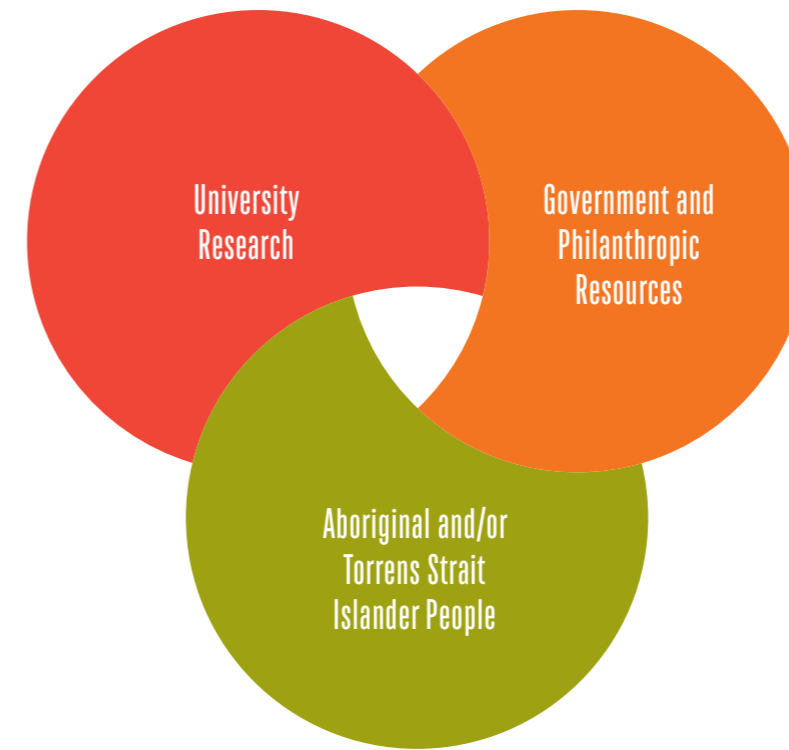




Poche
SA+NT

TRANSLATING RESEARCH TO LIFE



OUR VISION

To deliver measurable improvements in the current and future health of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people through:

- two-way knowledge transfer
- research translation; and
- holistic health leadership.

With nodes in Darwin, Alice Springs and Adelaide, Poche SA+NT is distinguished by being:

- Aboriginal-led.
- Guided by local Elders and a national network of eminent advisers.
- Firmly embedded within one of Australia's most innovative health research Universities.
- Closely linked to community, to provide insights into community priorities and opportunities.
- Solely focused on improving Indigenous health outcomes through holistic initiatives.



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"In the old days, when Elders and adults would want you to come together and stand up for each other, they would put their hands together and show eight fingers. It was a kind of sign language. They didn't need to say anything else – we needed to stand strong together."

Auntie Pat Miller AO

OUR ROLE

Recognise

Recognising the importance of community-led and holistic solutions to health, Poche SA+NT is uniquely positioned to facilitate impact through partnership and collaboration.

Collaborate

Working with funding agencies, researchers and communities, we are able to create dialogues and understanding – unlocking opportunities for improved health outcomes through new approaches to collaborative prioritisation, multi-directional communication and embedded community and researcher engagement.

Enable

Poche SA+NT will also enable rapid improvements in measurement and evaluation of health interventions, so that future health initiatives can be better focused.

Create

Poche SA+NT is able to create change by walking in three worlds – bringing disparate perspectives, priorities and understandings together.





CHARTING A NEW COURSE

Responding to the need for new, community-engaged approaches to improve Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health, our centre has been reinvented in 2020.

We are proudly a part of Flinders University and the Poche Indigenous Health Network, with a goal of facilitating change through new approaches to collaboration and research translation.

Poche SA+NT is focused on building healthy country, healthy communities and health leaders throughout Australia's central corridor, across the Northern Territory and South Australia.

We are proud to have been founded within Flinders University as a result of the initiative of philanthropists Greg Poche AO, Kay Van Norton Poche and Reg Richardson.

Our focus is on improving health outcomes for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people through collaborative, holistic and community-driven approaches.

Measurable change

Poche SA+NT will serve as a key interface between researchers, government and community by:

- Supporting and guiding Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander health workers and leaders, developing a network of 500 health leaders by 2025.
- Facilitating the translation of research into programs and projects that significantly improve health and wellbeing outcomes for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people.
- Researching and building awareness and understanding of best practice approaches to improve health outcomes for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people.
- Enabling two-way learning between Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people and non-Indigenous people, to build improved understanding of culture and holistic approaches to health.

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PATHWAY FOR CHANGE

Poche SA+NT will focus on five key areas to drive improvements in Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander health outcomes.

These five key areas have been identified in collaboration with Aboriginal communities, researchers and funding agencies.

1. Building Healthy Foundations

Building holistic health leadership capabilities and engagement with young people.

2. Research Translation

Driving improved health outcomes in Indigenous communities by translating research into practice.

3. Training Leaders

Helping to attract and retain Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander students in Higher Education courses, particularly in health.

4. Creating Career Pathways

Developing career pathways for graduates, including in Higher Education.

Recruiting and supporting staff in personal development and project delivery.

5. Enabling Knowledge Transfer

Two-way knowledge sharing, empowering communities, researchers and students through increased understanding.

Change starts with a circle

Our organisational chart was redrawn when we created Poche SA+NT, drawing on Aboriginal culture to create an organisation chart based on circular structures, rather than a regimented hierarchy.

This approach enables us to reflect Aboriginal community structures and practice what we espouse, in relation to the importance of learning from and implementing traditional and contemporary Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander knowledge.



OUR TEAM



Dr Maree Meredith, Director

Maree is nationally-recognised as a key emerging leader in Aboriginal health research and practice. She has extensively researched the holistic health benefits of art centres on the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY Lands) and was the first PhD graduate of Poche SA+NT. A Bidjara woman, Maree has worked extensively in the field of international and Aboriginal development in the Northern Territory with the Centre for Remote Health, Central Land Council and AusAID (Australian Agency for International Development).



Richard Fejo, Senior Elder on Campus (Darwin)

Richard is a Larrakia Man from Darwin from his father, his grandfather and his great grandfather in what culture calls "Grandfather lore". His mother is Warumungu from Tennant Creek and he has learned a great amount of cultural knowledge and holds lived experiences from both northern and central Australia across the Northern Territory. Richard has been a Cultural Educator and Co-chair of the National Cultural Educators and Cultural Mentors Network. He is the current Chairman of the Larrakia Nation Aboriginal Corporation.



Dr Patricia Miller AO, Senior Elder on Campus (Alice Springs)

Patricia was born and raised in Alice Springs, working with the Central Australian Aboriginal Legal Aid Service, commencing as a filing clerk and rising to the position of CEO, over a period of 35 years. Patricia is a Arrente/Allyuwerre woman and has served on a wide variety of boards and community organisations. She has been awarded honorary Doctorates by Flinders and Charles Darwin Universities.



Kath Martin, Lecturer in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health

Kath is an Arrente woman who has worked in Indigenous health for nearly 30 years. She has worked as an Enrolled Nurse across the NT, as a Senior Aboriginal Health Worker in WA. She has also delivered and developed training packages for AOD workers, Cross Cultural workshops and Aboriginal Health Worker Training. Kath has also held a range of community health roles across the NT. Kath is now a Lecturer in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health, teaching into the Northern Territory Medical Program in Darwin.



Lorna Murakami-Gold, Poche SA+NT Research Fellow

Lorna has a background in health, education and training and Indigenous health research. Lorna has worked in several research projects in the Top End and in Central Australia. She has been involved in clinical research looking at episodes of staphylococcus aureus bacteraemia and a bronchiectasis study and has been involved in NT Government program evaluations and has project managed a homelessness research project with Larrakia Nation Aboriginal Corporation (LNAC).



Kelly-Anne Browne, Community Engagement Officer

Kelly-Anne is a local Larrakia/Wulna woman born and raised in Darwin who has worked in finance, administration and engagement roles across the NT. Kelly-Anne is proud to be working on Country in Darwin with Poche SA+NT, recruiting and supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander medical students in the Northern Territory Medical Program and also promoting Flinders University Nursing and Allied Health courses to school students and adult entry students.



Jess Dawson, Education Support Officer

In her role as Education Support Officer, Jess has a key focus on education-based projects and the development of innovative approaches to teaching and learning. For the last six years, Jess has taught into and coordinated an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health sciences topic, working in partnership with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander colleagues to co-design curriculum. She is also completing a PhD focusing on reflexivity as a core element of culturally-safe healthcare and health policy.



Dr Leisa McCarthy, Co-Chair, Poche SA+NT Board

Leisa is a Warumungu woman from the Tennant Creek region and grew up in Alice Springs and the Top End. She has worked as a public health nutritionist within Government and the Aboriginal Community Controlled Health sector for more than 25 years. Over the past 12 years, Leisa has worked in Aboriginal health research and is now the Executive Director, Central Australian Academic Health Science Network (CAAHSN). Leisa's roles in research include being a grant reviewer for the National Health and Medical Research Council, advisor to Aboriginal health research committees and mentoring Aboriginal researchers.



Professor Jonathan Craig, Co-Chair, Poche SA+NT Board

Jonathan is Vice-President and Executive Dean and Matthew Flinders Distinguished Professor of the College of Medicine and Public Health at Flinders University. He is a practising paediatric nephrologist and clinical epidemiologist, and especially committed to improving the health of people with chronic kidney disease, the health of children, and the health and well-being of Indigenous people. He has had continuous NHMRC Program Grant funding for 20+ years, and currently is CIA on a Program Grant (BEAT-CKD), Project Grant, and CRE.



John Reid, Director, Member of Poche SA+NT Board

John is Kookatha man from the Port Augusta region. John has worked in Central Australia over two decades. He has been involved in many projects which have required him to translate research outcomes to Aboriginal communities in a language, style and format that is easily understood.



Dr Ram Vemuri, Director, Member of Poche SA+NT Board

Ram has spent over 30 years working on several projects in Australia, the USA, Jordan, India, and Papua New Guinea, creating businesses in remote and regional areas. Ram is the current Editor in Chief of the International Journal of Behavioural and Health Care Research based on his work in health research in infection prevention, remote and regional health in the NT, as well as providing health policy advice in interphases between health, economy, leadership, and management in built and natural environments.



Erin Lew Fatt, Director, Member of Poche SA+NT Board

Erin is an Aboriginal woman from Darwin who has been working in the Aboriginal health sector for over 20 years. Erin is the Programs Manager at AMSANT, managing workforce policy, chronic disease workforce support, leadership and digital health. Erin is also a Board member with the Northern Territory General Practice Education (NTGPE) and the Remote Area Health Corp (RAHC).



John Rawnsley, Director, Member of Poche SA+NT Board

John is the Manager of the Law and Justice section at the North Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency. Prior to this he worked in various legal roles and in leadership development. John is a Director and Deputy Chair of the Northern Territory PHN, a Director of Winkiku Rumbangi NT Indigenous Lawyers Aboriginal Corporation and a member of the Law Council of Australia's Indigenous Legal Issues Committee. He currently chairs the Smith Family's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Group.



Shona Reid, Director, Member of Poche SA+NT Board

Shona is a proud Eastern Aranda Woman, with a family legacy that extends into the Hart Ranges in the Northern Territory and has worked across the child protection, young offending and the out-of-home care sector in predominately regional and remote areas, including the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Lands. She is CEO at Reconciliation SA and also holds positions on the SA Youth Centre Review Board (Youth Parole Board), South Australian Housing Trust Board of Management. Shona is co-chair of the Justice ReInvestment South Australia Board, and sits in the SA Selection Panel for the Winston Churchill Fellowship.



Professor Tom Calma AO, Director, Member of Poche SA+NT Board

Tom is an Aboriginal Elder from the Kungarakan (Koong ara kan) tribal group and a member of the Iwaidja (Ee wad ja) tribal group whose traditional lands are south west of Darwin and on the Cobourg Peninsula in the Northern Territory, respectively. He has been involved in Indigenous affairs at a local, community, state, national and international level and worked in the public sector for over 45 years and is currently on a number of boards and committees focusing on rural and remote Australia, health, mental health, suicide prevention, all levels of education, culture and language, justice reinvestment, health research, reconciliation and economic development.



Britt Walker, Director, Member of Poche SA+NT Board

Britt has had a lengthy career in the public sector where she has worked with diverse stakeholder groups domestically and internationally to support and implement government programs. She is committed to human rights and social justice and is an advocate for philanthropic partnerships that bring tangible benefits.

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