


Taingiwilta Pirku Kawantila Project: *Governance & Leadership Structure*

Taingiwilta Pirku, Taingiwilta Miyurna, Taingiwilta Yungkulungkularna
Strong Community, Strong People, Strong Services



Acknowledgment of Country: The Taingiwilta Pirku Kawantila Project proudly acknowledges the Kurna people as the traditional custodians of the land of Adelaide and the Adelaide Plains region. We pay our respects to Kurna Ancestors and Elders and acknowledge the cultural authority of all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. We recognise the important contribution of cultural knowledge and knowledge based on lived experiences of the Aboriginal Governance Panel and all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who contribute significantly to this research. This research is being done in partnership with Aboriginal communities and with service providers in the Northern metropolitan area of Kurna Yerta. Taingiwilta Pirku Kawantila is the project name given by Kurna language and knowledge holders – Kurna Warra Karrpanthi – meaning ‘Strong Community in the North.’

This 5-year project is led by a team of researchers within Wardliparingga Aboriginal Health Equity at SAHMRI. It aims to examine whether codesigned strategies to optimise and coordinate the health and social service system will meet the needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and strengthen social and emotional wellbeing. The project was developed in response to research priorities identified by the local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community and centralises the nine principles of the South Australian Aboriginal Health Research Accord in all research processes and daily activities.

The Investigator and research team include Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander and non-Indigenous people with expertise across research, service delivery, cultural knowledge and lived experiences. The project is governed by an Aboriginal Governance Panel comprised of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elders, service providers and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people employed in government, health and social service organisations that support the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community in northern Adelaide. The role of the Aboriginal Governance Panel is to provide guidance on the processes regarding the project, to support the interpretation of emerging findings and to actively contribute to our knowledge translation outputs and achieve maximum benefit for the community.

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