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*