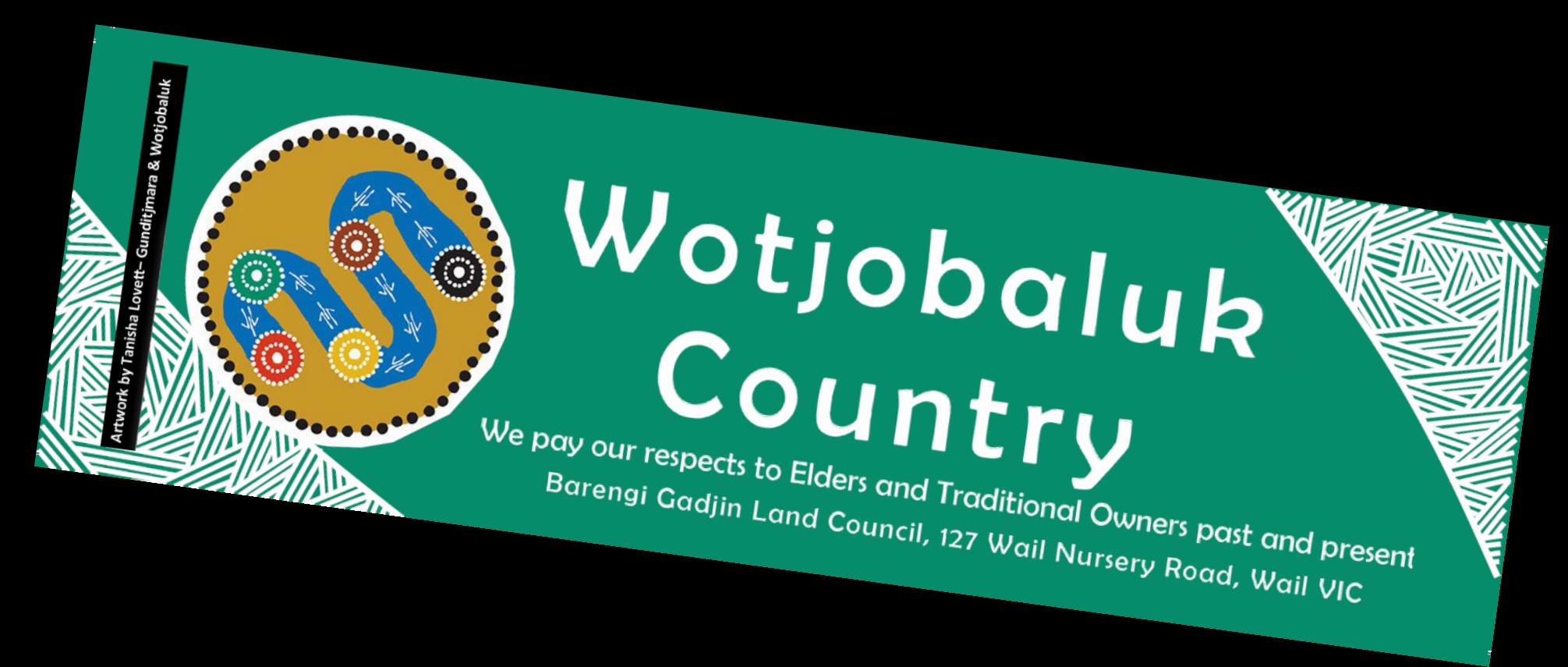


ABORIGINAL HEALTH

Towards Cultural Security



PURPOSE

- Support the State Government's commitment to improve outcomes for Aboriginal people in Victoria through improving access to services
- Increase the capacity of mainstream health providers and their workforce through participation in Cultural Awareness training, attendance and participation at cultural events, cultural audits and improvements to physical environments of local agencies
- Improve organisational policies and practices for increased community cultural safety.

WHY?

A Wimmera PCP strategic planning forum in 2009 led to the initiative where the Chief Executive Officers of 20 member agencies unanimously agreed they needed to improve the level of cultural responsiveness and safety offered by their services. Wimmera Primary Care Partnership was successful as the only non-Indigenous agency to receive funding for 'Aboriginal Health' under the initial (then) Victorian Department of Health's Close the Gap program.

PARTNERS

- Horsham Rural City Council
- Hindmarsh Shire
- West Wimmera Shire
- Yarriambiack Shire
- Edenhope & District Memorial Hospital
- Wimmera Health Care Group
- Rural Northwest Health
- West Wimmera Health Service
- Harrow Bush Nursing Centre
- Woomelang Bush Nursing Centre
- Centre for Participation
- Goolum Goolum
- Grampains Community Health
- The Salvation Army
- Uniting Wimmera
- Wimmera Southern Mallee LLEN
- Neighbourhood House Network
- Women's Health Grampians

"It is such a privilege to learn from Jo's experiences. She is open and honest and her delivery is so engaging. Best training I've ever been to!"

"left me wanting to know more, learn more and understand more!!!"

"Very informative. THANK YOU!!! THANK YOU!!! Honest explanation"

"It was very informative, practical and easy to understand. Really enjoyed it."

OUTCOMES

- 54 cultural awareness training sessions delivered to 1,198 participants from over 38 individual agencies
- **97% of participants report the training will assist them to be more culturally responsive; 98% Agree or Strongly Agree to overall satisfaction with the training**
- 953 (79.5%) participants have been from the health and welfare sector and 245 (20.5%) have been from various other sectors including employment, education, justice, independent participants and Local Councils
- **The model of training was presented at the National Rural Health Conference in Cairns in 2017**
- Significant improvements to the physical environments of health services, community health, councils and other agencies
- **Aboriginal advisory committees established for Wimmera Health Care Group and Horsham Rural City Council**