

State	Event/interview description	Detail	Time	Event Address	Spokesperson (s)	Contact
WA	EVENT: Evening of Noongar Culinary Learning on National Close the Gap Day	Learn about different bush foods and how to use them in your everyday cooking with a live cooking demonstration and talk by Marissa Verma from Bindi Bendi Dreaming at the Oxfam Shop in Fremantle.	6-7.30pm	Oxfam Shop Fremantle 22 Queen Street Fremantle	Marissa Verma - Cooking demonstration	Oxfam WA Shops manager, Antonia Taylor 0414 424 195, or Marissa: 0417031707
WA	INTERVIEW: Two thirds of WA politicians have placed a handprint on a Close The Gap banner to support National Close The Gap Day	More than 60 of the 95 state politicians from across Western Australia and the political spectrum have literally put their hands up to urge the community to get involved in the National Close the Gap Day campaign. Oxfam's leading the campaign to get political leaders to show support for ending the appalling gap in Indigenous health inequality.	Call to organise an interview time	n/a	Paddy Cullen, Oxfam's WA campaigner	Paddy Cullen, Oxfam's WA campaigner, 0431 925 494
WA	EVENT: 360 Health + Community's Close the Gap Strategic Forum - the mental health perspective (speaker 1)	Pat Dudgeon (Bardi & Gija) is a psychologist and research fellow at the School of Indigenous studies at the University of Western Australia and Chair of the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Leadership in Mental Health. She offers a mental health perspective on The National Empowerment Project, which aims to build communities' capacity through empowerment and strengthening cultural,	1:00pm – 4:00pm	West Australian Ballet Centre - 134 Whatley Crescent, Maylands	Pat Dudgeon is a psychologist and research fellow at the School of Indigenous studies at the University of Western Australia and Chair of the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Leadership in	Eva Buckley, 0421 254 597, EBuckley@360.org.au
WA	EVENT: 360 Health + Community's Close the Gap Strategic Forum - a perspective from a carer, community leader and elder (speaker 2)	Dean Collard (Noongar Nation) comes from a background in Aboriginal health services and is currently a member of 360's Consumer and Carer group. He will offer an insight into Closing the Gap from the perspective and expectations of a carer, community leader and Elder.	1:00pm – 4:00pm	West Australian Ballet Centre - 134 Whatley Crescent, Maylands	Dean Collard, carer, community leader and Elder.	Eva Buckley, 0421 254 597, EBuckley@360.org.au
WA	EVENT: 360 Health + Community's Close the Gap Strategic Forum - Aboriginal health in Aboriginal hands perspective	Jonathon Ford (Noongar Nation) is Manager of Moorditj Koort Aboriginal Health and Wellbeing Centre. He joins us with a perspective on Aboriginal people controlling Aboriginal health.	1:00pm – 4:00pm	West Australian Ballet Centre - 134 Whatley Crescent, Maylands	Jonathon Ford (Noongar Nation) is Manager of Moorditj Koort Aboriginal Health and Wellbeing Centre.	Eva Buckley, 0421 254 597, EBuckley@360.org.au

WA	EVENT: 360 Health + Community's Close the Gap Strategic Forum - options for meeting social and emotional and mental needs	Michael Mitchell (Yamatji) is the Program Manager at Specialist Aboriginal Mental Health Service (SAMHS) Metropolitan, and will be exploring options for meeting the social and emotional wellbeing and mental health needs of Aboriginal people across the service spectrum	1:00pm – 4:00pm	West Australian Ballet Centre - 134 Whatley Crescent, Maylands	Michael Mitchell (Yamatji) is the Program Manager at Specialist Aboriginal Mental Health Service (SAMHS) Metropolitan	Eva Buckley, 0421 254 597, EBuckley@360.org.au
WA	EVENT: The annual Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Sector Conference <i>Aboriginal Health in Western Australia: Collective Knowledge and Collective Solutions.</i>	More info at http://www.events.ahcwa.org.au/	16-17 March	Pan Pacific Hotel, 207 Adelaide Terrace	Various	Rebecca Boteler, Campaign Capital, 0424 569 179
WA	EVENT: Didgeridoo lessons and Indigenous dance and art a part of Wesley College's National Close the Gap Day activity	Students will participate in didgeridoo lessons and Indigenous dance students will be performing a traditional Nyoongar dance between a sea of hands. The sea of hands features handprint cutouts with messages from students who have recorded their thoughts after watching the 2016 CTG video.	2:15pm Thursday	40 Coode Stree, WA,	Benjamin Lewis, Teacher	(0)404 168 748
NT	EVENT: Two in Darwin advocating for the elimination of rheumatic heart disease in Australia, a condition epitomising the gap in health outcomes between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians	The following events are hosted by RHDAustralia (www.rhdaustralia.org.au) in conjunction with partners. 1. The NT launch of the documentary Take Heart: The quest to rid Australasia of RHD, introduced by stars of the film at BCC Cinema at 8pm on CTG Day. This follows the parliamentary launch at 530pm by the NT Chief Minister and Minister of Health. Documentary info:	Event 1: 8pm, Event 2: 2pm	Event 1: BCC Cinema, Mitchell Street, Darwin; Event 2: Menzies School of Health	Claire Boardman, Deputy Director RHDAustralia, Menzies School of Health Research Susan Shanley, Heart Kids (Event 1 only).	Claire: 0418 956 110 Susan: 0424 505 833

NT	EVENT: Indigenous health checks, dancers, food and fun at CTG event in Raintree Park, Darwin.	The event is run by a group of Darwin based organisations including the Aboriginal Medical Services Alliance Northern Territory (AMSANT), NT Primary Health Network, Danila Dilba Health Service and the Heart foundation. The event features health checks, keynote speakers, a smoothie bike, music and Torres Strait Islander dancers.	11:00 - 2:00	Raintree Park, Smith Street Mall, Darwin City NT	Various	Frank Cambell (AMSANT) 0448 771 974
NT	INTERVIEW: Up and coming Darwin Indigenous nurse Katarina Keeler speaks about her journey to become the first person in her family to attend university and get a degree.	Born and raised in Ceduna, the proud Kokatha woman from the Far West Coast of South Australia, moved to Adelaide to peruse her goal of studying Bachelor of Nursing to be a role model and help Indigenous people live a long and healthy life.	Call to organise an interview time	n/a	Katarina Keeler, registered nurse, Royal Darwin Hospital	0455 281 998
All states, VIC	INTERVIEW: One hour of power. A one off Indigenous health "twit-athon"	Engage in a high paced twitter chat session from 12-1pm with a prominent Indigenous health academic and journalist using Twitter handle #ctg10. Join Professor Kerry Arabena Chair of Indigenous Health in the Centre for Health and Society at Melbourne University and veteran health reporter Melissa Sweet.	Call to organise an interview time	Twitter. Handle #ctg10 and #closethegap	Kerry Arabena, Chair of Indigenous Health in the Centre for Health and Society, University of Melbourne & Health reporter Melissa Sweet.	Contact Yael Margolin 03 8344 0714 for Kerry Arabena
All states, QLD	INTERVIEW: This Indigenous doctor and mother of an autistic son is passionate about early identification of autism, delivering better therapy and support for autistic children and their families and improving the health of her mob	Brisbane-based doctor Samarra Toby is a Gangulu woman from the Callide and Dawson valleys (Rockhampton). She is a Fellow of RACGP and passionate about improving Indigenous health in urban Brisbane. She is a strong advocate on autism disorders, diagnosis and management. Her son, Arty, is Autistic. Dr Toby has developed a phone app/website about Autism for new mums and families.	Call to organise an interview time	Hawthorn Medical Clinic, 171 Riding Road, Balmoral, Brisbane	Dr Samarra Toby, General Practitioner, Hawthorne Clinic	Dr Samarra Toby, 0429 119 146, info@drsamsautismtoolkit.com

All states, QLD	INTERVIEW: Former X-Factor finalist & nurse targeting kidney disease in Cape York	Rochelle Pitt is a Butchulla/Kalkadoon/Wirri woman from North QLD. A singer/songwriter and renal nurse, she made the Top 8 on X-Factor in 2014. A Kidney Health Australia ambassador, Rochelle is passionate about kidney health and travels throughout Cape York in her work with Apunipima Cape York Health Council.	Call to organise an interview time	Cairns	Rochelle Pitt, Generalist Nurse (renal), Apunipima Cape York Health Council	Rochelle Pitt, 0400 181 003
All states, QLD	INTERVIEW: Educating the next generation of nurses about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health	Ali Drummond is an Dauareb (Murray Island, Torres Strait) & Wuthathi (Cape York) man. He is a Lecturer, School of Nursing, QUT. A remote area registered nurse, he was the Indigenous Nurse Advisor, Queensland Health and is now educating the next generation of nurses about appropriate Indigenous health care.	Call to organise an interview time	Brisbane	Ali Drummond, Lecturer, School of Nursing, Faculty of Health, QUT	Ali Drummond, 0448 768 329
All states, QLD	INTERVIEW: What is the nation's peak boy representing Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services across Australia doing to Close the Gap?	National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO) is the national peak Aboriginal health body representing Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services throughout Australia. It's CEO Matthew Cook (who is also CEO of Queensland Aboriginal and Islander Health Council) tell you about what's being done to	Call to organise an interview time	n/a	Matthew Cooke, Chair, National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO) and CEO of Queensland Aboriginal and Islander Health Council	Colin Cowell, Communications and Marketing Consultant, NACCHO, 0401 331 251, nacchonews@naccho
All states, NSW	INTERVIEW: An Indigenous doctor speaks about how much progress has been made to close the 10-17 year health gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians	Prof Ngaire Brown is an Indigenous doctor, educator and Indigenous health expert who sits on the Prime Minister's Indigenous Advisory Council. Profile at: http://iac.dpmc.gov.au/council-members/professor-ngiare-brown	Call to organise an interview time	n/a	Prof Ngaire Brown	Colin Cowell, Communications and Marketing Consultant, NACCHO, 0401 331 251
All states	INTERVIEW: The Close the Gap campaign is in its 10th year and is expected to host a record number of events from rap and didgeridoo performances to morning teas and marches	The National Close The Gap Day campaign is on target to reach more than 1600 events and break last year's participation record. Oxfam runs the CTG campaign on behalf of the Close the Gap Coalition and can talk about how it started , who is participating and how far we've come to Close the Gap in Indigenous health equality.	Call to organise an interview time	n/a	Justin McCaul, national Program Manager, Aboriginal Torres Strait islander People's Program, Oxfam	Alice Plate Oxfam, 0418 873 782, alicep@oxfam.org.au

All states	INTERVIEW: Speak to your local Aboriginal Health Service to see what they're doing to Close the Gap, "Aboriginal health in Aboriginal Hands"	National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO) is the national peak Aboriginal health body representing Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services throughout Australia and it can put you in touch with one of its 140 Aboriginal Health Services in Australia.	Call to organise an interview time	Across Australia	Various	Colin Cowell, Communications and Marketing Consultant, NACCHO, 0401 331 251
All states	EVENT: Medibank is raising awareness of Close the Gap Day through activities in all of its 97 retail stores across Australia, and through its senior leadership team.	Staff at all 97 Medibank retail stores will wear campaign badges to raise awareness of Close the Gap Day and to promote discussion. Many will host morning teas for staff. Close the Gap will also be a focus of the quarterly Senior Leader Forum which will take place on the day, with a Traditional Elder attending the Forum and delivering a	All day	97 retail stores and Head Office; 720 Bourke Street, Docklands	Karen Oldaker, General Manager of Wellbeing & Community, Medibank	Evelyn Ek, External Affairs Manager 0412 887 853 Evelyn.Ek@medibank.com