

Indigenous Forum

TheMHS Conference Townsville 2006

**Townsville Convention and Exhibition Centre
Tuesday 29 August 2006**



**WELCOME TO BINDOL AND WULGURUKABA COUNTRY THE HOME OF
ABORIGINAL DESCENDANTS OF NORTH QUEENSLAND**

PROGRAM

- 9.00am *Registration*
- 9.30 am Chair person: Alex Illin
Welcome from Traditional Owners
Bindol Dance Group
- 9.45am Townsville Aboriginal & Islander Health Service: Social Health
Unit
Angelina Akee: Soc Health Co-ordinator
Dorothy Bakacauta: History, Prehistory and Colonisation
Robyn Haines: Stolen Generation, Government Policies, Palm
Island
- 10.30 am *morning Tea*
Wulgurukaba Dance Group
- 11.00 am. Speaker: Professor Bonnie Robertson
- 11.30am *Workshop 1:*
What are the issues facing Indigenous people accessing mental
health services?
- 12.30 pm *lunch*
- 1.00 pm *Big Eye Production's Performance of: "Grog"*
- 1.30 pm Speakers:
Elanora Auki: Mental Health Counsellor
Merle Russo: Social Health Unit
Mannie Ross: Men's Issues
Valda Morisco: Healing (Psycho therapy)
2. 15 pm *Workshop 2:*
How do we heal as practitioners?
- 3.30pm *Afternoon Tea*
Torres Strait Islander Dancers
- 4.00 pm Feedback from workshops
- 4.30pm Overview of Forum: Professor Bonnie Robertson
- 5pm *Close*