the rich Indigenous knowledge that exists in the languages, experiences, oral histories, and ecological understandings of community members can be respectfully gathered and applied to maternal child health policy, programs, and services.

This year's symposium was a great success and another invaluable opportunity for so many working in this important area to come together and share their success stories, expertise, research and resources.

The main issues raised during the symposium have been captured in a report that encapsulates many of the issues arising from the presentations and workshops over the two days and many of the changes delegates suggested need to occur with regard to workforce development in Indigenous maternal and child health.

The report and other information about the symposium are available on the Kulunga website at www.ichr.uwa.edu.au/kulunga.



Above: Associate Professor Ted Wilkes, Kulunga Manager Colleen Hayward and keynote presenter Daniel McAullay.



Above: Professor Fiona Stanley, with Ted Wilkes, and International Keynote Dr Janet Smylie looking on.



Above: Delegates at the symposium in one of the plenary sessions.

New Kulunga Team Member Profile



Peta Gooda
Research Cadet

Peta is a Gangulu woman from Central Queensland who has been living in Perth for the past 7 years.

She was recently recruited from the Office of Aboriginal Economic Development within the Department of Industry and Resources where she worked as a Project Officer. Prior to this, Her previous role was administering the Indigenous Home Loan Programme through Indigenous Business Australia and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission.

Peta is currently undertaking a combined Bachelor of Law and Bachelor of Arts at the University of Western Australia. She is particularly interested in working within Indigenous Health and Research to broaden her own experiences and knowledge and will be working with Kulunga on a part-time basis for the duration of her studies.

Community Dissemination for WAACHS Vol 4

One of the original aims of the Western Australian Aboriginal Child Health Survey (WAACHS) was to take the findings back to the community, particularly those who shared their stories in providing the information. This process enables these communities to utilise this information in community-level decision-making processes and planning.

Through May and June, Kulunga staff Dr Roz Walker and Carrington Shepherd were involved in a comprehensive programme of visits to all regions within WA, as part of the communication and dissemination of results for Volume 4.

The findings that were presented focused on strengthening the capacity of Aboriginal children, families and communities and have a state-wide and region-specific flavour.

The communication and dissemination programme also included government agency stakeholders in federal, state and local government and community organisations and people. The team have presented at forums in Perth, Derby, Broome, Kununurra, Warburton, Kalgoorlie, Geraldton and Bunbury.

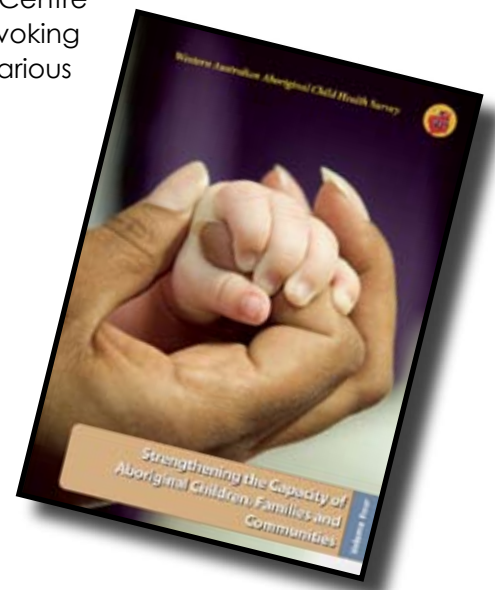
Some of the highlights include the presentation to 2nd year students at the Centre for Aboriginal Studies at Curtin University (where we had some thought provoking discussions with students) and the trip to Warburton to discuss findings with various community organisations and representatives.

To find out more about the WA Aboriginal Child Health Survey:

Visit the website: www.ichr.uwa.edu.au/waachs

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Email: waachs@ichr.uwa.edu.au



Kulunga welcomes new Institute Board Member



Above: Jackie Huggins AM

In February 2007, Jackie Huggins AM (BA Qld, BA Hons, DipEd Flinders) of the Bidjara (Central Queensland) and Birri-Gubba Juru (North Queensland) peoples, joined as a member of the Institute's Board.

Jackie has a BA majoring in history and anthropology from the University of Queensland and an Honours degree in history and women's studies and a Diploma of Education from Flinders University. Jackie holds many leadership positions in organisations across the country.

She is currently Co-Chair of Reconciliation Australia; a Director of the Telstra Foundation; Director of the Australian Centre for Indigenous History, Australian National University; Council Member of the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies; Member of the Indigenous Advisory Board of the Queensland Centre for Domestic and Family Violence Research, Central Queensland University; Co-Chair of the Independent Inquiry into Release Policy

and Practice in the Queensland Prison System (2004); and Member of the Indigenous Advisory Board of the State Library of Queensland.

She was a former Executive Member of the Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation (1994-2000); former Chair of the Queensland Domestic Violence Council (2001); former Commissioner for Queensland for the National Inquiry into the Separation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children from their Families (1997); former member of the ATSIC Review Panel (2003).

Jackie is Editor of the Australian Journal of Indigenous Education and a member of the Editorial Board of Life Writing. In 2000 she received the Premier's Millenium Award for Excellence in Indigenous Affairs and in 2001 was awarded an Australia Medal (AM) for her work with Indigenous people, particularly reconciliation, literacy, women's issues and social justice.

Kulunga welcomes Jackie to the Institute and looks forward to working closely with her into the future.

Short, sharp, shock treatment no answer

Kulunga Manager Associate Professor Colleen Hayward recently had an opinion piece published in The West Australian regarding the intervention of child abuse in Aboriginal communities in the Northern Territory.

Associate Professor Hayward suggests that paramount to the situation, not only in the Northern Territory, but everywhere, is the principle that no child should be abused no matter what context in which they live. Safety must be the starting point. Once that is secured, much more needs to be done. Families and communities are likely to need trauma counselling and other support to enable everyone to rebuild in that safe environment.

The support needs to be long-term and provided in such a way to enable Aboriginal people to take control such that already damaged communities don't once again decline.

An excerpt from this piece reads:

"...a diagnosis of abuse is not what stops the abuse. Abuse will be stopped only when we collectively deal with the context in which it arose and this will never be achieved by short term invasive action, no matter the intent.

Remedy, real remedy, can be achieved only by long term intensive work that is inclusive of everyone".



Alcohol and Pregnancy Project Update



Above: Professor Carol Bower with some of the new resources

Health professionals who care for pregnant women are being encouraged to talk openly to women about the dangers of alcohol in pregnancy. The Alcohol and Pregnancy Project has launched a range of resources to help health professionals to discuss this important issue with all women of child bearing age.

- 25% of WA health professionals who care for pregnant women routinely provide them with information on the consequences of alcohol use in pregnancy;
- 79% of WA health professionals disagree that discussing alcohol use during pregnancy will frighten or anger a pregnant woman; and
- 98% of WA women surveyed think that sending information to doctors and health professionals would be an effective strategy to inform women about the effects of alcohol in pregnancy on the fetus.

The Alcohol and Pregnancy: *Health Professionals Making a Difference* packs have been sent to health professionals throughout WA in April 2007. The resources include a comprehensive booklet, fact sheet and information wallet cards for women. These resources can be ordered or downloaded from the Project website:

www.ichr.uwa.edu.au/alcoholandpregnancy

Project leader Professor Carol Bower said that simply raising the subject with women could reduce their alcohol consumption. Survey results showed that women expect their health professionals to raise this issue with them.

"Health professionals have an important role in asking all women about alcohol use and talking to them about the consequences of alcohol consumption during pregnancy" Professor Bower said.

"The most important message is that no alcohol in pregnancy is the safest choice. The amount of alcohol that is safe for the fetus has not been determined."

"What health professionals have told us is that they need more good quality information to pass on to women, and that's why we've developed these Alcohol and Pregnancy resources."

Research by the project team found that:

- 45% of WA health professionals who care for pregnant women routinely ask them about their alcohol use;

The consequences of alcohol use in pregnancy may include physical, mental, behavioural, and learning disabilities with possible lifelong implications. Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder is a general term that describes the range of effects that can occur in an individual who was exposed to alcohol during pregnancy.

The Alcohol and Pregnancy Project has been made possible by funding from Healthway and is a collaboration between the Telethon Institute for Child Health Research and Edith Cowan University.

For further information about the Alcohol and Pregnancy: *Health Professionals Making a Difference* resources, or alcohol and pregnancy research in Australia, please contact:

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Newborn Asthma and Parental Smoking Project

Since February, the Kulunga Research Network have been working with the Asthma Foundation of Western Australia to finalise the Newborn Asthma and Parental Smoking (NAPS) Indigenous Women's project.



Above: Final Poster Design

The NAPS project aims to reduce rates of asthma by helping pregnant women stop smoking tobacco and avoid other people's tobacco smoke during pregnancy and when their baby is born. Part of the Indigenous Women's project is to develop and pilot some information and promotional resources for Indigenous mothers.

With the help of a community reference group, (with representatives from Derbarl Yerrigan Aboriginal Health Service, the National Heart Foundation and SIDS and Kids), Kulunga has developed an initial poster, brochure and booklet. Aboriginal Health Workers in the Wheatbelt and Perth metropolitan areas have provided feedback on these draft materials.

All the photos used in these resources are thanks to mums who brought their gorgeous babies and young children to a photo session at Derbarl Yerrigan Aboriginal Health Service in Maddington.

The resources will soon be available from the Asthma Foundation of Western Australia.

Contact 1800 645 130 or email healthservices@asthmawa.org.au for further information about these resources.

'Make Smoking History' Campaign

The Cancer Council Western Australia's **Make Smoking History** campaign launched its new 'Smoke free home and cars' campaign on 27 May 2007. The campaign highlights the health effects of second hand smoke to children and encourages parents to make their home and car smoke free

The campaign is unique because it is the first time that the **Make Smoking History** campaign has produced materials that target both the general community as well as Indigenous people.

The television and radio advertisements talk about how poisons in cigarette smoke can make children sick and urges parents to keep their home and car smoke free. Some support resources including a colour brochure, poster and bumper sticker have also been produced to support the message.

Susan Stewart, Manager, Make Smoking History says "Exposure to second hand smoke is a cause of premature death and disease for anyone exposed, particularly children."

"Exposing children to second hand smoke is linked to middle ear disease, SIDS, slow lung growth and more severe asthma. It is important for parents to therefore keep their home and car smoke free"

For more information about the Make Smoking History Campaign, visit:

<http://www.cancerwa.asn.au/prevention/tobacco/makesmokinghistory/>.

The 'Make Smoking History' Campaign is an initiative of The Cancer Council WA and is proudly supported by Healthway and the Department of Health.

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Hello and goodbye



Above: Bye bye Karina

June has been both a happy and sad month for Kulunga. We are excited to see the return of our Administrative and Research Assistant Jennine Pickett, who has been on 4 months leave. Welcome back Jennine.

We are also saying goodbye to our Research Assistant Karina Aiberti.

Karina has been offered a wonderful opportunity to work for government and has made the big move to Canberra. We'd like to thank Karina for her contribution to the Institute and Kulunga and wish her all the best in her new position and future endeavours.

Project site visits for NT, QLD and WA

Kulunga's Dr Clair Scrine and Tracey-Lee Edwards have undertaken a series of site visits across the three jurisdictions linked to the Rio Tinto Child Health Partnership (the Partnership) to see first hand and to talk with people in person, about the services, programs and activities linked to each site and the ways in which the Partnership has contributed to or supported their work.

In early February, they travelled to the Northern Territory to meet with the Partnership's representatives and undertake a site visit to the Nguiu community (Bathurst Island) part of the Tiwi islands.

An early intervention project is underway that focuses on Indigenous parenting and exploring the development of culturally appropriate and competent interventions for alleviating sources of early childhood risk.

Whilst visiting the community, players from the Essendon Football Club arrived to conduct community training sessions with children. The players were in Darwin to play against the Indigenous All-Stars.

In June, Clair and Tracey-Lee travelled to Queensland where they visited three sites: Townsville, Woorabinda and Inala.

All three sites are progressing a range of programs and activities to address maternal, alcohol and tobacco use and positive early childhood development.

Later in June, they travelled to Roebourne to meet with the staff and current and former participants of the Strong Women, Strong Babies Strong Culture (SWSBSC) program.

The focus of the SWSBSC in both the Pilbara and East Kimberley is the collaboration with local people and organisations to ensure services and outcomes are developing local capacity and meeting the needs of communities.

It was a wonderful opportunity to see first hand the good work being undertaken at each of these sites and to meet with all the dedicated staff who make these programs so successful.



Above: Dr Clair Scrine with some local children from the Nguiu community



Above: The Child and Maternal Health Team at Wooraninda



Above: A 'yarning' session with the local mums in Roebourne

Kulunga staff participate in the 'One Future Forum'

In May 2007, Reconciliation Australia embarked on an important journey to honour the campaigners of the 1967 Constitutional Referendum, which empowered the Commonwealth to make laws for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people for the first time. Reconciliation Australia saw that the anniversary provided an important opportunity to strengthen the reconciliation process and reinvigorate the interest and commitment of Australians to close the gap in life expectancy and wellbeing between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.

Two important events were organised to commemorate the Referendum, the most successful in Australia's history. **Their Spirit Still Shines** was held at Old Parliament House on the 27th May 2007. This event celebrated the 40th anniversary of the Referendum, bringing into view the significant achievements of the campaigners, black and white, who worked side by side to mobilise support for the Referendum in the hope that a YES vote would lead to better treatment of Indigenous people in Australia.

On the day after **Their Spirit Still Shines**, 41 young Australian leaders, including Kulunga's Jason Barrow and Tracey-Lee Edwards, participated in a three-day **One Future Forum** on Gundungurra country in Bowral NSW.

Roughly half the participants were Indigenous and half non-Indigenous. All were high achievers or leaders in their respective professions, organisations or communities. The hope was that these young leaders, inspired by the activists who had gone before them, could forge new relationships and acquire new understandings that would help them contribute to the reconciliation process in their spheres of interest and endeavour.

The **One Future Forum** is part of a decade-long program of activity being led by Reconciliation Australia to raise the profile and understanding of reconciliation in the community and encourage action at all levels of society to close the gap in life expectancy between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.

The process also built on the momentum achieved through the Australian Future Directions Forum (AFDF) held in 2006 which resulted in 90 young leaders reaching agreement that the most important priority for Australia's future as a nation was to end Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander disadvantage. Some of the AFDF delegates were invited to join the **One Future Forum**, along with a new group of invitees. For the people involved with AFDF the forum provided a chance to work on how the goal arising from AFDF could be realised through personal and collective action.

Reconciliation Australia intends to hold a forum of this kind every five years. For this reason, the learnings from the process are important to capture, as well as the outcomes. Some of the 2007 group will come back to share their stories with the new leaders group of 2012. And so the process will continue for at least the next 20 years.

"I feel extremely privileged to have been part of this process. On a national level, it has given me the opportunity to forge new networks and friendships.

To me, a reconciled Australia means that it is the responsibility of ALL Australians to 'care for country' in a way that will leave it better for our time here, so that our children may follow our example with their children in turn. We will only succeed by truly listening, hearing and learning from the first custodians" says Jason.

A copy of the One Future Forum declaration and other information can be found at the newly developed website: www.onefutureforum.com.au.



Above: Jason and Tracey-Lee at Old Parliament House

The Adventures of Dr Walker and Dr Scrine

Article by
Dr Clair Scrine

In March, Dr Roz Walker and Dr Clair Scrine travelled to the East Kimberley to undertake a series of meetings related to the various projects Kulunga is undertaking in this region.

They flew in to Kununurra on a Sunday with the winds and rain all about them so much so that Air North or, as other's like to call it– confectionary airlines (due to their generous offerings of all things sweet), presented many passengers with a plastic bag and informed them they were only to take the bare necessities for that night and other luggage would be forwarded the next day on a more “substantial plane”. This presented a major dilemma for Dr Walker - whether to take the lap top, WAACHS materials or her bathroom essentials! Dr Scrine was more concerned about how insubstantial the plane was. Nevertheless, they arrived in one piece as did the luggage the next day.

On Monday, they met with Cissy Gore Birch from St John of God Health Care, who then took Dr Scrine around to meet with several representatives linked into the maternal and child health work of the Rio Tinto Child Health Partnership. It was an opportunity to meet with people that are doing great work with mums and kids in the communities including Save the Children. Dr Walker met with representatives from DIA, the ICC and the Education Department to set up meetings about Volume Four of the WA Aboriginal Child Health Survey, and to identify relevant stakeholders for the other projects.

On Wednesday, they met with the Manager of the Wunan Foundation which has contracted Kulunga to undertake some research regarding the job aspirations of young Indigenous people in the East Kimberley region. Following that meeting they left Kununurra and travelled to Warmun and onto Halls Creek where they met with the school principal Mr David Faulkner to discuss the Wunan project and what is happening with young people in Halls Creek. They continued that afternoon onto Fitzroy and despite a foreboding sky and predictions of a big wet coming, they decided to overnight at the Fitzroy River Lodge where the river was slowly but surely rising and concerns were that they wouldn't get out the next day. This didn't necessarily pose a major problem as the Lodge was also hosting the singer Paul Kelly who was writing the music for the forthcoming film – Jandamarra which will apparently be filmed in the Fitzroy area.

The next morning required an early start and at dawn they headed out for Derby – and made it - where they met with Bidy and Brett from Jalaris.

Then it was onto Broome to walk Cable Beach after a long day's drive.

The next day, before heading back to Perth, they met with Juan at Broome Regional Aboriginal Medical Service and saw the great work they are doing there with their new maternal and child health service.

For Dr Scrine, who is originally from the east coast of Australia – the trip was an opportunity to see some truly amazing country and meet with people from some great communities of the Kimberley. For Dr Walker, who has been working in the Kimberley since the late 80's, it was another opportunity to see old acquaintances, both in planned meetings and just by walking down the streets.

A big thanks goes to their wonderful travelling companion, tour guide and driver Mr John Dean.

Kulunga website to be 'refreshed'

The Kulunga website is currently being redesigned and updated to coincide with the new, fresh look and feel of the Institute's new website. It will feature additional information on our projects, as well as staff profiles and all the latest news and events.

It is an exciting opportunity to further enhance the site with graphics and images, as well as making it easier to navigate through the pages.

It is proposed that the new site will go live late July 2007.

The Kulunga website address will remain the same: www.ichr.uwa.edu.au/kulunga

Human rights on the agenda for WA

Many Western Australians are unaware that the basic human rights they often take for granted are not protected by law.

A plan to develop a Western Australian Human Rights Act would mean people's most fundamental human rights would be recognised and legally protected for the first time.

Former Fraser Government Minister Fred Chaney, a director of Reconciliation Australia and former Deputy President of the National Native Title Tribunal will chair the committee, who will consult Western Australians from all walks of life on how a WA Human Rights Act should operate and what rights it should protect.

The other members of the committee are Executive Director of the WA Council of Social Service Lisa Baker, former Anglican Archbishop of Perth and Anglican Primate of Australia Dr Peter Carnley and Associate Professor Colleen Hayward, Manager of the Kulunga Research Network with the Telethon Institute for Child Health Research.

Mr Chaney said the committee would seek views from the community and report back to the Government with a set of recommendations for the development of a WA Human Rights Act.

"This is an opportunity for the people of Western Australia to have their say on how human rights should be protected in this state," Mr Chaney said.

"The four members of the consultation committee are committed to providing the people of Western Australia with a voice in this important process.

"We are a group of independent individuals with extensive experience in working with the community and in particular, those people who are most vulnerable to breaches of basic human rights."

The committee will consider:

- What human rights should be recognised in a WA Human Rights Act?
- What form the Act will take and how human rights should be taken into account when new laws are made in Parliament?
- How a Human Rights Act could create greater understanding and respect for human rights within government departments and agencies?
- What role courts and the judiciary will play in enforcing observance of a Human Rights Act? and
- Whether members of the community and private sector should be made to comply with a WA Human Rights Act or just government departments and agencies?

Australia is the only common law country in the world without a national bill of rights.

Mr Chaney said that over the coming months the committee would visit communities throughout the State to meet with local people and ask for input for the plan.

The committee will make its recommendation to the Attorney General by mid-November 2007.

More information on the proposed Human Rights Act is available online at: www.humanrights.wa.gov.au.

Current Vacancies in Kulunga

Positions are now available to work in the Kulunga Research Network.

Kulunga is seeking two Research Assistants and two Senior Research Officer to join our dynamic and innovative team.

The Kulunga Research Network is the Indigenous arm of the Institute's Population Sciences Division, and is an innovative initiative that links the Aboriginal community controlled health sector with high quality maternal and child health research findings.

These positions will suit well-organised individuals with a commitment to improving the health of Indigenous Australians. A generous salary package will be negotiated with the successful candidate.

Interested applicants must obtain the job description and selection criteria for the positions at:

Website: www.ichr.uwa.edu.au or by
Phone: (08) 9489 7777.

Additional information on the positions may be obtained from Jennine Pickett, Kulunga Research Network on (08) 94897758, or by emailing jenninep@ichr.uwa.edu.au.

Written applications indicating the position of choice and including CV, statements addressing selection criteria and the names of at least two professional referees should be forwarded to Julia Emmerson, Human Resources Manager either by email juliae@ichr.uwa.edu.au or by post to PO Box 855, West Perth 6872.

The closing date for applications is 25 July 2007.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply.

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Kulunga farewells US CG

On May 17th 2007, Kulunga farewelled outgoing Perth US Consul General Robin McClellan with a morning tea at the Institute.

On behalf of the team, Colleen wished Robyn the best of luck in her new posting at the Embassy in New Delhi.



Above: Kulunga's Colleen and Tracey-Lee with Robyn McClellan (Centre).

Robyn was presented with a uniquely designed Kulunga photo and frame of herself with our Patron Troy Cook, taken at the Volume 4 WAACHS Launch.

Of the photo, she said it was a 'huge highlight' of her trip to Perth.

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