

# A&TSI Male Health Presentation

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# The outcome from this Presentation:

- To inform Conference participants regarding the need to have Male Health placed back on the agenda of Indigenous Health and to take a strategic Statewide approach to identify and address the gaps in Primary Health Care to achieve this.



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# Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Male Health Theme

- Remember the past, to understand the present and to move forward to make the responsibility for the future OURS.

# INTRODUCTION

- STORYLINE
- Scenario on Male Health – Donervan Chong



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# National Male Health Framework

- Reconstructing male empowerment and self determination
- Summary of Recommendations (5)
- Focus on Families
- Male health or Male rites

# National Framework for Indigenous Male Health - Recommendations

1. All A&TSI forums to consider and prioritise male health within existing and future planning processes.
2. All national strategies to consider the impact on A&TSI male health.
3. In the development of new policies and programs that impact on A&TSI Health, specific allocation of resources to be considered.
4. Workforce development initiatives to be undertaken to ensure a gender balance is achieved within the community – controlled health sector in order to increase presentations of males at medical services.
5. An awareness of male sexual and reproductive health issues and how they may impact on general health, wellbeing and quality of life to be included in any health promotion strategy.



# Statewide A&TSI Male Health Conference Brisbane - 2006

- Stats – refer to stats sheet.
- 5 Recommendations
- Outcomes from conference



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# Statewide A&TSI Male Health Conference 2006

## Recommendations

1. Qld Health identify A&TSI mental health as a key priority for the department.
2. Qld Health identify best-practices in A&TSI healing/mental health and obtain resources/sponsor providers to deliver appropriate programs throughout the state.
3. Qld Health work with Dept of Communities and A&TSI Policy unit to identify what cultural competence means in the health setting and how it can be achieved.
4. Qld Health ensure that all staff undergo cultural competence training, particularly staff working in areas with significant interaction with A&TSI people. This would include mainstream services associated with alcohol and other substance abuse, diabetes, renal failure, ante-natal care and mental health staff.
5. The Health Promotion Team nominate a representative to the A&TSI Communication Working Group convened by the Dept of Communities – A&TSI Policy Unit to identify the most effective means of communicating with A&TSI Queenslanders.

# National A&TSI Male Health Convention 2007 – Adelaide SA.

- 11 Recommendations
  - Reflect on endorsed Recommendations 10 & 11 (Workforce and Identifying places for males to meet)
10. Workforce Issues – Employment of males in the health workforce.
- This convention recommends that Local, State/Territory and Commonwealth Govts identify funding for the purpose of increasing the A&TSI male health workforce.
11. Need for identified spaces within Health Clinics for Male Health services and meetings.
- This convention identifies the importance of men's groups and having 'places' where men can meet and work together with each other at the local and community level.



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# 'Bringing It All Together'

- What do we as Males need
- Training and Professional development
- Recognition and valued
- Reflected in planning and policy
- Story

# Conclusion and Recommendations

- Look at refocusing on the gaps – Area and Health Service Districts.
- Passion of Male Health to be a contributing factor to our own health rights and future.
- Male Health links to be created to all Area Cluster, Regional and Business Plans.
- Need to hold another Statewide Male Health Conference to develop policy and a strategic plan for Male Health that can easily be adopted into Area and HSD plans.
- A steering/working group be one of the outcomes from a male health statewide forum to develop the Terms of Reference for male health policy and strategic planning.

