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5 NOVEMBER PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS

SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA

COMING OF AGE TOGETHER:

**NEW WAYS OF
KNOWING & ACTING**

INTEGRATED CULTURALLY SENSITIVE SERVICES FOR OLDER ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER PEOPLES PRACTICAL SOLUTION OR PIPE DREAM?

WELCOME TO THE 7TH ATSIAAG WORKSHOP

Services for older Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are expected to fit into generic service systems with minimum recognition of or flexibility to respond to their unique cultural needs and outlooks. The standard approach also often does not recognise or understand the traumatic impacts of colonisation or the significant impacts of disproportionate socio-economic disadvantage over generations.

While a broad range of specialised Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander focused services would be the ideal solution, this is not always feasible where populations are low or spread out over considerable distances.

By holistically developing culturally appropriate services across all areas, such as aged care, health, disability, housing, there is an opportunity to improve equity of access and outcomes for older Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. However, this would require greater flexibility, especially regarding funding by various governments.

This Workshop explores a range of areas focusing on what currently works well and doesn't work well in the integration space.

Additionally, it intends to unpack the required factors to better meet the service delivery needs of older Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in mainstream or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander focused services in urban, as well as regional, rural and remote settings.

At the end of this workshop participants will have:
~ increased understanding of how the current systems in aged care, health and other relevant services impact on cultural safety, and equity of access and outcomes for older Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

~ improved knowledge of what integrated culturally sensitive services look like, with examples from both mainstream and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander focused services, and different geographical settings.

~ recommendations for providers about developing integrated culturally sensitive services for older Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

~ recommendations for governments about funding integrated culturally sensitive services for older Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.



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12:30pm to 5:30pm (12.30 lunch for 1.15 start)



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