

NHMRC Report Card 2017

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander research and researchers

NHMRC will publish an annual report card focused on achievements in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health research and researchers

FIVE PERCENT FUNDING

232

Indigenous health research active grants



6.2%

Funding of Indigenous health research



Public health and health services were the top areas of Indigenous health research funding with **\$31,697,742** spent

NHMRC is committed to a **5%** spend or more of the Medical Research Endowment Account (MREA) on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health and medical research.

NHMRC put out two Targeted Calls for Research for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' health to stimulate or greatly advance research in this area of research. These were:

- Dementia in Indigenous Australians
- Social and Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples from Early Life to Young Adults

PRINCIPAL COMMITTEE INDIGENOUS CAUCUS (PCIC)



PCIC provides advice to the NHMRC Council and CEO on issues relating to Indigenous health research.

INTERNATIONAL TRIPARTITE AGREEMENT



NHMRC renewed the Tripartite Agreement with the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) and the Health Research Council of New Zealand (HRC).

STRENGTHENING CAPACITY




As part of NHMRC's commitment to build and strengthen capacity of Indigenous researchers, in 2017:

32 active grants led by Indigenous researchers

214 Indigenous researchers on active grants

RESEARCH TRANSLATION SYMPOSIUM

The 2017 NHMRC Symposium on Research Translation was co-hosted with the Lowitja Institute in Brisbane on 14–15 November 2017. The theme was 'The Butterfly Effect: Translating knowledge into action for positive change'.

368 delegates  **100** speakers  **41.6 million** social media impressions 

Torres Strait Islander Researcher Yarning Workshop

Bringing Torres Strait Islander researchers, health professionals and community members together to discuss building and strengthening capacity in research and researchers.



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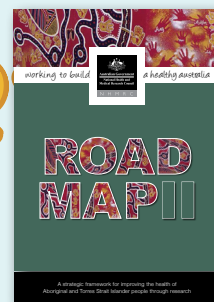
Associate Professor James Ward was awarded NHMRC's Rising Star Research Excellence Award — recognising top-ranked Indigenous researchers in the Early Career Fellowship scheme. 

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT



Revised versions of two ethics guidelines for research involving Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and communities were developed and released for public consultation.

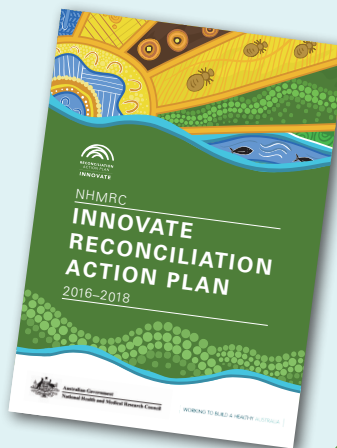
Consultation with key stakeholders and workshops were held across the country, followed by an open public consultation process, to update NHMRC's strategic plan for Indigenous health, Road Map 3.



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Indigenous researchers were profiled and featured on the NHMRC website.

RECONCILIATION ACTION PLAN (RAP)



NHMRC's Reconciliation Action Plan sets out the actions to foster respect for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures.