

National Best Practice Unit –
Tackling Indigenous Smoking

**JURISDICTIONAL
WORKSHOP REPORT
NEW SOUTH WALES &
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL
TERRITORY**

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Introduction

The Tackling Indigenous Smoking (TIS) jurisdictional workshops are an important way in which the National Best Practice Unit Tackling Indigenous Smoking (NBPU TIS) provides support to the TIS teams located in the Regional Tobacco Control Grant (RTCG) organisations.

The workshops aim to:

- develop and create working relationships with TIS teams and Project Officers with the National Best Practice Unit
- promote an evidence-based approach to tackling smoking in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities;
- share best practice of 'what works' and develop a community of practice amongst TIS teams (peer-to-peer learning and network building);
- provide a forum for resolving implementation challenges;
- provide training and tools to assist TIS teams in program delivery; and
- ensure a shared understanding of the TIS program

There are six jurisdictional TIS workshops per year¹.

The New South Wales & Australian Capital Territory Jurisdictional Workshop

Fortunately, despite the COVID-19 pandemic, the New South Wales & Australian Capital Territory TIS jurisdictional workshop was able to be held face-to-face in Sydney. However, three teams (Bullinah Aboriginal Health Service, Wellington Aboriginal Community Health Service and Maari Ma Health Aboriginal Corporation) attended by videoconference (Zoom). The workshop was held over a full day on its planned date of 27 May 2021.

Program

A draft workshop program was developed on the basis of consultation with TIS teams from the jurisdiction through an online survey. This identified a number of topics of particular interest to participants, particularly the use of e-cigarettes / vaping which was then included in the program. See [Attachment A](#) for an outline of the program as distributed to participants ahead of the workshop.

Summaries of the Workshop sessions are as follows – please see participant presentations on the Jurisdictional Workshop presentations page of the TIS Website² for details.

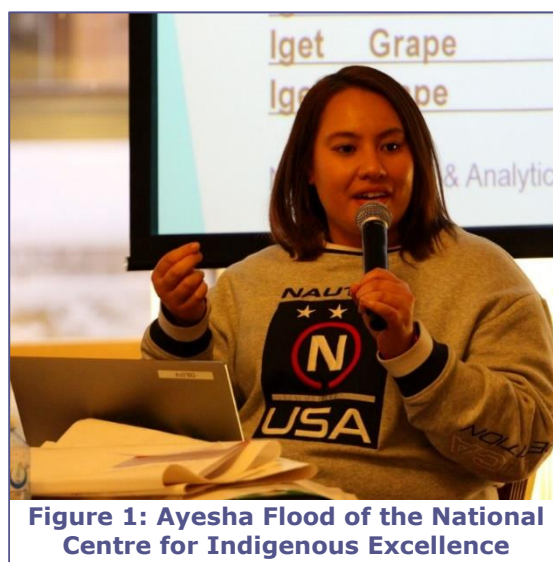


Figure 1: Ayesha Flood of the National Centre for Indigenous Excellence addresses the workshop

¹ The workshops for New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory, and for Tasmania and Victoria are combined.

² See <https://tacklingsmoking.org.au/resources/jurisdictional-workshop-presentations/>.

1. Housekeeping (Damien House, NBPU Project Officer)

2. Welcome to Country & Introductions

Uncle Michael West welcomed participants to Country.

3. National Co-ordinator - Latest Update for the TIS Program and Q&A (Prof. Tom Calma AO, National Co-ordinator TIS)

Professor Calma gave an overview of the TIS Program for participants. He emphasised that current TIS program funding ends on 30 June 2022, and that in order for the TIS program to continue to be funded all Grant Recipients TIS teams need to continue the work they are doing to deliver services and gather data on the effect of changing behaviours of smoking in their communities. He reminded teams to continue to develop partnerships with other Aboriginal organisations in their regions to promote the tobacco control message. Now that COVID-19 travel restrictions have eased in most jurisdictions, there is a need to get out into the communities: TIS is all about 'by our mob, for our mob'.

4. Impact Evaluation – TIS regional grants on smoking outcomes (Raglan Maddox PhD MPH)

This presentation was delivered by Raglan Maddox from the Australian National University (ANU) about the impact evaluation being conducted by the Australian National University of TIS regional grants on smoking outcomes. Raglan reported that Smoking rates are declining for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people but there is still room for improvement. The ANU team is working with TIS teams to measure the impact of the TIS program on smoking rates, attitudes to smoking and exposure to smoking.



Figure 2: Raglan Maddox of the Australian National University

5. Department of Health - Program update, and Q&A (Matilda Jureidini A/Director Child and Family Health Section, Department of Health)

Ms Jureidini updated participants on the TIS program from the perspective of the Department of Health, including on:

- how tobacco use is tracking against 'big picture' goals;
- the emerging priorities and policy context, including the National Agreement on Closing the Gap, the draft National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Plan 2021-2031, the draft National Preventive Health Strategy, and the National Tobacco Strategy 2020-2030 (in development); and
- key priorities for TIS (demonstrating impact and maximising impact)

6. Discussion of findings from mid-term evaluation of the TIS Program (Lena Etuk Cultural & Indigenous Research Centre Australia)

Lena of CIRCA reported on the findings of the mid-term evaluation of the TIS Program which will be released once approved by the Department of Health. The evaluation has looked at the implementation, appropriateness and outcomes of the TIS programs, and has made a number of recommendations about how to further enhance its impact.

7. Wise Practices to Address Vaping (A/Prof. Penney Upton)

In response to requests from TIS Teams, Penney's presentation covered a range of issues about vaping / e-cigarettes, including:

- what are e-cigarettes?
- evidence that vaping is increasing in Australia
- emerging evidence to support population health approaches to tackling vaping
- a summary of best practice approaches to tackling vaping (using similar methods and approaches to addressing tobacco use)
- discussion with teams about how they are tackling tobacco use in their communities.

8. Visibility Frameworks for Social Media Impact – incl. interactive session (Claudine Thornton – Claudine Thornton Creative)

Social Media is an important tool for TIS teams to engage the community. Claudine's presentation touched on visual elements and gave insights to TIS teams that focused on 'Seeing OURSELVES' in content such as our values and the use of credible sources of content, such as sportspeople, community ambassadors and ex-smokers. The presentation also gave insights on Visual clues on how to better engage the community for example through simple messaging, using Koori colours, Emoji's etc.

9. RTCGR / TIS Team Shared Success Story (facilitated by Damien House, NBP Project Officer)

Each TIS team was invited to brief the workshop about their approach to tackling smoking in the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities in which they live and serve about their successes and challenges. Presentations were made by the following teams:

- Galambila Aboriginal Health Service
- Grand Pacific Health Ltd
- South Coast Medical
- Maari Ma Health Aboriginal Corporation
- Griffith Aboriginal Medical Service
- National Centre of Indigenous Excellence
- Bullinah Aboriginal Health Service
- Awabakal Ltd
- Wellington Aboriginal Corporation Health Service



Figure 3: Rod Smith of Awabakal

Note that the TIS National Coordinator had to leave early due to other commitments, and a number of TIS teams also needed to leave to get home before night fall, so two 'wrap up sessions' by the NBP TIS and the TIS National Coordinator were presented together with Eileen Van Iersel thanking everyone for participation.

Attendance

The workshop was attended by 51 participants, including 34 representatives from 9 out of the 10 Grant recipients from across the two jurisdictions. Eleven participants from three TIS teams attended by videoconference.

See [Attachment B](#) for a list of participants.

Participant Evaluation

Each jurisdictional workshop includes participant evaluation, with both quantitative and qualitative feedback. This assists the NBP Unit TIS to ensure that future workshops are of most use to TIS teams. Participants were able to respond using an online survey platform (Qualtrics) or by hardcopy if preferred.

A total of 25 responses were received. Overall satisfaction with the workshop was high. Most sessions were rated as very useful or somewhat useful (see Figure 1). No sessions were rated as not at all useful.



Figure 4: Darryll Farrell of South Coast Medical Service

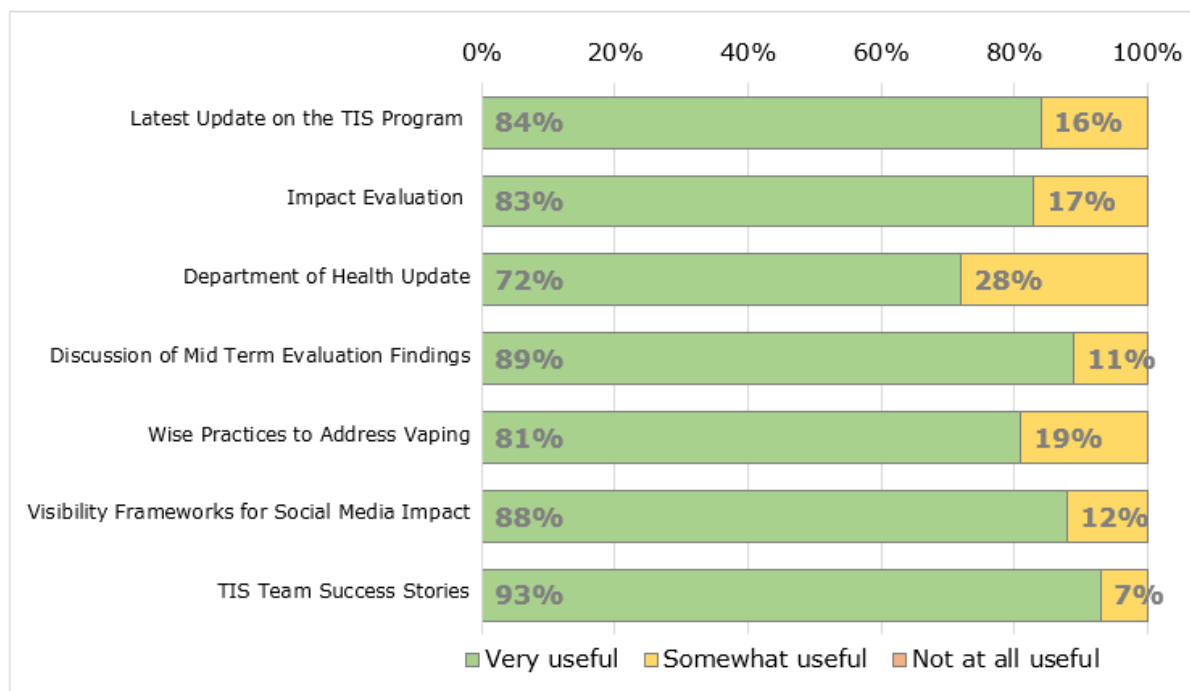


Figure 5: Participant evaluation of NSW and ACT jurisdictional workshop sessions, May 2021

Participants appreciated the update on the TIS program provided by the National Coordinator:



Figure 6: Madaline Duroux-Bloem of Galambila Aboriginal Health Service

As a new tobacco action worker I found Prof Tom introduction very informative

Great yarn by Prof. Tom Calma.

Better technology set-up to allow smooth transition for different presenters and TIS groups

Great overview

The information provided around the impact evaluation was also valued by participants:

Great insightful information session.

Great outcomes can't wait to see results from next study

Great talk and informative session

The Department of Health update was also seen as positive by participants in the room, however those on zoom struggled to hear as there was a technical issue part way through the presentation:

Great informative session

Zoom was a struggle

Participants also appreciated the session on addressing vaping:

Excellent information

Made me realise we need to increase our focus on this in our program

Had to leave early as they're going to be any recording for anyone to look back with this presentation and also other presentations.

The session on social media messaging was also very well received:

Excellent session, very informative

Great information

I would like to have more information on retrieving Facebook data (insights) and how this can be transferred into the TIS reporting tool.



Figure 7: Courtney Donley of South Coast Medical Service

As always, the sharing our stories sessions was very well received:

Great programs and PowerPoint slides.

I will be using the family tree/thumb print idea along with the shirt idea where kids write a message to a family member that smokes. A lot of great ideas can from the presentations. I really enjoyed everyone's work

Some great stuff presented

Always useful to share what works and what doesn't and discuss how to address challenges

Unfortunately it was more challenging for the teams attending by videoconference than those in the room to see the presentations and hear what was happening in the room:

It was hard to hear and we could not see the presentation via zoom

Finally two participants asked if it would be possible to do more sharing of stories outside of the workshops:

Could we have a day with ourselves in sharing programs and seeing how we can improve in some areas with reaching our KPI's better

It would be good if we could catch up by zoom every few months



Figure 8: Tyson Morris of Galambila Aboriginal Health Service

The use of zoom was appreciated by those teams not able to travel to Sydney, even though there were a few technical issues:

Well done persevering with the zoom

Feedback on the venue and catering

Feedback on the venue was fairly negative (more than 80% rated it as 'Okay' or 'Not good at all'), particularly in regard to the conference room which had large pillars down each side of the room which made it difficult to see the screens and speakers from some tables:

The conference room especially the pillars.

Pillars in the room did not work.

Less pillars please

It was hard to see the screen

Other issues with the venue's accommodation were also noted regarding readiness of rooms and delivery of breakfast.

One person also suggested that looking for a venue outside of the Sydney area might be a good idea:

Could you possibly not have it in Sydney. Maybe a better area next time. In different locations in the TIS NSW area.

Unfortunately, catering was not rated highly either (50% of respondents rated it as 'Not good at all'):

Food wasn't the best. Not like the other foods in previous workshops

Food was terrible quality with no fruit yogurt or healthy options heavily carb loaded sad choice for health organisation considering our issues with diet in indigenous community we should be leading by example

The catering was a healthy variety but was too fancy

Lots of processed food. No fresh options like fruit or veggies

The NBPU TIS will take into consideration all feedback from TIS teams (both about the workshop itself and the venue) in planning and delivering future workshops.

ATTACHMENT A: Workshop Program



NSW/ACT TIS Jurisdictional Workshop Program

Thursday 27 May 2021
Sir Stamford at Circular Quay
93 Macquarie Street, Sydney



Duration	Session	Facilitator/s/Speakers
9.30am	Welcome	
10 MINS	Housekeeping	Damien House NBPU Project Officer
10 MINS	Welcome to Country & Introductions	Damien House NBPU Project Officer
25 MINS	National Co-ordinator - Latest Update for the TIS Program and Q&A	Prof. Tom Calma AO National Co-ordinator TIS
30 MINS	Impact Evaluation – TIS regional grants on smoking outcomes	Raglan Maddox PhD MPH Australian National University
Morning Tea Break		
30 MINS	Department of Health - Program update, and Q&A	Matilda Jureidini A/Director Child and Family Health Section Department of Health
30 MINS	Cultural & Indigenous Research Centre Australia (CIRCA) -Discussion of findings from mid-term evaluation of the TIS Program	Lena Etuk CIRCA
Lunch Break		
30 MINS	Wise Practices to address Vaping	Associate Prof. Penney Upton University of Canberra
40 MINS	Visibility Frameworks for Social Media Impact – incl. interactive session.	Claudine Thornton Claudine Thornton Creative
50 MINS	RTCGR / TIS Team Shared Success Story <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Winnunga Nimmityjah Aboriginal Health Service • Galambila Aboriginal Health Service • Grand Pacific Health Ltd • South Coast Medical • Maari Ma Health Aboriginal Corporation 	TIS Teams
Afternoon Tea Break		
45 MINS	RTCGR / TIS Team Shared Success Story cont..... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Griffith Aboriginal Medical Service • National Centre of Indigenous Excellence • Bullinah Aboriginal Health Service • Awabakal Ltd • Wellington Aboriginal Corporation Health Service 	TIS Teams
10 MINS	NBPU TIS - Update/Actions/follow up	Eileen Van Iersel Manager NBPU TIS
20 MINS	National Co-ordinator - Reflections on the messages from the workshop	Prof. Tom Calma AO National Co-ordinator TIS
Workshop close		

Attachment B: Attendance

#	Name	Organization
1.	Prof. Tom Calma AO	TIS National Coordinator
2.	Leanne Hogan	Awabakal Medical Service
3.	Simone Jordan	Awabakal Medical Service
4.	Rod Smith	Awabakal Medical Service
5.	Gail Turnbull*	Bullinah Aboriginal Health Service
6.	Alwyn Roberts*	Bullinah Aboriginal Health Service
7.	Jodie-Lee Manton*	Bullinah Aboriginal Health Service
8.	Leanne Miles *	Bullinah Aboriginal Health Service
9.	Tyson Morris	Galambila Aboriginal Health Service
10.	Madaline Duroux-Bloem	Galambila Aboriginal Health Service
11.	Gregory Davis	Galambila Aboriginal Health Service
12.	Connie Smith	Galambila Aboriginal Health Service
13.	Colleena Smith	Galambila Aboriginal Health Service
14.	Iona Marsh	Grand Pacific Health
15.	Glen Buerckner	Griffith Aboriginal Medical Service
16.	Stephen Johnson	Griffith Aboriginal Medical Service
17.	John Charles	Griffith Aboriginal Medical Service
18.	Michaela Pauling	Griffith Aboriginal Medical Service
19.	Rebecca King	Griffith Aboriginal Medical Service
20.	Michaela Pauling	Griffith Aboriginal Medical Service
21.	Jess Meredith	Griffith Aboriginal Medical Service
22.	Sharon Hooker*	Maari Ma Health Aboriginal Corporation
23.	Cathy Dyer*	Maari Ma Health Aboriginal Corporation
24.	Tiffany Lynch*	Maari Ma Health Aboriginal Corporation
25.	Pania Brown	National Centre of Indigenous Excellence Ltd.
26.	Steven Davis	National Centre of Indigenous Excellence Ltd.
27.	Maia Dowd	National Centre of Indigenous Excellence Ltd.
28.	Leanne Aldridge	National Centre of Indigenous Excellence Ltd.
29.	Ayesha Flood	National Centre of Indigenous Excellence Ltd.
30.	Darryll Farrell	South Coast Medical Service Aboriginal Corporation
31.	Courtney Donley	South Coast Medical Service Aboriginal Corporation
32.	Adam Ryan*	Wellington Aboriginal Corporation Health Service
33.	Catlyn Ah See*	Wellington Aboriginal Corporation Health Service
34.	Jaden Wright*	Wellington Aboriginal Corporation Health Service
35.	Monique Ah See*	Wellington Aboriginal Corporation Health Service
36.	Matilda Jureidini	Department of Health
37.	Marlene Duus	Department of Health
38.	Vanessa Sargent	Funding Arrangement Manager

Attachment B: Attendance

#	Name	Organization
39.	Asha Manocha	Department of Health
40.	Raglan Maddox	Australian National University
41.	Lena Etuk	CIRCA
42.	Claudine Thornton*	Claudine Thornton Creative
43.	Rod Reeve	NBPU TIS
44.	Eileen Van Iersel	NBPU TIS
45.	Penney Upton	NBPU TIS
46.	Sunil George	NBPU TIS
47.	Glenn Clarke	NBPU TIS
48.	Damien House	NBPU TIS
49.	Maxine Turner	NBPU TIS
50.	Kelly Franklin	NBPU TIS
51.	Scott McLennan	NBPU TIS

* Participated by videoconference (Zoom)