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Working together to explore the role of digital health along the ear health pathway.

WA EAR AND HEARING DIGITAL HEALTH FORUM

FRIDAY 19 NOVEMBER 2021 | 7.30AM-5.00PM | PARMELIA HILTON PERTH

PROGRAM

THIS FORUM HAS BEEN DEVELOPED IN COLLABORATION WITH THE WA CHILD EAR HEALTH STRATEGY PARTNERS:



WA Country Health Service
Department of Aboriginal Affairs
Child and Adolescent Health Service



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INVITATION

Collaborative working partnerships across the ear health system are key to ensuring positive change and encouraging interdisciplinary practice to build stronger, healthier communities throughout Western Australia (WA).

Following the success of the WA Ear and Hearing Telehealth Forum in June 2021, the WA Ear and Hearing Digital Health Forum 2021 aims to enhance knowledge, inspire innovative solutions and foster engaging collaborations as we explore the role of digital health across the patient's ear health journey and lifespan. The Forum has been developed to better inform programs and providers, support and connect medical and healthcare teams, collaborate with Aboriginal families and communities, identify improvements and preferred pathways, and strengthen partnerships.

The Forum is also an opportunity to gain and share knowledge to improve ear healthcare delivery, participate in hands-on interactive education, and network with other health professionals and providers working to reduce the burden of ear disease.

Rural Health West is delivering this Forum in partnership with the WA Child Ear Health Strategy and the Aboriginal Health Council of Western Australia through the Ear Health Coordination Program.

Thank you for joining us for the WA Ear and Hearing Digital Health Forum 2021.

We acknowledge the Aboriginal people of the many traditional lands and language groups across WA and their connection to land, water and community. We pay our respects to them and their cultures, and to Elders past, present and emerging.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Professor Kelvin Kong

BSC MBBS, FRACS

Professor Kelvin Kong is an experienced otolaryngology, head and neck surgeon (ear, nose and throat (ENT) surgeon) with a history of working across the health industry.

Involved in clinical research, medical education, medicine, surgery, paediatrics, health policy and Indigenous education, Professor Kong graduated from the University of NSW in 1999.

He completed his internship at St. Vincent's Hospital and streamed early into a surgical career, completing resident medical officer and registrar positions at various attachments. Along the way, he has served the urban, rural and remote communities.

Awarded his fellowship with the

Royal Australasian College of Surgeons in 2007, he pursued further training in Paediatric ENT surgery and was honoured by his Fellowship at The Royal Children's Hospital, Melbourne in 2007-2008.

Now practising in Newcastle on Awabakal Country, Professor Kong has a very broad adult and paediatric practice.

An active member of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons and the Australian Society of Otolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery, he has served on multiple advisory boards and committees including the Indigenous Health and Fellowship Services Committee.

Hailing from the Worimi people of Port Stephens, he has been a board member for several organisations including Hearing Australia and the National Centre of Indigenous Excellence.



Professor Kong has published articles and presented on a variety of ear, nose and throat conditions as well as Indigenous health issues both nationally and internationally.

He continues to champion the improvement of health and education.



WA CHILD EAR HEALTH STRATEGY

The WA Child Ear Health Strategy 2017-2021 recognises there are many children at significant risk of poor ear and hearing health, requiring a multilevel, multidisciplinary approach to achieve and sustain improvements in outcomes.

The WA Child Ear Health Strategy has been developed to tackle ear disease amongst children, particularly in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities in WA. It provides a road map for better care through multi-agency service planning, strengthened community-focused partnerships, alignment of funding and better coordination.

A number of stakeholders share responsibility for addressing and improving ear and hearing health conditions amongst children. It has been informed by, and is aligned with, a number of key national and State reports, frameworks, guidelines and principles.

The Strategy is designed to promote a greater focus on the 0-5-year age group; facilitate consistent best practice treatment pathways; and enhance the resources directed at prevention, surveillance and a robust evidence base. It aims to promote an agreed, evidence based and sustainable approach across government and non-government agencies and service providers.

To view the WA Child Ear Health Strategy, visit

[www.ruralhealthwest.com.au/
childearstrategy](http://www.ruralhealthwest.com.au/childearstrategy)

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Time	Event
7.30am	Registration – Tea and coffee on arrival
OPENING PLENARY STIRLING ROOM	
8.00am	<p>Welcome from the WA Child Ear Health Strategy Chair Professor Peter Richmond MBBS MRCP(UK) FRACP</p> <p>Professor Richmond is a Consultant Paediatric Immunologist and Paediatrician, and Head of the Department of Child Health Research at Perth Children's Hospital. He is also Director of the Child Health Research Network, Child and Adolescent Health Service, and Head of the Vaccine Trials Group at the Telethon Kids Institute.</p> <hr/> <p>Welcome to Country Marie Taylor Noongar Elder</p>
8.15am	<p>Keynote speaker</p> <p>Professor Kelvin Kong <i>Indigenous ear health from a national perspective</i></p> <p>Streamed with live Q&A</p> <p>Hear from leading ear, nose and throat surgeon and Worimi man, Professor Kelvin Kong in improving ear health outcomes for Indigenous children and families from a national perspective. Amongst ensuring access to world-class ear nose and throat services, Professor Kong is a strong advocate for policy reform to support culturally specific health service provision. Professor Kong's passion and dedication to service provision and advocacy has been instrumental in improving Indigenous ear and hearing health outcomes.</p>
8.45am	<p>Aboriginal Health Council of Western Australia <i>Setting the scene culturally – panel discussion</i></p> <p>This session, facilitated by the Aboriginal Health Council of Western Australia, will allow delegates to participate in a panel discussion focusing on how to integrate and coordinate culturally appropriate care for Indigenous patients and families along the ear and hearing health pathway. It will be an opportunity to identify and discuss cultural protocols, clinical governance and how to integrate a health service within an Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation.</p>
9.30am	<p>Dr Raimundo Garcia, Dr Jafri Kuthubutheen and Dr Luke O'Neil <i>Telehealth in action</i></p> <p>This session will give delegates the opportunity to be involved in a live and interactive telehealth simulation consultation. Facilitated by Dr Jafri Kuthubutheen, this session will demonstrate a telehealth consultation in the work flow, clinical consultation and how to perform a video otoscopy.</p>
10.15am	Morning tea FOYER

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PLENARY | STIRLING ROOM

Setting the digital health scene in WA

10.45am	<p>Simon Benge and Jenny Snegovaya <i>My Health Record and Digital Health Agency Q&A</i></p> <p>This session reviews <i>My Health Record</i> specific to ear and hearing health outcomes and highlights the benefits for healthcare providers and patients. Hear through case studies how Western Australian health service providers are using digital health to innovate and improve patient and system outcomes.</p>
11.15am	<p>WA Country Health Service, Child and Adolescence Health Service and Aboriginal Health Council of Western Australia <i>Co-design framework and principles of data management integration</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hear from WA Country Health Service, Child and Adolescent Health Service and the Aboriginal Health Council of Western Australia on the development and endorsement of the WA Country Health Service Co-design Framework.• Learn how WA Country Health Service and Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services are collaborating to record and manage ear and hearing health data to improve ear health outcomes for Indigenous children and their families.
11.45am	<p>WA Country Health Service – Wheatbelt Population Health <i>Telehealth success from the Wheatbelt</i></p> <p>Hear from Wheatbelt health practitioners and administrators in their journey to improve ear and hearing outcomes for their children and families. Through innovation, collaboration and coordination of services, children and families of the Wheatbelt have been supported through Perth Children’s Hospital ENT telehealth services and have focused on early intervention and health promotion activities, through the Health Ears for Healthy Koorlangkas program.</p>
12.15pm	<p>Professor Angus Turner <i>Digital health leading the way in other areas of healthcare</i></p> <p>Streamed with live Q&A</p> <p>Hear from leading Ophthalmologist, Dr Angus Turner in using digital health tools along the eye health pathway to improve patient and system outcomes – from managing optometry screening to ophthalmology consultations using digital health.</p>

ABORIGINAL HEALTH COUNCIL OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA AND RURAL HEALTH WEST PARTNERSHIP

Rural Health West and the Aboriginal Health Council of Western Australia administer the Ear Health Coordination Program in WA. Our teams work collaboratively with primary healthcare clinics and other stakeholders to identify and support activity needed to improve ear health.

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1.00pm	Lunch FOYER

Afternoon breakout sessions – please select one of the following sessions

1.45pm	STIRLING ROOM	FREMANTLE ROOM
	Dr Francis Lannigan <i>Advanced ENT diagnosis</i> Clinical session interactive learning Aimed at all health professionals, ear health coordinators and researchers.	Carolyn Mee, Sound Scouts <i>Digital health app</i> Innovative service delivery practical learning Streamed with live Q&A Aimed at Aboriginal health practitioners and workers, audiologists and nurses.

3.15pm	Afternoon tea FOYER
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3.30pm	STIRLING ROOM
	Dr Chris Brennan-Jones, Dr Robyn Choi, Dr Matt Oldakowski and Intan Oldakowska <i>Ear health research and technology advances</i> Facilitated by Dr Chris Brennan-Jones This session will focus on current projects and innovations in technology to improve the reach of ear health services. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Predictive accuracy of wideband absorbance used as a screening tool to detect middle ear dysfunction in children with learning difficulty. <i>Presented by Dr Robyn Choi</i> EarBuddy: Preliminary clinical evaluation of a non-invasive device under development to treat otitis media with effusion to avoid surgery. <i>Presented by Dr Matt Oldakowski and Intan Oldakowska</i>

4.45pm	Closing address STIRLING ROOM Professor Peter Richmond MBBS MRCP(UK) FRACP
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5.00pm	<h2>NETWORKING SUNDOWNER</h2> <p><i>Includes complimentary drinks and canapés</i></p> <p>Join us in the Outdoor Piazza and network and connect with your peers, colleagues, specialists and presenters at the close of the November 2021 WA Ear and Hearing Digital Health Forum.</p> <p>Should you wish to attend this event, please see the registration desk.</p>	
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