



Dear Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People and
Psychologists Interest Group members,

Welcome to your June Email Update containing interesting bits and pieces for Interest Group members.

This update includes information about the three international conference being held in July, with a focus on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander papers and presenters.

Please note: The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People and Psychology Interest Group Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday at lunchtime from 1.00-2.00pm in Room 205.

AIPA members will be hosting a dinner at Tjanabi restaurant at Federation Square in Melbourne on Sunday evening, July 11. The restaurant is owned by Koori elder Aunty Caroline Briggs. If Interest Group members would like to join AIPA members for this dinner you would be most welcome. If you plan to join, could you please email KerrieAKelly@bigpond.com

The Rural and Remote Interest Group has also invited ATSIPP Interest Group members to share a dinner at Tjanabi restaurant on Wednesday July 14th. See the invitation on page 5 of this email update.

If you would like something to be included in the next email, please send to: KerrieAKelly@bigpond.com

If you would like to take over / contribute to the production of this email update for Interest Group members, please let Yvonne Clark know on: yvonne.clark@adelaide.edu.au

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Cheers,

Yvonne Clark and Kerrie Kelly (Co-Convenors)

ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER PEOPLE AND PSYCHOLOGISTS INTEREST GROUP EMAIL UPDATE: JUNE 2010

1. AIPA Update

Website: <http://www.indigenouspsychology.com.au/>

AIPA Steering Committee

- The next face-to-face Steering Committee will take place in Melbourne on Sunday July 11

AIPA members' annual meeting

- The annual AIPA members' meeting will take place in Melbourne on Sunday July 11, followed by a dinner. Twenty AIPA members will come from all over Australia to meet on July 11 at the Vibe hotel. The APS generously supports AIPA members' travel and accommodation to attend this meeting.

Cultural Competence Workshops

- OATSIH has funded AIPA to provide 8 cultural competence workshops for non-Indigenous psychologists, social workers and counsellors in OATSIH funded services. AIPA member Tania Jones is leading this initiative.
- Twenty Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander psychologists will be trained to deliver AIPA's cultural competence workshop on July 10.
- AIPA has received funds to develop a Youth-Focused Cultural Competence workshop: this three month project will begin in August 2010.

2. APS Updates

APS Reconciliation Action Plan

- A paper about this initiative will be presented at the ICAP conference in July

3. Indigenous papers and presenters for the conferences in July

XXth International Congress of Cross Cultural Psychology Melbourne

IACCP July 7-10 Melbourne University <http://www.iaccp2010.com/>

Friday 9th July

8.30-10.00am: Invited symposium - Perspectives in Indigenous Psychology

Chair: Stephen Ralph (AIPA member)

John W. Berry, Queen's University, Kingston, Canada

Urban Aboriginal Peoples Study: Overview of Findings from the Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal Samples.

Christine Gillies (AIPA member)

Cultural Uniqueness, Indigenous Specific Variables and Cultural Change: Three concepts impacting the validity of Indigenous Clinical Assessment and Epidemiological research outcomes in Australia.

Stephen Ralph (AIPA member)

The Assessment of Parenting Capacity in Aboriginal Families: Some considerations for clinical and judicial decision-making

10.30-12.00: Invited Speaker 1 – Professor Marcia Langton

Aboriginal difference and living the ‘Australian way of life’

2.00-2.45pm: Prejudice Individual Papers

Yin Paradies

Meeting the challenge of race-based discrimination: A psychological overview

Dennis McDermott (AIPA member)

Exploring the unspoken: facilitating dialogue about racism and Indigenous Australians in psychologist and other health professional training

4th International Conference on Psychology Education Sydney

ICOPE July 8 – 11 Sydney - UNSW <http://icope2010.psy.unsw.edu.au>

Saturday 10th July

10.30-12.00: Invited symposia: Indigenous Psychology Education

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander issues in psychology: Organisational and curriculum perspectives

Pat Dudgeon [C] (Chair of AIPA)

Timothy Skinner

Paul Harnett and Michael Williams

Yvonne Clark (AIPA member)

Lyn Littlefield

1.00 – 2.30: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Issues in Psychology:

Professional Practice Issues

Yvonne Clark [C] (AIPA member)

Todd Heard and Jessica Higgins (AIPA members)

Roz Walker and Christopher Sonn

Bernard Guerin

Dawn Darlaston-Jones

3.00-4.30: Workshop: Progressing Indigenous Psychology Education.

Facilitators: Pat Dudgeon and Timothy Skinner

Introduction: Jacky Cranney

This workshop will be conducted in small groups to discuss the following questions (45 mins), then the larger group will reconvene to feedback with concrete actions on ways forward. Guide questions for discussion will include:

- What are the issues?
- How can we overcome these?
- What actions can we take as
 - a) individuals,
 - b) in our departments/schools,
 - c) in our practice and
 - d) in our professional body?

27th International Congress of Applied Psychology Melbourne

ICAP July 11-16 Melbourne Convention Centre www.icap2010.com/index.php

Sunday 11th July

9.00am – 5.00pm: AIPA Steering Committee and member's meeting: Vibe Hotel

3.30pm: Bendi Lango Art Exhibition Opening. Launch by Tom Calma with Pat Dudgeon.

- ICAP Welcome to Country
- Congress opening and cocktails 6-9pm (free to conference registrants)

7.00pm: AIPA Dinner (with students and Interest Group)

Monday 12th July

12.00-1.00pm: Invited address: Pat Dudgeon

An overview of Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and psychology

4.00-4.30pm: Symposium: Martha Augoustinos (C), Pat Dudgeon, Ingrid Huygens, Brianne Hastie, Damien Riggs and Clemence Due

Prejudice and racism: What can psychology do?

Tuesday 13th July

10.30-12.00: Professional Practice & Ethics Invited Symposium: Jean Pettifor (C), Carole Sinclair, Carol Falender, Pumla Gobodo-Madikizela, Pat Dudgeon, Natasha Tassell (D)

Psychology, ethics and social justice

12.00-1.00pm – Pat Dudgeon to chair: Invited address: Martha Augoustinos

Talking race and prejudice 'Down Under'

1.00-2.00pm: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People and Psychology Interest Group Room 205

Annual General Meeting

2.00-3.30pm: Invited symposium (Division 17 – Professional Practice): Pat Dudgeon (C), Tania Jones & Kerrie Kelly, Roz Walker & Clinton Schultz.

Cultural Competence: Working with Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People

4.00-5.30pm: Symposium: Pat Dudgeon, Roz Walker, Tania Jones and Vicki Hovane.

The lives of contemporary Australian Aboriginal Women

5.50-6.10pm Individual student papers: Darren Garvey

Charting psychology's progress in demonstrating relevance to the needs of Indigenous Australian people: A review of literature and experience from 1992-2009

Wednesday 14th July

Dinner at Tjanabi restaurant – Rural and Remote Interest Group (invitation below)

Thursday 15th July

4.00-5.30pm: Symposium: Roz Walker, Kerrie Kelly, Graham Gee, Heather Gridley (C) & Pat Dudgeon (D)

Minding the gap: a critical examination of the historical, current and potential engagement of psychology and psychologists in fostering (or impeding) the social and emotional wellbeing and mental health of Indigenous peoples

Congress Dinner –Thurs 7.00 till late

Friday 16 July

8.30-10.00am: APS mini-program Forum: Pat Dudgeon, Bob Montgomery, Heather Gridley, Tania Jones, Paul Harnett, Bob Rich, Reconciliation Australia

The APS Reconciliation Action Plan

THE RURAL AND REMOTE INTEREST GROUP

Invite you to join them for

A CELEBRATORY DINNER

during the ICAP Conference at

TJANABI RESTAURANT (Koori owned & managed)

The Atrium, Federation Square, Flinders St, Melbourne

On Wednesday July 14th 2010 at 7.15pm.

Dinner includes two courses savouring fresh regional indigenous food, and coffee/tea. Drinks not included.

Cost \$55.00

An opportunity to celebrate with kindred spirits.

Contact for details: Ailsa Drent

0419 872 532

Please register at:

https://events.psychology.org.au/ei/getdemo.ei?id=681&s=_0DO0LB2YG

4. In The News

NAIDOC Week runs from 4 to 11 July and is a week to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Ideas on how to celebrate NAIDOC

<http://www.naidoc.org.au/NAIDOC-about/howToCelebrate.aspx>

Order supplies for NAIDOC

http://www.dreamtime.auz.net/images/ATSI%20Products/A_TSI_Product_Catalogue_June_10.pdf

Psychologists to help stamp out Indigenous smoking

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/stories/2010/06/10/2923609.htm?site=indigenous&topic=latest>

No agreements on service delivery agreements on service delivery for remote communities

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/stories/2010/06/17/2929903.htm?site=indigenous&topic=latest>

Emotional reunion expected for Stolen Generations in Alice Springs

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/stories/2010/06/18/2930682.htm>

Mental disorders due to substance use and cardiovascular risk in Aboriginal adults

http://www.mja.com.au/public/issues/192_10_170510/wan11326_fm.html

Nothing constructive in housing disaster

<http://www.theaustralian.com.au/news/opinion/nothing-constructive-in-housing-disaster/story-e6frg6zo-1225877647700>

Jailing mentally ill an NT madness

An expert in prison law says the NT Government has breached Australia's international guidelines by not providing a secure facility for mentally ill people who are instead housed in prisons.

http://www.ntnews.com.au/article/2010/06/12/155351_ntnews.html

Mental care likened to that of Africa

The Aboriginal Legal Service has compared mental health services in central desert communities to those in poor African countries during the sentencing of a 17-year-old schizophrenic boy who stabbed a relative nine times

<http://www.theaustralian.com.au/news/nation/mental-care-likened-to-that-of-africa/story-e6frg6nf-1225867469631>

Police being trained on mental health

The government has been called on to fund a mental health training program for frontline emergency services as a way of reducing violent confrontations with people who are mentally ill.

<http://www.theaustralian.com.au/news/nation/police-being-trained-on-mental-health/story-e6frg6nf-1225870289428>

Police shootings link to mentally ill

Most people shot dead by Victorian Police have been mentally ill, research has found. The study of 48 police shootings found more than 87 per cent of victims had schizophrenia and other severe mental illnesses.

<http://www.theage.com.au/victoria/police-shootings-link-to-mentally-ill-20100513-v1rw.html>

Budget's Indigenous impact remains unclear

The Indigenous Health Minister, Warren Snowdon, will not say how much of the federal budget is going to be invested in Indigenous affairs.

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/stories/2010/05/10/2895269.htm>

Budget 'fails to deliver' on mental health

Doctors have welcomed the \$7.3 billion in health spending announced in the federal budget but are concerned the areas of Indigenous and mental health were ignored.

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/stories/2010/05/12/2896787.htm?section=justin>

Budget 'fails mental health programs'

More people will die from suicide as a result of the federal government's failure to fund additional mental health programs in last night's budget, Australian of the Year Professor Patrick McGorry says.

<http://www.theage.com.au/victoria/budget-fails-mental-health-programs-20100512-uwcj.html>

Call for time-out centres to combat family violence

Time-out centres should be established to defuse violent family situations, a delegation of Central Australian Aboriginal men says.

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/stories/2010/05/18/2902393.htm>

Closing the gap between rhetoric and reality

There is an emerging consensus that the first Rudd government has struggled to match its aspirational policy goals with delivery. How has Indigenous affairs been treated in the 2010-11 Budget?

<http://www.abc.net.au/unleashed/stories/s2900777.htm>

Researcher reveals 'different' rural depression

New research has highlighted unique aspects of depression being experienced by men living in rural and remote areas.

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/stories/2009/11/05/2734272.htm>

Geldorf's Generation One Speech

Geldof likened Indigenous affairs in Australia to situations he'd witnessed in third-world Africa, and argues that not only is this morally repulsive, but that it's also economically 'stupid' for Australia not to leverage the talents and potential of Australia's 500,000 Aboriginal population.

http://action.generationone.org.au/p/salsa/web/tellafriend/public/?tell_a_friend_KEY=3026

Report warns of Strategic Indigenous Housing and Infrastructure Program failure

The nation's largest Aboriginal housing project - blighted by delay and poor governance - is at risk of failing to deliver on its original promises as resources are squeezed and management systems flounder.

<http://www.theaustralian.com.au/news/nation/report-warns-of-strategic-indigenous-housing-and-infrastructure-program-failure/story-e6frg6nf-1225877657612>

Unreliable costing, weak governance in SIHIP

A controversial \$672 million Aboriginal housing program used inaccurate costings and was poorly governed at the outset, the Northern Territory auditor-general has found.

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/stories/2010/06/09/2922317.htm?section=justin>

Child abuse study on hold after concerns about Aboriginal children and explicit material

The parliamentary overseer of Queensland's Crime and Misconduct Commission (CMC) has suspended a child sexual abuse study, after a researcher expressed alarm about Aboriginal primary school students being exposed to an explicit questionnaire and illustrations. The study was led by CMC director of research

Margot Legosz.

<http://www.theaustralian.com.au/news/nation/child-abuse-study-on-hold-after-concerns-about-aboriginal-children-and-explicit-material/story-e6frg6nf-1225874206303>

New push to extinguish Indigenous smoking

The Federal Government will employ new workers in regions across Australia to tackle high rates of smoking among Indigenous people.

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/stories/2010/05/31/2913816.htm>

Change for the better: adequate programs for indigenous health

"All we lack are adequate programs." This was said recently at a conference in which many programs for indigenous health were outlined. The programs all had much in common. They showed great promise, yet had funding or personnel issues.

<http://www.theaustralian.com.au/news/health-science/change-for-the-better-adequate-programs-for-indigenous-health/story-e6frg8y6-1225872287957>

Removing at-risk NT kids 'not the way'

Removing at-risk Aboriginal children from dysfunctional parents and communities is not the way to address chronic levels of indigenous violence in northern Australia, former long-serving Aboriginal magistrate Sue Gordon says.

<http://www.theaustralian.com.au/politics/state-politics/removing-at-risk-nt-kids-not-the-way/story-e6frgczx-1225872726665>

Bad parents to lose kids for 18 years under new Government plan

Bad parents will have their children taken from them for up to 18 years under a controversial Barnett Government plan.

<http://www.perthnow.com.au/news/western-australia/bad-parents-to-lose-kids-for-18-years/story-e6frg13u-1225815531249>

Are we all walk and no action?

Alison Anderson: Many bridges have been crossed since the first Walk for Reconciliation 10 years ago on Friday. But a bridge to opportunity has yet to be built for Aboriginal people in the bush.

<http://www.theaustralian.com.au/news/opinion/are-we-all-walk-and-no-action/story-e6frg6zo-1225869812173>

Vote early, vote often says star

Actor Aaron Pedersen yesterday urged young Territorians to register to vote. More than 36,000 Territorians of voting age are not on the electoral roll. That's enough to change the result of any Territory election.

http://www.ntnews.com.au/article/2010/06/08/153951_ntnews.html

Claims 50 Aboriginal Trackers Left Behind During Boer War

50 Aboriginal trackers who were summonsed by the commander of the British forces in South Africa to join the Boer war effort.

<http://www.abc.net.au/pm/content/2010/s2914322.htm>

Stop the Intervention Gathering to be held in Alice Springs 6 - 9 July

<http://stoptheintervention.org/Gathering-in-Alice-Springs-July-2010>

<http://defendingindigenousrights.wordpress.com/>

<http://interventionwalkoff.wordpress.com/video/>

5. Training

Marumali Journey of Healing Program (5 Days) will be held in Perth 26-30 July
Contact Aunty Lorraine Peeters for more information.

Email: marumali1999@bigpond.com

<http://www.healthinonet.ecu.edu.au/health-resources/conferences?cid=539>

<http://www.marumali.com.au/page11648/Workshop-Schedule.aspx>

6. Scholarships

The Puggy Hunter Memorial Scholarship Scheme

The Puggy Hunter Memorial Scholarship Scheme is funded by the Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing. The scholarship provides financial assistance to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who are undertaking study or are intending to undertake study in a health related discipline at an undergraduate or TAFE (Certificate IV and above) level.

Applications open 26 June 2010 and close 20 August 2010.

http://www.rcna.org.au/scholarships/puggy_hunter

Nursing and Allied Health Scholarship and Support Scheme: Allied Health Clinical Placement

This scholarship supports eligible allied health students to undertake a clinical placement in a regional, rural or remote Australian community. Scholarship funding will be for a maximum of six weeks whilst the scholarship recipient is undertaking their clinical placement. The scholarship recipient will receive funding towards travel to and from the placement location, accommodation costs and living expenses. Scholarship applicants must be enrolled in an approved/accredited course in an eligible allied health profession.

http://www.sarah.org.au/site/index.cfm?PageMode=indiv&module=NEWS&page_id=218067&leca=283

2011 National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) Postgraduate Scholarships

The aim of the NHMRC Postgraduate Scholarships scheme is to support outstanding Australian health and medical graduates early in their career so that they can be trained to conduct research that is internationally competitive and to develop a capacity for original independent research. This is usually achieved by NHMRC funding its scholars to attain a PhD, a PhD equivalent degree or Master's degree, all of which must be by full-time research. Allied Health Scholarship \$29,000.

Applications close 14 July.

<http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/grants/apply/scholars/index.htm#b>

7. Petition

Stop the Intervention petition.

http://stoptheintervention.org/uploads/files_to_download/RDA-New-Legislation/flyer-petition-RDA-2-April-10.pdf

8. Websites

Indigenous Mental Health

Welcome to the home of the International Whararata Group This is a safe place for indigenous service providers, policy makers and leaders in mental health, and their non-indigenous partners who also serve indigenous clients, to share successful practices in indigenous mental health and addictions. This site is built with three purposes:

1. Build communication and support among indigenous leaders in mental health, around the world.
2. Share research and successful practices in indigenous health, with emphasis on sharing community-based projects, grey literature and documents that are less likely to be published.
3. Celebrate indigenous values and progress in mental health

<http://www.indigenous-mental-health.ca/>

One Generation

John Butler, of the John Butler Trio: "This is a very important film that everyone needs to see... It will change your life".

<http://www.ourgeneration.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2010/06/CALLOUT2.pdf>

<http://www.ourgeneration.org.au/>

Indigenous jobs Australia

A marketing campaign starring comedian Sean Choolburra takes light hearted look at the process of job hunting.

http://www.indigenousjobsaustralia.com.au/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=49&Itemid=34

<http://www.indigenousjobsaustralia.com.au/>

Indigenous Business Australia

IBA programs provide the means for Indigenous Australians to create wealth and accumulate assets, take up mainstream investment opportunities, create business enterprises that provide additional employment opportunities, and purchase homes.

<http://www.iba.gov.au/>

ICAN empowers Indigenous consumers in the areas of consumer education, advocacy and financial counselling assistance.

<http://www.ican.org.au/>

9. Resources

ON-LINE EDUCATION

WHO On-line Learning Device on Social Determinants of Health

To inspire a critical vision of social determinants of health (SDH) the WHO is facilitating both the dissemination and the understanding of SDH developed by the Commission on the Social Determinants of Health, established by WHO in 2005: (1) its Final Report and Recommendations, published on August 28, 2008 and (2) the reports prepared by the nine Knowledge Networks.

<http://dds-dispositivoglobal.ops.org.ar/curso/cursoeng/contexto.html>

Discrimination: Know your rights
Information for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people

http://www.hreoc.gov.au/complaints_information/indigenous/index.html

Australian Research Reviews

Over 10,000 medical journals are published worldwide each month and for the medical community keeping up is hard. Psychiatry Research Review makes it easy by including some of the most important studies, with commentary by Professor Philip Boyce, Professor of Psychiatry at Western Clinical School of the University of Sydney.

http://www.researchreview.com.au/research_review_catalogue.cfm?ID=59

The Ara Irititja Project

Ara Irititja means 'stories from a long time ago' in the language of Anangu (Pitjantjatjara and Yankunytjatjara people) of Central Australia.

<http://www.irititja.com>

Step by Step – A competency based resource for assessing potential foster carers 2010 edition

http://www.acwa.asn.au/email/downloads113/StepByStep_Leaflet_andOrderForm.pdf

New report on sentencing Indigenous offenders

The indigenous Justice clearinghouse has released a report on Sentencing Indigenous Offenders. It outlines the relevant considerations when sentencing Indigenous offenders, discusses the role of customary law, and reports on studies that have investigated whether sentencing decisions contribute to the high rates of imprisonment of Indigenous offenders

www.indigenousjustice.gov.au/briefs/brief007.pdf

The Stolen Wages Helpline opened on 30 March 2010. It will operate on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays between 9:00 am and 5:00 pm. Claimants who call outside of these hours will be asked to leave a telephone message. These messages will be answered during the Helpline's operating hours. Source: Public Interest Advocacy Centre (PIAC).

To contact the Stolen Wages Helpline, phone 02 8898 6544

The May 2010 issue of the Medical Journal of Australia is now online. This issue focuses on Aboriginal health.

http://www.mja.com.au/public/issues/192_10_170510/contents_170510.html

Winner of Ross Ingram Memorial Essay Competition

Healing our communities, healing ourselves

http://www.mja.com.au/public/issues/192_10_170510/har10069_fm.htm

10. Music

The road opens up for musical Mills

A Kriol-language version of Waltzing Matilda has become an unexpected hit on the nation's airwaves and social networking sites, propelling Darwin singer and ukelele player Ali Mills to consider her first national tour.

<http://www.theaustralian.com.au/news/nation/the-road-opens-up-for-musical-mills/story-e6frg6nf-1225878673809>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WgLtzD6JxcA>

Australian Art Orchestra collaboration with the Wagilak songmen of Ngukurr

Melinda James talks to Paul Grabowsky about the Australian Art Orchestra collaboration with the Wagilak songmen of Ngukurr.

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/video/2010/05/21/2906403.htm>

Indigenous artist scores US coffee chain deal

Indigenous singer-songwriter Geoffrey Gurrumul Yunupingu has scored a deal with a major coffee store chain in the United States.

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/stories/2010/06/04/2918704.htm>

11. Film

Goal films: short films produced by prisoners at Darwin's Goal screened at the 'first Full of Films' Festival.

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/video/2010/06/11/2925254.htm>

12. Books

Major Australian publishers of Indigenous writers:

- Aboriginal Studies Press: <http://www.aiatsis.gov.au/asp/welcome.html>
- IAD Press / Jukurrpa Books: <http://www.iad.edu.au/press/iadpresshome.htm>
- Magabala Books: <http://www.magabala.com>
- Keeaira Press: <http://www.kpress.com.au>
- Black Ink: <http://www.blackinkpress.com.au>
- Fremantle Arts Centre Press: <http://www.fremantlepress.com.au/authors>
- Indij Readers: <http://www.indijreaders.com.au>
- Black words: <http://www.austlit.edu.au/specialistDatasets/BlackWords>