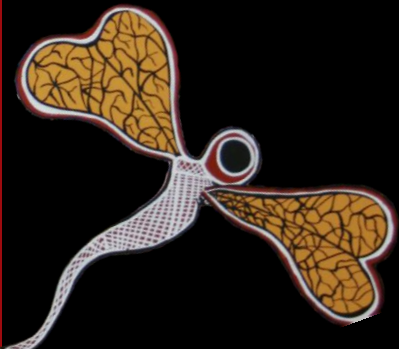


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The Australian Indigenous EarInfoNet: Sharing information about Indigenous ear health and hearing

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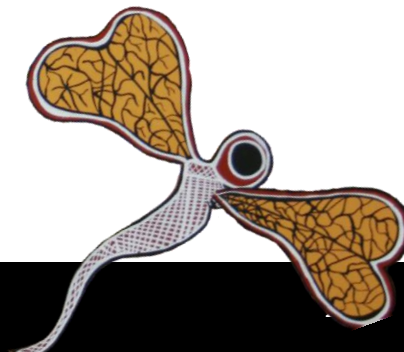




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The screenshot shows the website's navigation and content areas. At the top, there is a search bar and a 'Quick access' menu. Below the navigation bar is a 'Welcome' section with a large Indigenous artwork and a 'Welcome to the HealthInfoNet' message. To the right, there are social media links for Twitter and 'Take a tour'. Below the welcome section is a 'Key resources' grid with icons for Bibliography, Health promotion resources, Yarning places, AIH e-message stick, Programs & projects, Organisations, Conferences & workshops, Courses & training, Funding opportunities, and Job opportunities. A 'Find topics by keyword' section features an alphabetical grid of letters. On the right, there are 'Latest news' and 'HealthBulletin' sections with recent news items and a 'View current issue' link.



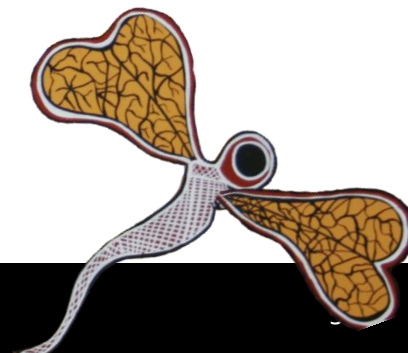


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The HealthInfoNet is designed to provide quality, up-to-date information about most aspects of Indigenous health.

For Indigenous ear health it is aimed to be a resource that makes knowledge readily accessible to inform practice, policy, research, and teaching.



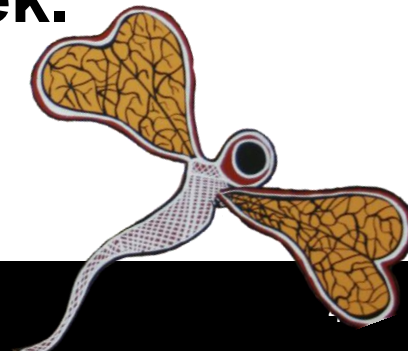


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Evidence-based decision making is crucial for a range of people with a stake in Indigenous ear health.

- **These include Health Workers and other practitioners, researchers, teachers, students and policy-makers.**
- **The Internet provides a fast and effective method of disseminating knowledge. It's available 24 hours per day, 7 days a week.**



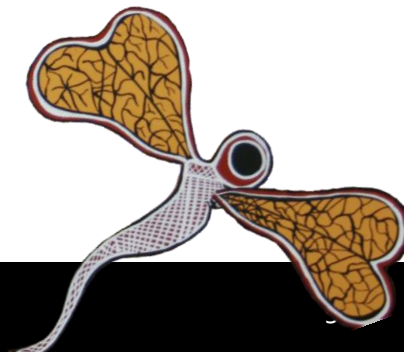


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There are two concepts that underpin the work of HealthInfoNet:

- ◉ **Evidence-based decision making**, whereby relevant research and other information is collated and made available to inform the work of people with a stake in Indigenous health.
- ◉ **Knowledge transfer**, which involves making these research findings available in a way that has immediate, practical utility.





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Welcome to the Indigenous EarInfoNet - a 'one-stop shop' for people working, studying or interested in otitis media (middle ear disease) and hearing loss in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. We aim to provide health and education workers with quality information and resources about how to prevent and manage ear disease and hearing problems.

The EarInfoNet also supports the Indigenous EarInfoNetwork by providing electronic yarning services that encourage information sharing and collaboration among the full range of health and education workers involved in Indigenous ear health and hearing.

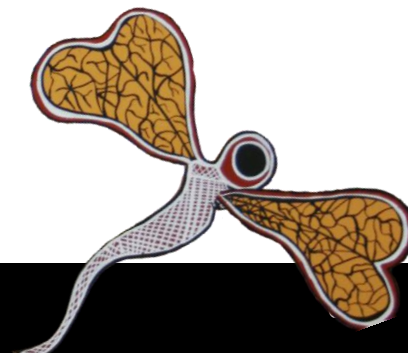
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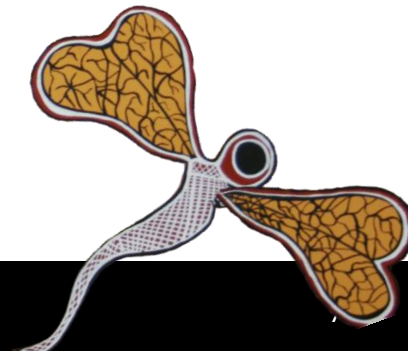


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The HealthInfoNet encourages the sharing of information through the yarning places or 'contact us' to:

- **provide feedback on the site**
- **provide information on programs and projects**
- **provide information on publications**
- **share your information**
- **update your information**

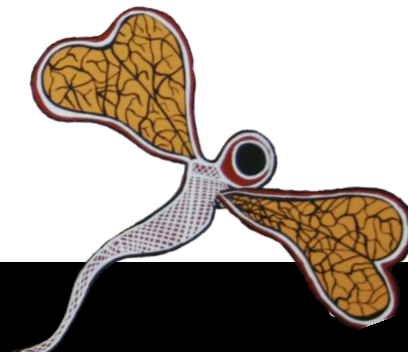




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**Yarning places are electronic networks
the *EarInfoNetwork* provides a free
facility for information exchange and
sharing experiences.**



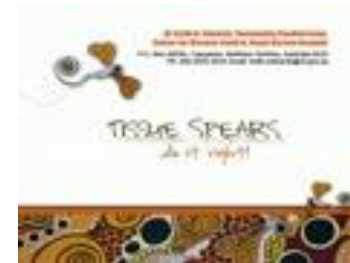
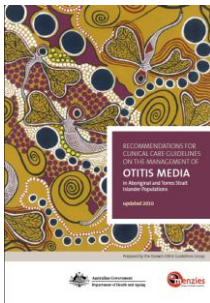


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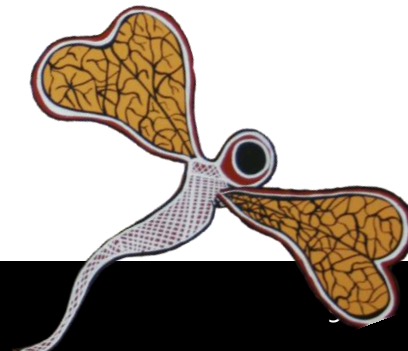
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Frequently Asked Questions section (FAQs)





Artwork by Norma Benger: Ngummama - Dragonfly **- *The story of the dragonfly***

When babies are born in the dry season this is also the time of the birth of the dragonfly, which hums and buzzes around the air excited about the birth of the new season.

The grandmothers catch the dragonflies to test babies' hearing, making them buzz near the babies' ears. When a baby responds we know that they have good hearing. If not, the old ladies bring the dragonfly closer so the baby can feel the vibration and the sound of its wings, then she sings to the spirits and the dragonfly, 'we all must look after this child together to help him to grow and be able to communicate'.

So, if you see a dragonfly buzzing around a baby, it is just looking and checking the baby's response because that's what they do. In the past, everyone worked together - dragonflies, grandmothers and the spirits.

