Indigenous Forum

“All Walls and Square Corners”
Forensic Mental Health and the Indigenous Community

This year the workshop is from the perspective of “ALL WALLS and SQUARE CORNERS” in Forensic Mental Health and the Indigenous Community. For Indigenous people it really is like all walls and square corners when trying to access services let alone entering the mental health sector. This expert Panel will discuss some of the issues related to forensic mental health and what needs to be done now and in the long term.

1.30-3.00pm Panel Discussion chaired by Roger Thomas, Director for Australian Indigenous Research and Studies.

Speakers will talk about the issues in Forensic Mental Health relevant to the Indigenous Community.

3.00-3.15pm Afternoon Tea

3.15-4.30pm Discussion and questions

Panel Members include:

- Theresa Francis  Manager, Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Team, Noarlunga Health Village
- John Harley  South Australian Public Advocate
- Richard King  Manager Aboriginal Services, Dept of Correctional Services
- Anthea Krieg  Nunkawarrin Yunti
- April Lawrie-Smith  Director Aboriginal Justice, Strategy & Community Development, Attorney General Dept
- Rus Nasir  Manager Aboriginal Kinship Program
- Frances Nelson  South Australian Parole Board
- David Panter  CEO Central Northern Adelaide Health Service
- Tauto Sansbury  Advocate for Indigenous People

Issues to be discussed:

Each panel member will present for 5 minutes from their perspective of the issues/barriers for Indigenous people. Each panel member will highlight three key issues.

These key issues will be utilised as the focus of small group discussion to identify opportunities as a way forward.