



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

Update June 2022

Cycles 1 and 2

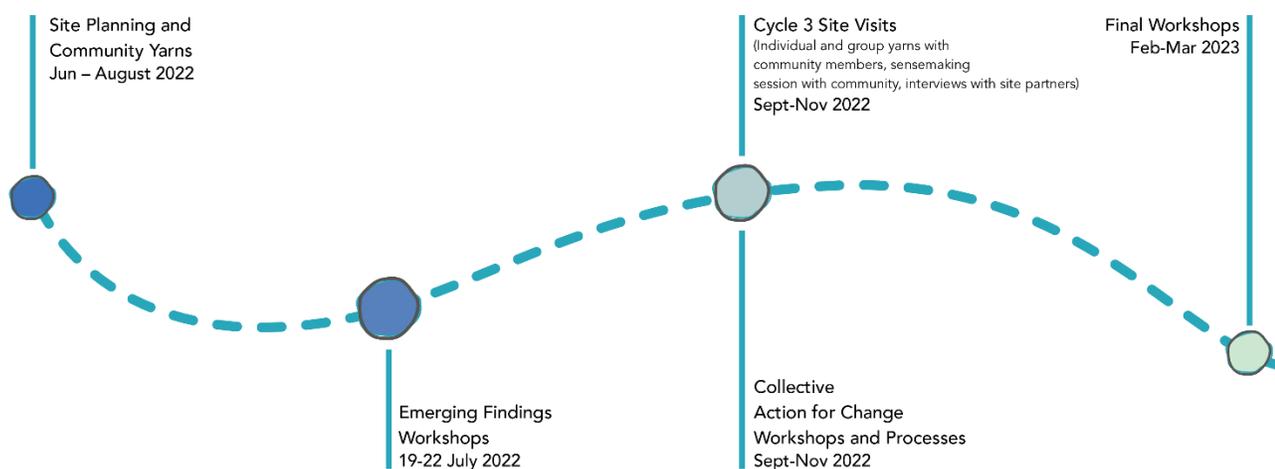
The IAHP Yarnes evaluation team would like to thank all our site partners for their ongoing support and other participants in the evaluation. To date, 541 people have participated in the evaluation and we appreciate their willingness to share their knowledge, experiences and ideas.

This table shows a breakdown of the participants that took part in the different engagement activities:

Engagement Activity	No. of participants
Community member group yarn	171
Community member patient journey interview	16
Health worker yarn	45
Health service and PHN manager and staff interviews	55
Collective Action for Change workshop	80
Emerging Findings workshop	43
Site Engagement Total	410
State and territory interviews	29
National interviews/workshops	77
Collaboratives	25
Total	541

Site engagement 2022/23

The IAHP Yarnes evaluation has 12 months to go! A timeline outlining the key engagement points with site partners over these 12 months is outlined below.



Site planning and community yarns

Over **June-August 2022**, the evaluation team will work with each site partner to plan the Cycle 3 site visit. Our priorities for the Cycle 3 site visit are listed below. The evaluation team will also ensure the site visits reflect site partners' priorities.

Interviews with community members to date have concentrated on those who access Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisations (ACCHOS), over **June-August 2022** interviews with community members will focus on those who access mainstream primary health care (PHC) services and those who don't access PHC at all.

Emerging findings workshops

The emerging findings workshops are scheduled for **Tuesday 19 – Friday 22 July 2022**. Before the Cycle 2 findings are shared with other stakeholders, we would like to present the top-level summary to our site partners. The findings presented at each workshop will be the same presentation and discussion, therefore site partners will only need to attend one of four options available. The aims of these workshops are to:

- Share the emerging findings
- Provide our interpretation of the findings
- Make sense of the findings and their significance for policy and practice.

Site visits

The evaluation team plan to visit each of the 17 evaluation sites once **between September and November 2022**. The visits will include the following activities:

- A sense-making session with community members to share emerging findings on what people value about health services and their experiences of the health system. This will be used to check our interpretation and to hear other understandings of the findings.

- A group yarn or some patient journey interviews with community members who only access mainstream primary health care and/or do not access primary care at all.
- Interviews with site partners and other key stakeholders as prioritised during site planning.

Collective Action for Change workshops

Thank you to all site partners and stakeholders that engaged in the Collective Action for Change workshops over Cycle 2.

Site Evaluation Coordinators will continue working with site partners on any key actions agreed upon during the workshops and other follow-up activities. In some sites, this will include planning for a follow-up workshop which we will try and schedule as a face-to-face session during the site visit.

Several common themes were identified across the initial Collective Action for Change workshops. Over **September-November 2022** a further series of workshops will be facilitated, with each one focusing on a common theme. The aim of the workshops is to:

- Collectively acknowledge common priorities
- Share examples and opportunities
- Explore possible solutions

These workshops will be an opt-in opportunity provided to all site partners.

Yarnes final workshops

The final workshop(s) for the Yarnes evaluation will take place in **February – March 2023**. The intention of the workshop(s) is to:

- Present the evaluation's key findings back to site partners
- Undertake sense-making discussions
- Discuss the evaluation's recommendations
- Create connections across jurisdictions

Other opt-in engagement opportunities

Over the remaining 12 months of the evaluation site partners and other stakeholders will have further opportunities to engage in the IAHP Yarnes evaluation. Site Evaluation Coordinators will be in touch with each site partner to provide additional information on these opportunities throughout the year.

Thank you

The evaluation team would like to again express our gratitude to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health services, our site partners, and community members for their continued engagement and support for the IAHP Yarnes Evaluation.

News on the evaluation can be found on the [IAHP Yarnes website](#), including key updates from the [Health Sector Co-Design Group](#).