



# INDIGENOUS FORUM PROGRAM

**TheMHS Conference 14 September 2010**  
**Sydney Convention Centre, Darling Harbour, Sydney**  
**ROOM 201 Level 2**

## **Wellbeing: Common interests, common goals, common wellbeing**

- 8.00am Registration – Ground Floor
- 8.45am Welcome to Country (Room 204) – **Michael West**
- 9.15am **Session 1: Humans Rights & the Close the Gap Campaign**  
Introduction to the day – **Tom Brideson and Neil Phillips**  
Human rights: are we closing the gap? – **Mick Gooda**, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner, Human Rights Commission
- 10.45am Morning tea – in Grand Hall on ground floor
- 11.15 **Session 2: Partnership Models of Service**  
Aboriginal Health and Medical Research Council, NSW - **Glenn Williams**  
Aboriginal women's art; educating the wider mental health community – **Kaylene Simons**  
The Wharerata Declaration & Indigenous Health Leadership – **Ray Watson**
- 12.45pm Lunch – Grand Hall on ground floor
- 1.45pm **Session 3: Initiatives in the mainstream and Indigenous managed services**  
Kids and camps, Aboriginal Medical Service Western Sydney – **Ronald Robinson**  
Pacific Models of Health: Seitapu; Cultural Competency Framework – **David Lui**
- 3.15pm Afternoon tea – in Grand Hall on ground floor
- 3.45pm **Session 4: Are we on the right track?**  
The Healing Foundation – **Debra Hocking**  
Final thoughts and directions: all speakers and Tom Brideson and Neil Phillips
- 5.00pm Close

Film Festival starts at 6.00pm tonight.

## Biographies

**Tom Brideson:** is the Statewide Coordinator for the Aboriginal Mental Health Workforce Program in NSW; actively involved with the Djirruwang Program since its inception in 1993 (Director 2002 – 2004); several years worked as an Aboriginal Mental Health Worker. Tom was the Assistant Director of the Social Health Section, Commonwealth Office for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health in Canberra.

**Neil Phillips:** is a community psychiatrist who works in NSW. He has a particular interest in Indigenous mental health and, over the last twenty years, has been involved in both mainstream and Aboriginal Medical Service developments. He was the founding chairperson of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Mental Health Committee of the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists.

**Ray Watson:** Interim Chair Commissioner, Mental Health Commission, New Zealand. Ray Watson is from Te Waipounamu o Aotearoa (South Island of New Zealand); he is Maori (indigenous New Zealander) with Iwi (tribal) affiliations to Kaitahu, Kati Mamoe and Waitaha on his mother's side and Te Atiawa from his father. Ray has an extensive mental health clinical (nursing) and management background in New Zealand's mental health services and is currently a Commissioner with New Zealand's Mental Health Commission.

**David Lui:** is a Pacific Health Consultant of Auckland, New Zealand. His career in Mental Health spans more than 15 years in a variety of roles from Community Support Worker, Management, Board Member and Consultant. David sits on the Board of the Mental Health Foundation of New Zealand. David has a background in Marketing is well travelled throughout the Pacific and other parts of the world. David has been a Keynote speaker and presenter at many conferences nationally and internationally. David is regarded as leader and expert in Pacific Mental Health and has written papers on Pacific Models of Health, Traditional Healing, Spirituality, Suicide Prevention to name a few. David will be presenting on Pacific Cultural Competency Framework at this forum.

**Debra Hocking:** is the Deputy Chairperson, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Healing Foundation. She is from Tasmania and is a member of the Stolen Generations and descendant of the Mouheneener people. She is a recipient of the United Nations Award for the International Year of the Culture of Peace and the Human Rights Award for Humanitarian Activities in Tasmania. Debra holds a Masters degree in Indigenous Health and was the Indigenous Co-Chair of the Stolen Generations Alliance. Debra is currently the Project Coordinator of the Demonstration Grants Program with the Sax Institute and is the only Australian representative on the World Council for Forgiveness, Dignity and Reconciliation.