



# IAHP Yarnes

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## Evaluation of the Australian Government's Investment in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Primary Health Care

Update November/December 2020

### Site engagement restart

A much-anticipated re-engagement with all potential site partners began mid-October, following the series of webinars the IAHP Yarnes evaluation team concluded in September as background to the rollout of site participation agreement workshops. Thirty-three workshops were held to discuss and settle on a Participant Agreement. The remaining five workshops are scheduled for early in the new year. All workshops were facilitated virtually given the ongoing impact of COVID-19 on travel and safe gatherings.

### Phase 2 ethics

A huge milestone was achieved in the management of ethics processes. Nineteen ethics applications were submitted to various committees across Australia covering up to 20 evaluation sites. To date, applications are conditionally or fully approved for 12 evaluation sites.

### IAHP Yarnes website

The IAHP Yarnes website is regularly updated with evaluation reports and news. We are always keen to hear your thoughts, ideas and comments and encourage anyone interested or learning more about the IAHP Yarnes evaluation to visit the website - [www.iahpyarnes.com](http://www.iahpyarnes.com) Feedback can be provided on the **Have Your Say** page or email [iphceval@allenandclarke.com.au](mailto:iphceval@allenandclarke.com.au) to subscribe to these updates.

### Thank you

2020 has presented many challenges for communities across Australia and the world, and the COVID-19 pandemic remains at the forefront of our primary health care endeavours. The IAHP Yarnes evaluation team would like to acknowledge the incredible work of Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisations throughout COVID-19. This rapid and phenomenal response to the pandemic has kept our communities safe. The team expresses heartfelt gratitude of the valuable time many people and organisations have shared in engaging with the IAHP Yarnes project. As Christmas and the New Year approaches, we send everyone our best wishes and look forward to working with you in 2021 and beyond.

## Meet the IAHP Yarnes Evaluation Team – Evaluation Site Coordinators



**Robert Monaghan**

Robert is a descendant of the Bundjalung Nation on his mother's side. His family and his extended family are from the North Coast of NSW alongside the Clarence River at Baryulgil. On his father's side a long and rich history of descendants from Ireland. Robert has 18 years' experience working within both National/State and Local Governments working within the Aboriginal community-controlled sector. This experience also includes research projects at UNSW's Kirby Institute for the past 4 years in Aboriginal communities across Australia. Robert has a diverse range of learnt and lived experiences that he attributes to working in and with communities that are passionate about Aboriginal culture that is rich in life.



**Sarina Solar**

Sarina is a proud Adnyamathanha woman from South Australia who has extensive experience working within the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health and education sectors with over 20 years of community engagement/development experience. She is highly competent in developing positive working relationships with government and non-government organisations. Sarina maintains high level strategic planning and policy implementation experience and research skills focusing on quantitative and qualitative research. Sarina is passionate and dedicated to working with Aboriginal communities to build capacity, self-determination, and leadership.



**Michael Costello-Czok**

Michael is a Central Arrernte man of the Arrernte Nation, he also acknowledges his Irish, English and Finnish heritages. Michael was raised in Alice Springs. He has extensive experience across community, government and the private sectors in roles including public/primary health promotion/education, research, advocacy, policy and management.

### Evaluation partners:

