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Islander Health  
Practice Council**  
of NSW

Annual Report 2016-17



# President's Message



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I am pleased to present the 2016/17 report for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practice Council of New South Wales.

The Council has commenced its second term since it was first established in 2012. We have also welcomed our new legal member and Deputy President Rosemary MacDougal to the Council.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practice is the fastest growing registered health profession in Australia. We thank the National Board for their work in promoting and regulating the profession to date.

The Council is still yet to manage a complaint about a NSW practitioner. However, both the public and practitioners should be assured that the Council is ready and able to manage any complaints that arise.

Finally I would like to thank all members of Council for their commitment to our profession and I look forward to what the next term will bring.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lisa Penrith".

**Lisa Penrith**

President

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practice Council of New South Wales

**Regulation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practitioners in 2016/17**

**Summary overview**



**120**

**Registered Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practitioners in NSW**

13.2% more than the previous year  
19.7% of ATSI Health Practitioners in Australia



### **Council Communications**

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practice Council website is the Council's primary communications tool to engage with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health practitioners (ATSIHP) and the wider community. The Council's website is being redeveloped and updated and is expected to provide a modern, more interactive and user-friendly platform for the public, practitioners and other visitors.

The website redevelopment involved stakeholder and community consultation that included workshops, focus groups and user testing. The new website will include easy access to the Council's new online complaint form, with detailed information about the complaint process and will make it easier for visitors to access information about the Council, including policies and publications.

The new website is expected to be launched in August 2017.

### **Council Members**

Four members sit on the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practice Council as prescribed by section 41E of the National Law.

Registered Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health practitioner members:

- Ms Lisa Penrith Dip Prac Mgt, Cert IV PHC Cert IV FLM Cert IV WT&A AdCert Nursing
- Ms Renee Owen Dip Prac Mgt Cert IV ATSI Health Practice
- Mr Peter Pangquee BAppSc (Aboriginal Community Management and Development)

Legal member:

- Ms Rosemary MacDougal Dip Law (LPAB)

Ms Lisa Penrith is appointed by the Governor as President of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practice Council Council.

Ms Rosemary MacDougal is appointed by the Governor as Deputy President of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practice Council.

### Executive Officer

Ms Sarah Carroll is the Executive Officer for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practice Council. The Executive Officer has 1.5 staff members who work directly with the Council.

All staff working both directly and indirectly with the Council are employed by the HPCA as an executive agency of the Ministry of Health. Councils cannot employ staff under the National Law.

### Council Meeting Attendance

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practice Council met once during the year.

#### Member attendance at Council meetings, eligibility to attend and length of office

Member	Meetings Attended	Meetings Eligible to Attend	Length of Office*
Ms Lisa Penrith – President	1	1	4 September 2013 – 30 June 2019
Ms Rosemary MacDougal – Deputy President	1	1	10 August 2016 – 30 June 2019
Ms Renee Owen	1	1	4 September 2013 – 30 June 2019
Mr Peter Pangquee	0	1	4 September 2013 – 30 June 2019

\* Council members are appointed for a term up to three years and may be reappointed up to a maximum of nine years.

### Regulatory Committees and Panels

Part 8 of the National Law prescribes the committees and panels that support the Council in undertaking its regulatory activities.

Regulatory committees and panels include:

- Assessment Committee
- Impaired Registrants Panel
- Performance Review Panel

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practice Council did not appoint any regulatory committees or panels during the year.

### Council Committees

Councils may establish committees to assist with Council functions. Committee members are not necessarily Council members.

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practice Council did not appoint any committees during the year.

### Meetings and Events

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practice Council was represented at the following meetings and events during the year.

#### Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practice Council representation at meetings and events

Name of Meeting / Event	Attended By	Attendee Role
Annual National Registration and Accreditation Scheme conference – Melbourne	Ms Sarah Carroll (HPCA)	Participant
Meeting with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practice Board of Australia	Ms Lisa Penrith	Participant
	Ms Renee Owen	Participant
	Ms Sarah Carroll (HPCA)	Participant

### Overseas Travel

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practice Council did not incur any overseas travel costs during the year.

### Remuneration

Council members received the following remuneration.

President	\$720 per meeting more than 3 hours \$360 per meeting up to 3 hours
Deputy President	\$590 per meeting more than 3 hours \$295 per meeting up to 3 hours
Council Members	\$590 per meeting more than 3 hours \$295 per meeting up to 3 hours

Council members are reimbursed for expenses when travelling on official business at Council direction.

### Financial Management

The Aboriginal and Torres Straight Islander Health Practice Council's accounts performance was reported in the Financial Statement as follows.

<b>Accounts Performance 2016/17</b>	<b>\$</b>
Revenue	28,810
Operating expenditure	25,764
Gain / (loss) on disposal	-
<b>Net result</b>	<b>3,046</b>
<b>Net cash reserves (cash and cash equivalents minus current liabilities)</b>	<b>31,599</b>

The Aboriginal and Torres Straight Islander Health Practice Council's budget for the period 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018 is as follows.

<b>Budget 2017/18</b>	<b>\$</b>
Revenue	5,428
Operating expenditure	11,597
<b>Net result</b>	<b>-6,169</b>

Full financial statements are presented in Part 3 of this report 'Financial Statements for NSW Health Professional Councils'.