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Raising Hope, Redefining Cancer: State of Knowledge Roundtable

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Background

- The Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre has a deep commitment to closing the gap in access to care and outcomes for Indigenous patients.
- Peter Mac has a strategic framework to guide its response to the unique challenges Indigenous patients face in preventing and treating cancer, a key component of which is research.
- Peter Mac has undertaken some promising initiatives in research in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health and cancer including clinical pathways and supportive care needs.
- Many opportunities exist to improve our collaborations and contribution in research in Aboriginal health and cancer, which in turn will improve cancer prevention, control and treatment for Australian Indigenous communities.



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Cancer Statistics for Aboriginal Australians

- Higher rate of new cancer cases
- Age standardised mortality rate is higher
- 5 year survival rate is almost 15% lower than for other Australians
- Fewer cancer related hospitalisations, but longer length of stay
- High prevalence of cancer-related modifiable risk factors eg lung, liver, cervical
- Lower participation rate in screening programs

Aims

- Development of pathways for Indigenous people with cancer
- Identification of appropriate collaborative research programs, and development of strategy and process for progressing these
 - Identification of other joint initiatives aimed at improving outcomes for Indigenous people with cancer
- Garnering and strengthening relationships
- Formal partnership agreements between key stakeholders

Format

- 2 day program: ½ day cultural tour and learning at Melbourne Museum
- 1 and a ½ day Roundtable
 - ½ day setting the scene & panel discussion
 - 1 day work-shopping themes
 - Reducing the risk of cancer
 - Finding cancer early
 - Management & support during/after treatment
 - Care & support at end of life



Participants

- Mainstream hospitals
- Onemda, University of Melbourne
- VACCHO
- Cancer Council Victoria
- Cancer Australia
- The Lowitja Institute
- SAHMRI
- Menzies School of Health Research
- NSW Cancer Institute
- VAHS
- CoHealth
- AFL SportsReady
- Victorian Dept Health



Areas for follow-up

- Coordinated Cancer Action Plan (CAP) for Victoria with focus on Aboriginal community engagement & commitment to evidence-informed strategic initiatives
- Demonstrate how the work of a CAP can help Close the GAP in cancer outcomes for Aboriginal people in Victoria
- Understand and address barriers to early detection – find out how, why & where Aboriginal people go or don't go for cancer treatment
- Support a strong, focussed workforce that engages communities on early screening & detection

Continued...

- Develop Aboriginal capacity building in cancer research and cancer control
- Pilot innovative transition services for patients with cancer between institutions and home
- Develop a greater understanding fo the needs of other people involved in a patient's cancer journey
- Improve the patient pathway so Aboriginal people can access timely, appropriate care and are supported as needed
- Promote data linkage & data strengthening opportunities
- Find local explanations for epidemiological data disparities

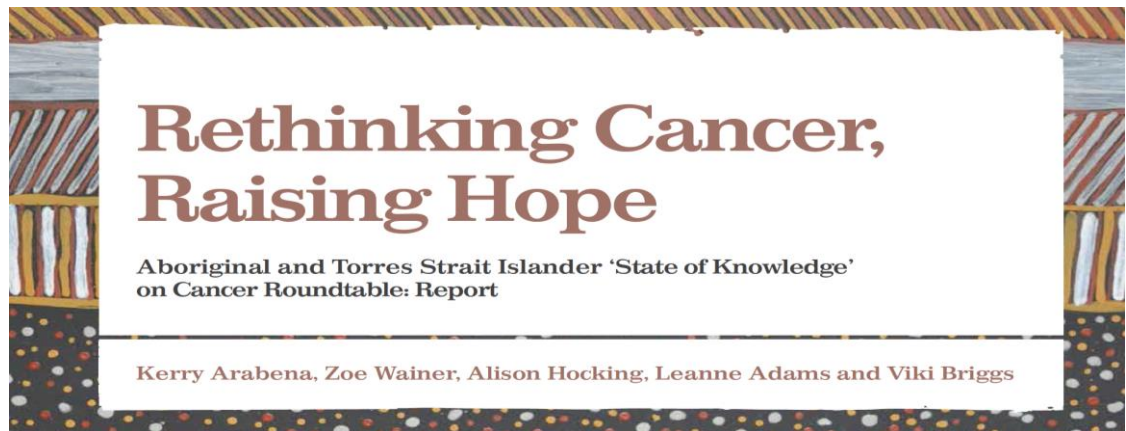
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The development process to include opportunities to meet again to discuss appropriate and acceptable strategies for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cancer care, and that further research and community consultation take place

Report Launch

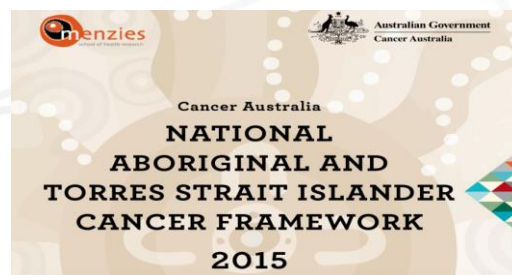
- Report written up into a printed & soft format
- Formally launched by Peter Mac, Onemda & VACCHO in August 2015





Where to next?

- Cancer Australia & Menzies National Framework
- Victorian Cancer Action Plan
- High level strategic quarterly meeting led by DHHS – including VACCHO, CCV





Thank you!

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