

## Online Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health publications now more accessible

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The Australian Indigenous Health *Bulletin*, celebrates 40 years of bringing together the latest information about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health. The Health *Bulletin* is a crucial part of the Australian Indigenous Health *InfoNet's* goal to identify and disseminate up to date information as part of its knowledge exchange program.

The Health *Bulletin* began life as a hard copy publication in April 1982. Since its inception it has continued to develop and from 1997 transitioned through two online versions until now.

The website has now been rebuilt and the new responsive site can be accessed on any device. The large online curated collection consists of reports, theses and journal articles since the 2001 online version (previously it was only from 2008 onwards). For every article on the website, there is a link back to the Australian Indigenous Health*InfoNet* website topic page relating to the publication. This enables the user to quickly broaden their search and explore similar content. The weekly RSS feed ensures users receive the past week's additions straight to their inbox or preferred RSS reader.

Australian Indigenous Health*InfoNet* Director, Professor Neil Drew, said 'I am proud to acknowledge the Health*Bulletin's* innovative contribution that began 40 years ago under Professor Neil Thomson who had an enduring interest in translational research and authentic knowledge exchange. Neil saw that relevant information often did not reach many people involved in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health as it was either not published in the formal literature or, if it was, was not readily available. The Bulletin today still identifies and presents new evidence relevant to the sector when it becomes available and makes it accessible online".

The Journal has since moved to the ECU online repository (in 2020) and is attracting a growing readership. link. All previous Health*Bulletin* Journal articles (2001-2020) can be found on the Health*Bulletin* website for historical purposes.

The Health *Bulletin* is published online at <a href="https://healthbulletin.org.au">https://healthbulletin.org.au</a> and is freely available for users to access.

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The Health *InfoNet* is a comprehensive Internet resource that informs practice and policy in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health by making up to date research and other knowledge readily accessible via any platform. It contributes to closing the gap in health between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and other Australians. For over 26 years, working in the area of knowledge exchange with a population health focus, the Health *InfoNet* makes research and other information freely available in a form that has immediate, practical utility for practitioners and policy-makers in the area of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health, enabling them to make decisions based on the best available evidence.

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