Overview

• $10m philanthropic gift from Greg Poche AO November 2013
• Partnership FMDHS and School of Indigenous Studies
• 6 Centres – UWA, Melbourne, Sydney, Queensland, Flinders (2)

Approach

• Recognises centrality of culture to good mental and physical health
• Takes a proactive rights-based approach in health and education
• Values Aboriginal knowledge systems as critical to developing effective health services
• Develops respectful and meaningful partnerships essential to achieving sustained change in Aboriginal health outcomes.
• Education + health + Invests in young leaders
Key focus areas

- **Culture, Wellbeing and Mental Health**
  Aboriginal knowledge and cultural understanding in health / wellbeing and positive mental health for Aboriginal young people - Prof Jill Milroy, Prof Pat Dudgeon, SIS

- **Aboriginal Children’s Health and Development**
  Improving health, disability and development outcomes for Aboriginal children by improving access to, and quality of care - Prof Karen Edmond, Ms Carolyn Moylan SPACH

- **Chronic Disease**
  Providing health service interventions for better prevention and management of cancer and cardiovascular disease in Aboriginal people in rural areas.

  Prof Sandra Thompson, Dr Sandy Hamilton, Ms Chontarle Bellottie WACRH

- **Research Leaders**
  Prof Dawn Bessarab CAMDH, Prof David Atkinson RCSWA, Prof Camile Farah School of Dentistry

- **Poche Young Leaders Professional Development Awards**
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Suicide Prevention Evaluation Project

- prioritise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander ways of working
- establish an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander youth forum
- strengthen the evidence base for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander suicide prevention
- develop an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultural framework for suicide prevention services and programs.
- Regional Community consultation roundtables (2015) and National Conference 2016
- Report will recommend improvements to, or alternative evidenced-based service and program delivery models, where indicated by the evaluation.
- Report to Minister for Aboriginal Affairs (Hon Nigel Scullion)
- Leads: Prof Pat Dudgeon, Prof Jill Milroy AM, and Dr Tom Calma AO
- Funded by Australian Government through Prime Minister and Cabinet
- Working with Telethon Kids Institute, Healing Foundation
Poche National Network Meeting, UWA, July 2015

Network launched by Minister for Health, Hon Sussan Ley, Parliament House, May 2015
Healthy futures

- Secure funding base – capacity to value add
- Capacity to kick start/pilot programs
- Poche Fellowships
- Professional development funds for Aboriginal staff/students in health
- National network and potential research partners