



Government of Western Australia
WA Country Health Service



Yarning about the Cultural Gathering Tool and Cultural Governance Framework

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Acknowledgement of Country and Lived Experience

We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land that we meet on today, acknowledge our Aboriginal Communities and language groups and pay respect to our elders, past, present and emerging.

We respectfully acknowledge the wisdom and culture of the Elders past, present and emerging, and I would like to thank them for their courage and generosity in sharing their Lived Experience to make our services stronger.

We also acknowledge the diversity of all Aboriginal people and language groups of the places we live, learn, work and visit.



Cultural Information Gathering Tool

- Overview
- Why
- Purpose
- Importance
- E-Learning Package

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MR 23 WACHS CULTURAL INFORMATION GATHERING TOOL

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WACHS CULTURAL INFORMATION GATHERING TOOL

CULTURAL FACTORS Men's / Women's business

Traditional Healer Involved / Requested: ☐ Yes ☐ No

SPIRITUAL BELIEFS

Client: _____

Family: _____

CULTURAL STRENGTHS What makes you strong – mind, body and spirit

Client: _____

Family: _____

My Wellness Plan: ☐ Yes ☐ No

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION

SUMMARY RECOMMENDATIONS

COMPLETED BY:

Print Name _____ Signature _____ Designation / Role _____ Date / Time _____



SCENARIO

Mary is 32 year old Aboriginal female from Halls Creek-Warmun Community. Known to KMHDS past admissions in the Mabu Liyan-APU.

Presenting with Psychosis daily use of Alcohol & Drugs with past Suicidal attempts.

- Gender match-assign to AMHW
- Building rapport & trust
- Identify belonging/Mob



CONTINUE....SCENARIO

- Sharing and telling her story
- Her understanding of being “sick”, her “worries”
- Communication
- Explore Grief and Loss, Trauma
- Cultural interventions- Marbun- Healer
- Cultural beliefs- spiritually trapped or being “sung” (obsessed & trapped by other spirits)
- Her supports (in MH, Family, Community)



WACHS Cultural Governance Framework

- Overview
- Why
- Purpose
- Outcome





Cultural Governance Framework: A Summary



The Cultural Governance Framework provides a structure for the meaningful and systemic reform necessary to deliver equitable, safe, and responsive healthcare services and improved outcomes for Aboriginal people in country WA.

Priority Areas

Aboriginal Employees

Attracting, growing, strengthening, and retaining the Aboriginal workforce at all levels of WACHS.

Aboriginal Authority

Increasing decision-making and leadership of Aboriginal stakeholders and staff at every level of our organisation.

Cultural, as well as Clinical, Competence

Developing and growing Aboriginal staff with clinical support and supervision and building a culturally competent non-Aboriginal workforce.

Cultural Lens

Applying cultural capabilities as part of our core business and co-designing and engaging with Aboriginal people.

All three governance elements need to be strong and integrated to serve Aboriginal people as effectively as other Western Australians.



“Cultural Governance is the authority for Aboriginal people, their families, and communities to guide and inform all health-related policies and practices across all business, in partnership with all of WACHS. Cultural governance embeds Aboriginal cultural knowledge, and beliefs into governing policies and mechanisms.”



We are all responsible for embedding cultural governance in our work.



QUESTIONS?

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RESOURCES

- [Mental Health Act 2014](#)
- [Cultural Information Gathering Tool](#)
- [WACHS Cultural Governance Framework](#)
- [Aboriginal Mental Health Model of Care 2022-25](#)
- [E-Learning - Aboriginal Cultural Information Gathering Tool \(MR23\)](#)