



Curtin University



Healthy Blood, Healthy Body Project

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We acknowledge the Noongar Wadjuk people as the traditional owners of country. We acknowledge the continuing connection to land, sea & community & pay our respects to them, their culture & to Elders - past, present & emerging.

Project Artwork



'Finding the resources' by Mavis Lyndon

This artwork tells a story of Indigenous people that desire help from each group which is in the centre of this painting.

The multiple curved U shapes in the centre of the artwork are desired people that are wanting help. The desired people can be on many levels of life, which explains the dark and light blue colours (water).

This connects with orange pathway and kangaroo tracks; every desired people can get the help from each of the four groups.

Each pathway will give you the different help and connections to different resources on which that desired person needs.

Each brown circle (land) is surrounded by curved U shapes that are Curtin University, the Aboriginal Advisory Group, Chief Investigators, and Health Services that are willing to help these desired people.

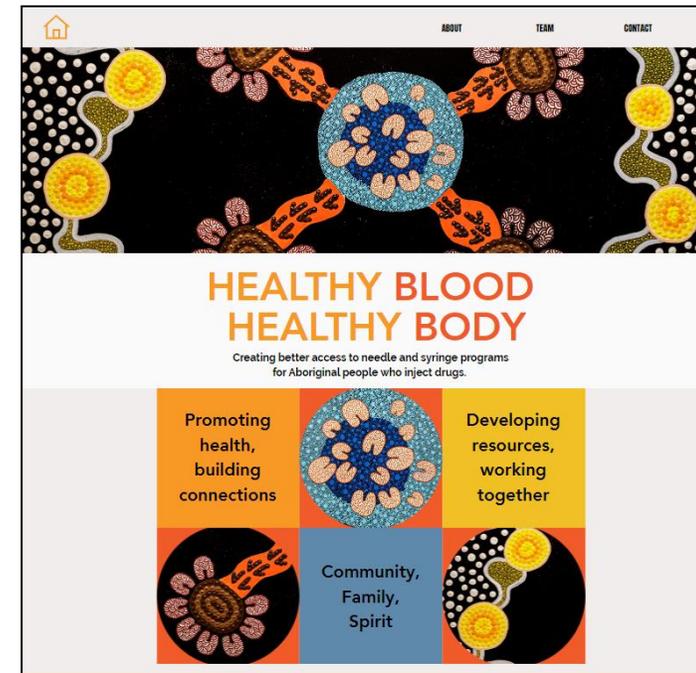
And surrounded by all four lands and desired people are the families that are there for the support and the family member. Family is yellow (sand), which is safe place.

Building the project brand

The project name **Healthy Blood, Healthy Body** was decided after lengthy discussions with the Co-Design Working Group and Aboriginal Advisory Group and captures the strengths based nature of the project.



Artwork



Website

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Project Aim

To increase access to needle and syringe programs for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples who inject drugs to reduce harms associated with injecting drug use

Project Timeframe

May 2021 – June 2025

Five intervention areas

The **Healthy Blood, Healthy Body** project will co-design and implement strategies to increase access and utilisation of NSPs by Aboriginal people who inject drugs



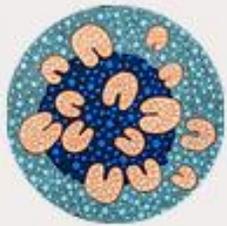
Project Collaborators

Co-Design Working Group

- Comprises the Chief Investigator team, Aboriginal Advisory Group, and key stakeholders in the sector including consumers.
- Assists with the development and implementation of project activities.



Project activities to date



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- **Project governance, planning and branding**

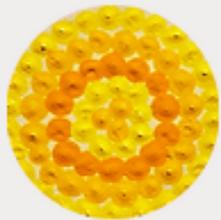
- **Attitudinal Survey**

- To understand knowledge and attitudes related to IDU, harm reduction, role of NSP of providers of health and related services to Aboriginal people in Perth

- **Scoping review**

- To identify available knowledge and evidence related to culturally secure services for Aboriginal people
- 2,328 peer reviewed articles sourced
- Grey literature to be included

- **Consumer engagement**

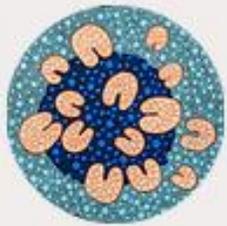


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Findings will inform the development of a best practice guide/checklist for culturally secure NSP services and a cultural competency training package



Cultural safety yarns



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6 yarns completed with Aboriginal people who inject drugs to understand what does a 'safe service' mean for them

More yarns planned for 2023

I wish the staff knew more about our culture, not just the stuff from the past but how we are as black people today

The Indigenous pictures are nice but it's the respect that they give me that is more important to me

I didn't know about these services because there's not enough advertising, it's hard to find these places

I prefer the NSPs to the chemist because they know what I'm here for, the chemist makes me feel shame and I feel judged

The hospitals won't give needles out so a vending machine would be good, there's nowhere to get them late at night



Get in touch with us

For further information or to find out how you can assist with the project:

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Thank you for listening 😊

