

About Us

The National Association of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Workers and Practitioners (NAATSIHWP) is a national peak workforce organisation committed to ensuring Australia's health care system meets the needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People.

We play a key role in:

- » strengthening the professional capability and capacity of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Worker and Health Practitioner workforce
- » addressing the under representation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people employed within Australia's health care system and
- » promoting the most effective evidence based models of health care for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Who do we work with?

NAATSIHWP ensures the voices, perspectives and aspirations of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are incorporated into the delivery of more effective health and social policies.

As well as supporting a growing national network of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Workers and Health Practitioners, NAATSIHWP collaborates with governments, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations, researchers, academic institutions, and other national health bodies.

We are also an active member of a number of key national alliances including the National Health Leadership Forum, the Coalition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peaks and the Close the Gap Campaign.

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ABOUT NAATSIHWP

Assisting Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Health Workers and Health Practitioners to deliver holistic health care for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

JOIN TODAY

Complete an online application form at
www.naatsihwp.org.au/membership

Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander persons are advised that this brochure may contain images of people who have passed away.



An association, founded on the cultural and spiritual teachings of our past and present leaders, which best serves our members in their important role in achieving physical, social, cultural and emotional wellbeing for all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.



OUR FOUNDING MEMBERS

BACK L-R: Christine Ingram, Warren Locke, Bradley Freeburn, Clarke Scott, Peter Pangquee, Dr Mick Adams, Seriako Stephen, Charles Davison, Mavis Egan, Patrick Ahkit, Robert Dann
FRONT: Ann Newchurch, Kwementyaye Abbott, Janine Mohammed, Jennifer Poelina.

Who we are

NAATSIHWP is a small Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander led and managed organisation with national influence and reach. Improving the health and wellbeing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people is at the heart of everything we do.

Our Board provides representation across each State and Territory and the Torres Strait Islands. All Board members have direct experience as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Health Workers or Health Practitioners and understand the unique strengths of our workforce.

Our organisation promotes the prevention and control of disease through a focus on the social and cultural determinants of health. This holistic approach enables us to influence and strengthen the delivery of policies, programs and services impacting beyond health into social policy, employment, education and justice. We role model the benefits of self-determination and operate in line with rights-based best practice principles and approaches.

Become a member

Joining is easy and quick. You can become a Full, Student, Associate Member or join as a Friend.

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What we do

NAATSIHWP is the national peak workforce organisation with responsibility for ensuring the Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Health Worker and Health Practitioner workforce is embedded as a vital, valued and professional component of Australia's health care system. A key part of our role involves:

- » supporting and promoting policies to strengthen the professional capacity and capability of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Worker and Health Practitioner workforce
- » liaising with regulators, training authorities and employers to strengthen workforce skills, qualifications and competencies
- » supporting workforce recruitment, retention and recognition
- » actively promoting education and career pathways
- » facilitating positive relationships, challenging stereotypes and acting against racism
- » directly supporting a growing national network of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Workers and Health Practitioners through:
 - the provision of training and resources to improve the prevention, diagnosis, treatment and management of disease and chronic health conditions and
 - the delivery of professional development forums, conferences and symposiums.