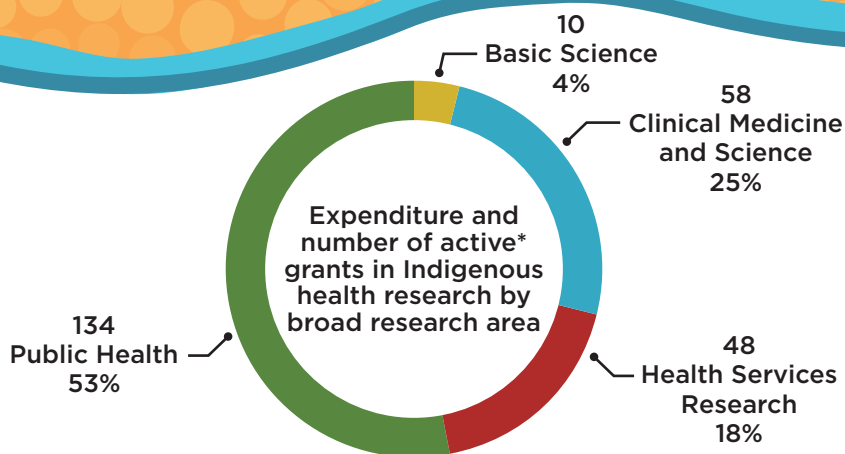


# Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Report Card of Achievements 2019

This is an annual report card focused on the achievements made in 2019 against the three-year Action Plan for Road Map 3. NHMRC continues to work with the Principal Committee Indigenous Caucus (PCIC) on all actions in NHMRC's Road Map 3 Action Plan 2018-21 Triennium.

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



\*All grants being paid in 2019

PUBLIC HEALTH AND HEALTH SERVICES was the top field of research in Indigenous health research funding with **\$34,581,446** spent



250

Indigenous health active\* research grants



\$54,326,082

Spent on Indigenous health research



6%

Funding of the MREA for Indigenous health research

## Targeted Call for Research to form a National Network

- Establishing a National Network for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health researchers is a key project for NHMRC in strengthening and building the capacity of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health researchers.
- The objective of the National Network is to create one inclusive system that brings together Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health research groups and their support networks to create a structure that builds the capacity and capability of Indigenous health researchers.



PCIC is appointed on a triennial basis to provide advice and work with NHMRC Council and CEO to guide and direct Indigenous health research. Professor Sandra Eades is chair of PCIC and a member of NHMRC Council.

NHMRC is committed to building and strengthening capacity of Indigenous researchers.

The 2019 International Indigenous Health Researcher Capacity Building, Strengthening and Mentoring Workshop was held 2-4 December in Auckland, New Zealand. The aims of the workshop included building capability and encouraging linkages between Tripartite partners in New Zealand and Canada.



33

NHMRC active\* grants were led by Indigenous researchers



165

Indigenous researchers on active\* grants were funded by NHMRC

\*All grants being paid in 2019



Dr Graham Gee was awarded **NHMRC's Rising Star Research Excellence Award**—recognising top-ranked Indigenous researchers in the Early Career Fellowship scheme



**Dr Odette Pearson shares her pathway into research**

'I was excited with the thought that research can make a positive difference in our lives and if I could be a part of that I'd be really happy to contribute through my research.'

Read her profile and others on the NHMRC News Centre website.

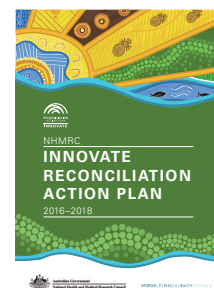


NHMRC continues the Tripartite Agreement in International Indigenous health with Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) and the Health Research Council of New Zealand (HRC).

NHMRC is committed to Reconciliation and our Reconciliation Action Plan sets out the actions to foster respect for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures to:

- build mutually beneficial relationships with communities
- foster and strengthen the capacity of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health and medical researchers
- support the employment of Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islanders in our agency.

Our second Innovate RAP has been submitted to Reconciliation Australia for feedback and is expected to be published in 2020.



- NHMRC offered 3 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students a summer and/or winter Internship.
- NHMRC staff participated in a number of cultural activities. These included; language lessons, walking tours, yarning sessions, Indigenous guest speakers series, weaving group, cultural awareness training, and the JAWUN project.
- NHMRC officially named a meeting room 'Nummerak' – the Ngunnawal word for wattle, often used for food and medicines.