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## **Australian Indigenous Women's Health Meeting Darwin, 14-16 August 2008**

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The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (RANZCOG) will be convening the RANZCOG Australian Indigenous Women's Health Meeting at the Darwin Convention Centre, in the Northern Territory, from Thursday 14 August until Saturday 16 August 2008.

Attracting over 300 delegates, the aim of this meeting is to bring together health professionals across Australia with the common interest and desire to improve the health and well-being of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women. The meeting will have a diverse program of presentations covering cultural issues, current public health information, clinical topics and medico-political opinions.

Officially opening the meeting on 14 August, will be Northern Territory Minister for Health, Dr Chris Burns and RANZCOG President, Dr Christine Tippett. Northern Territory Minister for Family and Community Services, Marion Scrymgour will deliver the opening address.

### **Key presentations throughout the three day event include:**

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| • <i>Substance abuse in pregnancy –</i>  | Paddy Moore                  |
| • <i>An overview of Indigenous fertility -</i>   | Kim Johnstone                |
| • <i>Smoking in pregnancy -</i>  | Sandra Eades                 |
| • <i>Alcohol in pregnancy -</i>  | Caroline de Costa            |
| • <i>Indigenous women birthing stories -</i>   | Terry Dunbar                 |
| • <i>Teenage pregnancy outcomes and how to improve them -</i>                              | Julie Quinlivan              |
| • <i>Postnatal depression in Torres Strait Islander women -</i>                            | Loyla Leysley                |
| • <i>Improving cervical screening with Aboriginal &amp; Torres Strait Islander women -</i> | Marilyn Clarke & Jenny Reath |

### **Event Details:**

**When:** Thursday 14 August – Saturday 16 August 2008

**Where:** Darwin Convention Centre, Northern Territory

### **For further information, a copy of specific abstracts and/or media arrangements, please contact:**

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**To download the program:** <http://www.ranzcog.edu.au/meetingsconferences/pdfs/IWH-darwin2008-program.pdf>