

Walawaani Conference Scholarship Form (Part A)

Acknowledgement of Country

CPCRE acknowledges Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as Traditional Custodians of country, lands, and waterways on which we walk, live and work, and pay respect to Elders past, present and emerging.

The Walawaani Conference will take place on Turrbal and Yuggera Country.

South Brisbane was originally a meeting place for Turrbal and Yuggera custodians.

The Yuggera Nation encompasses a vast region southwest of Meeanjin, which includes the Ipswich area.

Turrbal peoples primarily lived, cared for and respected areas to the north along the Brisbane River including what is now known as Coronation Drive.

Walawaani Conference 2027

The Walawaani Conference brings together Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, health workers, palliative care practitioners, Elders, researchers, policymakers, service providers, partner organisations, and other health professionals to strengthen culturally safe, culturally responsive, and person-centred palliative and end-of-life care across Australia through knowledge sharing, collaboration, and Indigenous leadership.

Conference Details:

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Dates	Monday 15 th to Tuesday 16 th February 2027
Location	Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre, South Brisbane

Scholarship Package

The scholarship is designed to reduce financial barriers via covering conference associated costs including registration, travel, and accommodation. Additional expenses remain the responsibility of the applicant unless otherwise specified.

What is covered:

Reimbursements will be made to the employer of the scholarship recipient after the conference has been completed. Attendance at the conference is required to receive reimbursement.

- **Conference registration fees**
- Travel costs:

- Economy **flights**, or
- Private vehicle **mileage**, reimbursed of \$0.99 per kilometre (as per 13.6 of the Hospital and Health Service General Employees (Queensland Health) Award – State 2015, https://www.qirc.qld.gov.au/sites/default/files/2025-09/hospital_health_010925.pdf), and/or
- **Accommodation** at the CPCRE nominated hotel

What is not covered:

- Meals (other than morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea that are provided at the conference)
- Backfill
- Taxi and local travel costs

Eligibility Criteria

Who can apply:

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Workers
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Liaison Officers
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practitioners

Priority Groups:

- The above staff from remote and very remote locations
- The above staff with a strong commitment for palliative care

Exclusions:

- Staff who do not identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander
- Walawaani 2024 scholarship recipients will be considered once all new application have been graded

Application Process

The Centre for Palliative Care Research and Education (CPCRE) support equitable access to scholarships recognising that applicants may have different communication preferences and needs. Applicants may choose to **submit a written application via Word Document or a verbal application, such as a phone or virtual discussion.**

All application methods will use consistent questions and selection criteria to ensure fairness and transparency. This approach aims to reduce barriers to participation, support culturally appropriate communication practices, and encourage applications from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Workers and Liaison Officers, including those working in remote settings.

Key Dates

Applications will be accepted up to and including	Sunday 25 October 2026
Date scholarship acceptance will be provided by	Friday 17 November 2026

Application Terms and Conditions

1. Applicants must meet the eligibility criteria specified in the scholarship application.
2. Priority will be given to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Workers and Liaison Officers working in remote and very remote regions.
3. Endorsement from your manager is required as part of this application.
4. Where accommodation support is required as a part of the Scholarship, recipients are required to use the accommodation arranged by CPCRE. Where accommodation has been booked on behalf of a recipient but is not used, the cost of the unused booking will be deducted from the recipient's scholarship reimbursement.
5. Applicants must provide accurate and complete information as part of their application.
6. Applications must be submitted by the published closing date.
7. Incomplete or late applications may not be considered.
8. Submission of an application does not guarantee receipt of a scholarship.
9. Scholarship recipients will be selected by the Walawaani Conference Scholarship Assessment Panel based on the published selection criteria.
10. The panel's decision is final, and no correspondence regarding the outcome will be entered into.
11. The scholarship may cover conference registration fees and other approved expenses as outlined in the scholarship information.
12. Any costs not specifically included in the scholarship offer are the responsibility of the recipient.
13. Scholarship recipients must register for and attend the Walawaani Conference.
14. Recipients are expected to participate in conference activities in a professional and respectful manner.
15. If a recipient is unable to attend the conference, they must notify the conference organisers as soon as possible.
16. Scholarship funding will be reimbursed only after the recipient's attendance at the Walawaani Conference has been confirmed (for example, through a signed attendance record or other approved evidence of attendance). Recipients who do not attend the conference will not be eligible for reimbursement unless exceptional circumstances have been approved by CPCRE.
17. Successful applicants will be advised of their approved scholarship amount. Reimbursement will be limited to this approved amount and will only be made for eligible expenses supported by appropriate evidence.
18. Personal information collected through the scholarship application process will be used solely for the purposes of assessing applications, administering scholarships, and evaluating the conference.
19. Information will be handled in accordance with applicable privacy legislation and organisational policies.

20. Scholarship recipients consent to CPCRE using photographs, testimonials, and feedback provided in connection with their attendance at the Walawaani Conference for reporting, evaluation, funding acquittal, and promotional purposes, including publication in print and digital media.
21. CPCRE reserve the right to amend these Terms and Conditions or cancel the scholarship program where necessary.
22. By submitting an application, applicants acknowledge that they have read, understood, and agree to these Terms and Conditions.