



## **INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' FORUM PROGRAM**

**National Convention Centre, Canberra – Tuesday, 2 September 2003**

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### ***MAKING PROGRESS HAPPEN: SHAPING THE FUTURE OF MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES***

The theme of NAIDOC Week 2003 was “our children, *our future*”. Today, in a different setting it is a time to weigh up the past: what have we learnt about indigenous mental health and emotional well being over the past 10 years and what have we done about it? It is also a time for us to examine the pathways ahead. Speakers from Australia and New Zealand will examine what we have learnt, what we can take forward into the next 5 years, and how we can do this together *for the future mental health of indigenous people*.

The forum will hear from a number of speakers, followed by time for audience participation and discussion during the final session.

#### **Program**

1:30pm	Opening ceremony & welcome to country
1:45pm	Presentations
3.00pm	Afternoon tea
3.30pm	Presentations continue
4.30pm	Discussion of issues arising from presentations
5.30pm	Close

**Convenor**                      **Tracey Whetnall**, an Eora woman from Dharrawal nation.

**Welcome to  
Country**                      **Eric Bell**, Ngunnawal Elder, will welcome delegates

#### ***Speakers***

**Maurice Walker**, Project Officer, Office of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health, “The Bringing Them Home Program funded by OATSIH”

**Ray Minnicon**, representative of stolen generation, “The Kinchilla Home Return”

**Paul Brandy**, Drug and Alcohol Assessment Team ACT, “Mental Health and Comorbidity”

**Arawhetu Peretini**, Manager, Maori Mental Health, Ministry of Health NZ.