

World-first Indigenous healing portal to be launched in Perth

A new online hub will bring together frontline staff, policy makers and researchers working in the area of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander healing when it is launched in Perth tomorrow.

“Healing our people involves a range of sectors including health, education, child protection and justice and spans remote, rural and urban Australia,” Healing Foundation CEO Richard Weston said.

“This portal will facilitate the joint effort that is required across our country to heal the trauma affecting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people,” Mr Weston said.

The new online healing hub is a partnership between Edith Cowan University’s Australian Indigenous Health/InfoNet and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Healing Foundation.

What: Launch of the “healing portal”, an innovative online resource designed to encourage information sharing and collaboration across sectors and locations

When: 10am AWST (12pm AEST)
Monday 14 September

Where: 3 Bramall Street
East Perth WA 6004

Interview opportunities:

- An organisation which will benefit from the portal on what it means to them
- Richard Weston, Healing Foundation CEO on the role of the portal in healing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities
- Professor Neil Drew, Australian Indigenous Health/InfoNet Director on what makes the portal unique

Photo opportunities:

- Indigenous performers in front of a large screen displaying the portal
- The healing portal being “unveiled” at the launch (on a big screen)
- Staff being given a tour of the portal on a computer

The Healing Foundation is a national Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisation with a focus on building culturally strong, community led healing solutions. More information is available at www.healingfoundation.org.au

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