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## Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Research Leadership

Romlie Mokak is the CEO of the Lowitja Institute, Australia's national institute for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health research. He will speak about the history of the organisation, its achievements and future program.



Established in January 2010, the Lowitja Institute emerged from a 14 year history of federally funded Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health cooperative research centres. Since 1997, the organisation has operated on key principles of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander control of the research agenda, a broader understanding of health that incorporates social wellbeing, and the need for the work to have a clear and positive impact. Together with its partners, the Institute has changed the narrative and process of how research priorities are identified, and how research is conducted, in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health in Australia.

At present, the Lowitja Institute is working with 21 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health organisations, State and Australian government departments and academic research institutions. The program of work to 2019 will look at aspects of social and cultural determinants of health, the health system, and health workforce development. It will also support a growing cohort of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander scholars; the development of ethics frameworks and impact measurement tools, knowledge exchange and research translation

Date: Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> July 2015

Time: 11:00am

Venue: Seminar Room 1, Building 24, University of Canberra

Please send your RSVP to [uc-ciri@canberra.edu.au](mailto:uc-ciri@canberra.edu.au) by 8<sup>th</sup> July 2015



## Goodbye Craig

Craig Dukes is leaving UC CIRI and the University of Canberra to pursue other career opportunities and to focus on personal and family priorities.

Craig was the Director of the Ngunnawal Centre and was involved in the group that originally identified the need for an initiative that focused on Indigenous research, and he is a founding member of UC CIRI. Craig has been a valued member of the UC CIRI Executive Committee.



We thank Craig for all his work on behalf of UC CIRI and the Indigenous people at UC and we wish Craig well in his future endeavours.

## NCIS Graduate Research Retreat

The National Centre for Indigenous Studies (NCIS) is proud to host its sixth research retreat for Higher Degree by Research (HDR) scholars.

The retreat is an opportunity for Indigenous HDR scholars and scholars researching in Indigenous studies to engage in intellectual discussion, networking and information sharing.

The retreat is open to all NCIS HDR scholars, and - by application - is open also to HDR scholars based at other Indigenous higher education centres within The Australian National University and other institutions across the ACT and NSW.

If you are interested in participating in the NCIS graduate research retreat, or if you have HDR scholars who may find this event helpful, please contact the NCIS HDR Program on [ncis.hdr.program@anu.edu.au](mailto:ncis.hdr.program@anu.edu.au).

### Call for abstracts

We are calling for abstracts for a 20 minute presentation on your research topic followed by a 20 minute Q&A.

The abstract should include:

- the title of your research topic
- your name, affiliation and short biography
- a 100-200 word précis of your project.

Abstracts are required by COB Friday 31 July 2015.

### 2015 program

The NCIS Graduate Research Retreat program for 2015 will span two days, with invited keynote addresses and HDR scholar presentations integrated across the two days.

Keynote presentations will be given by eminent members of the Indigenous studies community.

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