

National Reconciliation Week 2019 27 May – 3 June

Menzies School of Health Research is engaging with National Reconciliation Week through a series of activities organised by the Menzies Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) Working Group with support from other staff at Menzies.

We want these events to stimulate thinking and reflection about what reconciliation means and working together to achieve equity and justice.

This is crucial in terms of how we undertake research and provide education and training aiming to improve health and wellbeing. Is our work based on genuine partnerships with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, communities and health services?

Do we contribute to building community capability?

Are we doing enough in building an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health and medical research workforce within and across Menzies?

These are challenging and fundamentally important questions.

In the spirit of Reconciliation Week 2019 “Grounded in Truth Walk Together with Courage”, we need to be prepared to step up and address these questions.

In our Menzies 2021 Strategic Plan, we committed to a set of principles and values we said are critical to making a difference to the lives of people throughout Australia.

These included integrity and accountability.

As Menzies’ Director, I actively support the implementation of our Indigenous Employment Strategy and Reconciliation Action Plan. We will be persistent in monitoring and demonstrating the outcomes we achieve through these strategies.

We now have a critical opportunity to engage with Indigenous and non-Indigenous leaders across Menzies, and with our key stakeholders, to act.

I look forward to engaging with people during Reconciliation Week.

Regards,

Alan Cass.

Menzies School of Health Research

Menzies School of Health Research is one of Australia’s leading medical research institutes dedicated to improving Indigenous, global and tropical health. Menzies has a history of over 30 years of scientific discovery and public health achievement. Menzies works at the frontline, joining with partners across the Asia-Pacific as well as Indigenous communities across northern and central Australia. Menzies collaborates to create new knowledge, grow local skills and find enduring solutions to problems that matter.



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