



## **15 April 2021 Meeting Communiqué**

The first quarterly meeting for 2021 was held on 15 April, via video conference. The meeting was presided over by the NHLF chair, Donna Murray. The focus of this meeting continued to be on the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Plan (NATSHP) as we are nearing its completion.

The aim of the Health Plan is to align with the new National Agreement on Closing the Gap and to drive progress against its commitments, including the three health targets and the four Priority Reform Areas. The Health Plan will be complementary, not duplicative, of existing efforts under the National Agreement. Discussion focused on the priority areas and the strategies, specifically, around gaps, where member organisations fit within the Health Plan, and more importantly is it covering all tiers of government and the private sector? Whilst the Health Plan is nearing completion there has been a parallel project underway with the Lowitja Institute relating to the development of the monitoring and accountability framework that will be central to keeping all stakeholders, particularly governments to account.

The NHLF and the Climate and Health Alliance are in discussion to co-host a climate and health roundtable to be held mid-2021. The aim of the roundtable is look to the future and how to tackle the health impact on communities; and how does the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Plan capture the impact of heat, exacerbating pollution and the impact on health?

The NHLF was given an update on the Partnership for Justice in Health and the soft launch of the partnership today, to coincide with the 30th anniversary of the release of the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody report. The Partnership for Justice in Health will have its own website at [p4jh.org.au](http://p4jh.org.au); which will go live 18 May 2021.

The Healing Foundation gave a presentation to members on their Action Plan for Healing and next steps which covered compelling new data around the Stolen Generation and their decedents. The Foundation will be launching the new Action Plan at the National Press Club on 2nd June 2021.

### **Next Meeting**

The first quarterly NHLF meeting for 2021, is scheduled for 10 June 2021.

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