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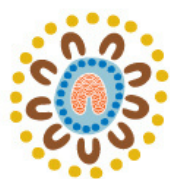
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We pay our respects to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander members of our community and acknowledge the traditional custodians of the lands on which our workplace is located, the Wadjuk people of the Nyungar Nation.

NEW PROJECT LOGO



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Aboriginal graphic artist **Tanya Bolt** from **Mooya Creative** has created a logo and style guide for the Healthy Blood, Healthy Body project based on **Mavis Lyndon's** artwork. The logo is now available for use. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at nsp@curtin.edu.au.

PROJECT TEAM UPDATE

Welcome to our new project officer **Nidhi Rao** (she/her), currently in her last semester of a Master of Public Health degree at Curtin.



Nidhi is passionate about equity in health and will be supporting intervention planning, project administration, communications and knowledge translation activities. Nidhi can be reached at nidhi.rao@curtin.edu.au. A sincere thank you to **Ursula Swan** for her assistance with recruitment.

MASTERS STUDENT PROJECT

Master of Public Health student **Laura Thomas** is working with the Healthy Blood, Healthy Body team to conduct a review of peer-led programs in Needle and Syringe Program (NSP)/drug settings including how programs have been evaluated. Findings will be used to develop an evaluation plan for **Intervention 3, Peer Referral**.



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INTERVENTION UPDATES

CULTURAL SAFETY

- Scoping review completed to identify strategies for increasing cultural safety for Aboriginal people in alcohol and other drug settings.
- 8 yarns conducted with NSP consumers about what makes a service culturally safe.
- Reviewing training, standards and tools for assessing cultural safety of services. This will inform co-design of training or resources to increase cultural security at NSP services.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION

- Planning for the community awareness and education campaign underway. A sincere thanks to **Francine Eades** and team and our **Aboriginal Advisory Group members** for yarning with the project team to discuss development of the campaign and campaign delivery channels.
- Thanks to **Wungening, Peer Based Harm Reduction WA, Hepatitis WA** staff and clients for assisting with yarns to develop the communication campaign.
- We are currently seeking up to 24 Aboriginal community members, Elders and NSP consumers to participate in yarns to develop campaign messages. Please contact nsp@curtin.edu.au or Dr Linda Portsmouth at l.portsmouth@curtin.edu.au if you can assist.

PEER REFERRAL

- Planning has begun for the Peer Referral Program Pilot. The program will be coordinated by Peer Based Harm Reduction WA and is planned to start in July 2023.

HOLISTIC SERVICES

- Work will begin later this year/early 2024. This intervention will collect data from consumers and service providers towards building a more holistic, consumer-centric and integrated service system.

SERVICE AVAILABILITY

- A review of the types of NSP service options available in Australia has been conducted. Work will also commence on capturing historical and archival data pertaining to NSP availability in WA.

POSTER PRESENTATION

Francine Eades will present a poster about the Healthy Blood, Healthy Body project at the **Lowitja Institute's 3rd International Indigenous Health and Wellbeing Conference on 14-16 June, 2023** in Cairns.

PROFESSIONAL PLACEMENT STUDENTS

Thank you to our health promotion professional placement students. **Seth Ligman** has identified existing cultural awareness/competency training programs available in Australia. If you have attended or have feedback on any cultural awareness/competency programs, please email nsp@curtin.edu.au.

Deanntha Iyalu has led the first journal club session during which we discussed the article by Bullen et al (2023): **From Deficit to Strength-Based Aboriginal Health Research-Moving toward Flourishing**. The article sparked a thought-provoking discussion among the team and we encourage you to give to read it: <https://doi.org/10.3390/ijerph20075395>

If you are no longer the right person to receive Healthy Blood Healthy Body project updates, please let us know who we should contact in your organisation.

Thank you for your continued support