



Dragonfly, painted by Samantha Snow

An invitation to attend the **National Indigenous Women's Health Workshop**

An open, interactive, engagement forum to move towards a National partnership as a united voice in Indigenous women's health.

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Dates: Friday 25th 9.00am – 5.00pm & Saturday 26th, 9.00am – 12.00pm, October 2013

Venue: Monash Medical Centre, Monash Health, 246 Clayton Road, Clayton, Melbourne

The workshop will be the first step in the establishment of a National partnership to Close the Gap in poor health outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women. This requires national engagement from a range of stakeholders. The workshop is designed to be interactive and promote discussion among participants, providing a chance to inform what areas the partnership will tackle first. Researchers, consumers, clinicians and community service providers will have opportunities to share their knowledge and expertise and voice their opinions on how to ensure women have access to good evidence, good information, good services and increased opportunities to be healthy.

Workshop aims:

1. To establish a national partnership for Indigenous women's health
2. To facilitate broad and diverse stakeholder engagement and input into the future model and governance structure of the proposed partnership
3. To prioritise and work towards implementation of key elements of the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Plan 2013 – 2023 that will maximise health improvements for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women
4. To collectively determine what activities the proposed partnership may engage in (e.g. a website, journal, research, evidence synthesis and dissemination into policy and practice etc.)
5. To set timelines for the development of a formal partnership

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