

State	Event/interview description	Detail	Time	Event Address	Spokesperson (s)	Contact
VIC	EVENT: Oxfam joins prominent Indigenous health academics and advocates to celebrate a public CTG event BBQ in the park	Oxfam and the University of Melbourne's School of Population and Global Health will hold a welcome to country smoking ceremony with Aunty Di Kerr, print hands on a CTG banner and feature speeches by Indigenous health professionals and advocates.	1130am - 1pm	University Square, Cnr Leicester & Pelham Sts, Carlton	Professor Kerry Arabena, Chair of Indigenous Health, Centre for Health Equity, Melbourne School of Population and Global Health, The University of Melbourne	Alice Plate Oxfam, 0418 873 782, alicep@oxfam.org.au
VIC	EVENT: RACGP - GP forum highlights 10 year anniversary of the CTG campaign	The Royal Australian College of General Practitioners is a Member of the Close the Gap Coalition and is holding a forum for GPs with high profile speakers including the Victorian Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation and President of RACGP. The RACGP is a member of the Close the Gap Steering Committee.	11-1pm	RACGP, John Murtagh Centre, 100 Wellington Pde, East Melbourne	Various	RACGP Media: Michelle Carnovale 03 8699 0484, media@racgp.org.au
VIC	EVENT: The Royal Dental Hospital of Melbourne is supporting a musical performance for CTG Day	RDHM is raising awareness about Indigenous health amongst its staff and visitors (approx 500) to the hospital by organizing a musical performance on National Close the Gap Day. This year Indigenous musician Bart Willoughby, known for fusing reggae with Indigenous Australian influences, will be playing guitar and didgeridoo throughout the hospital to from 10am-4pm.	10-4pm	720 Swanston Street, Carlton	Carleen Miller, Aboriginal Liaison Officer, has been in the role for 6 years.	Carleen Miller, Aboriginal Liaison Officer, T: 03 9341 1163, www.dhsv.org.au
NSW, VIC	INTERVIEW: An experienced social media commentator and GP working in Redfern for an Indigenous health service can speak in layman's terms about how we can improve Indigenous health outcomes	Dr Tim Senior has worked as a GP in Indigenous health for years, he is based at Tharawal Aboriginal Corporation in Redfern. He can talk about how important it is to have Aboriginal community controlled health services delivering health care and support to improve Indigenous health outcomes. He can speak across a range of issues relevant to	n/a	n/a	Dr Tim Senior, General Practitioner (doctor), Tharawal Aboriginal Corporation	0439 688 754
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	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	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 Close the Gap at a grass roots level through its network of	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.org.au
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	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