

Internet training

To increase awareness of our online resources we run workshops for health workers, staff and students from Indigenous organisations. We also conduct HealthInfoNet cafés at conferences and similar events. We aim to make these activities culturally appropriate and interactive, paying particular attention to the needs of people with limited computer experience.



Workshop in Geraldton with health professionals studying with the Combined Universities Centre for Rural Health (CUCRH)



Donna Daly (Aboriginal and Islander Health Worker Journal) and Ian Raymond (NSW Health) at a HealthInfoNet café

Website development

It is important that Indigenous and other related agencies are able to share their information via the Internet, so we are keen to assist with website development. We work in a collaborative way – developing, hosting and maintaining the website on a cost-recovery basis - until the agency is ready to manage it independently.



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Rover Thomas 1926 - 1998
Rock Country on Texas Downs 1988
Details: bush gum and ochre on canvas
The Edith Cowan University Art Collection

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www.healthinfonet.ecu.edu.au

How we can help you

Whatever your interests in Indigenous health, you'll find the HealthInfoNet a valuable time-saving source of reliable information. Our website includes: current detailed information about an increasing range of health issues; a regularly updated summary of Indigenous health; answers to FAQs (frequently asked questions); information about current structures, policies and programs; an Indigenous health policy 'time line'; and details of health promotion activities and resources. We promote information sharing and networking by providing a noticeboard and a listserv and by supporting 'communities of practice' (CoPs).

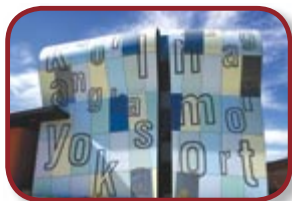


Our offices are located in Kurungkuril Katitjin's Indigenous Centre

Other features include:

- the Australian Indigenous HealthBulletin (our peer-reviewed journal)
- a bibliography with over 8,000 references
- details of courses and upcoming conferences
- links to other relevant sites

The content of our website and other materials is developed by a small team of researchers and other staff based at Edith Cowan University in Perth.



Views of our vibrant contemporary building



Professor Neil Thomson points out features of the HealthInfoNet website to Mick Dodson, Chair of the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies

**Sharing
information about
the health of
Aboriginal and
Torres Strait Islander
peoples**



Nicole Tye (Senior Policy Officer, OATSIH on secondment at HealthInfoNet) and Dwayne Clarke (Aboriginal Youth Health Worker) at a HealthInternet café

How you can help us

We work hard on the collection and sharing of relevant information. You can assist greatly by sending us materials we may have missed (or their details). We collaborate with other groups in the research and sharing of information about specific aspects of Indigenous health, and we welcome new opportunities. If you have been involved in programs or research activities and would like to share the results you can contribute to our peer-reviewed HealthBulletin. If you are an academic, you would be welcome to join us for your study leave. The extent and depth of our coverage of health topics could be increased with more financial support – we are always keen to explore sponsorship and similar arrangements.



Garry Jones (NSW Aboriginal Housing Office) attending a HealthInternet café

Guestbook comments

"WOW! I plan to be an Indigenous nurse, I can't believe what I found on your webpage!"

"A fantastic site with valuable information. Heaps better than any other health-related site that I have been to."

"A wonderful opportunity to contact and liaise with other Indigenous health professionals. Inspirational!"

"This site is good because it is free of clutter, easy to navigate and just too deadly."

"A very friendly site, colourful and it provides key issues in a concise and quickly accessible way."