
The Lowitja Institute International Indigenous Health and Wellbeing Conference 2016 will celebrate, share and strengthen Indigenous knowledges and bring together Indigenous people from around Australia and the world. Underpinned by a strong cultural framework, the conference will connect our peoples, and others committed to working with us, to shape our future.

The conference theme *Identity | Knowledge | Strength* will translate into a unique opportunity for delegates to:

- celebrate Indigenous knowledges in a safe and strong cultural space
- share wisdom and stories, and learn from Elders and each other
- learn about the best science, practice and solutions
- participate in exploratory and difficult conversations and leave the conference with new perspectives and expanded methodologies
- connect and enrich engagement with colleagues and peers
- build and enhance opportunities for partnerships across research, policy and community
- craft a strong statement to inform action and influence national and international Indigenous health and wellbeing agendas
- enjoy a rich and varied art, performance and social program
- leave the conference inspired and energised by our Identity, Knowledge and Strength to drive individual and collective work that benefits Indigenous peoples.

We look forward to welcoming our Australian and international Indigenous and non-Indigenous colleagues whose expertise and interests are in Indigenous health and wellbeing who will find this a rewarding and inspiring conference.

Call for Abstracts

Open: 28 January 2016

Close: 28 March 2016

Abstracts are invited for the following presentation modalities:

- Oral presentations, individual 20min presentations + 10min questions
- Oral presentations, joint 20min presentations +10min questions
- Interactive workshops 90min
(i.e. traditional healing, yarning circles, specific events for Elders/family/youth/men/women)
- Interactive panels 90min
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- Posters

Abstract themes:

Indigenous *Identity*, Health and Wellbeing: Future opportunities and pathways

- Cultural determinants of health
- Increasing the impact of our Indigenous workforce
- Using technology to create healthier futures
- Strengthening cultural transmission and cultural identity
- Contribution of multiple and diverse Indigenous identities to nation building
- Community led solutions: cultural resurgence and resilience

Creating a Healthier World: Using our *Knowledge* to benefit ourselves and our planet

- Climate change and health of Indigenous peoples
- The environment, Indigenous peoples and public health
- Wild foods, biodiversity and sustainable human food and nutrition security

- Knowledge, education and empowerment
- Transforming our world: The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
- Indigenous knowledge and contribution to Indigenous and global health

Unleashing our *Strength*: Co-creating health and wellbeing

- Building capacity to sustain the next generation
- Indigenous perspectives of health and wellbeing
- Strength-based practice: Indigenous methods and models
- Reforming the practice and research agendas: culture, strength and opportunity
- Gender roles and equity: men and women equally strong together
- Social enterprise and other economic initiatives to sustain our cultures