

The Centre for International Health  
and the National Drug Research Institute invite you to

# *Identifying areas of need for Indigenous people affected by alcohol and other drug problems*

*An Aboriginal Research Forum with  
Professor Dennis Gray & Associate Professor Ted Wilkes*

**Thursday 6 May, 2010**

**3pm**

Public Health Seminar Room, Building 400, Level 3, Room 303  
Curtin University of Technology Bentley campus

*Visitor parking:* Cnr Dumas Rd & Jackson Ave, in front of Building 400  
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The National Indigenous Drug and Alcohol Committee (NIDAC) was established to provide high level advice on the most appropriate and effective approaches to addressing Indigenous drug and alcohol issues. To facilitate its role in this area, NIDAC commissioned the 'Identifying Areas of Greatest Need in Indigenous Substance Misuse Intervention' project aimed at providing an in-depth report on:

- current alcohol and other drug services for Indigenous Australians;
- funding of current alcohol and other drug services for Indigenous Australians;
- the appropriateness of current services and funding for them; and
- the identification and assessment of unmet needs.

Dennis Gray and Ted Wilkes lead the National Drug Research Institute's Indigenous Australian Research Program.

Dennis Gray has conducted numerous research projects and published widely in the area of Indigenous substance misuse, and is particularly concerned with building Indigenous research capacity. His research has had practical outcomes for Indigenous people at the local, state/territory and national levels and he is the co-author of books on Indigenous alcohol use and Aboriginal health. His recent work has focused on alcohol and other drug use; including patterns of use, liquor licensing, the supply and promotion of alcohol to Aboriginal people, and the evaluation of Aboriginal intervention programs.

Ted Wilkes is a Nyungar man whose background includes working for the Western Australia museum, the Centre for Aboriginal Studies at Curtin and 16 years as the Director of the Derbarl Yerrigan Health Service. Ted has a background in Social Science and provides advice and expertise on a wide range of state, national and international committees. As an Aboriginal leader, he has endeavoured to facilitate positive health and social outcomes for the Aboriginal community as well as the community generally.

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