



CATS news

A comprehensive approach to Aboriginal and Torres Strait (CATS) Islander tobacco control



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Welcome to the first quarterly newsletter of the project, '**A comprehensive approach to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander tobacco control**'.

We will send out the newsletter regularly to keep you informed about this two-year project.

The project is supported by **The Australian Prevention Partnership Centre**, a national initiative that is identifying new ways of understanding what works and what doesn't to prevent lifestyle-related chronic disease.



What does this project aim to do?

The CATS project is funded by The Australian Prevention Partnership Centre, and aims to:

1. Adapt current tobacco frameworks to identify key domains important for tobacco control among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (Aboriginal) people
2. Review what is known about what works to reduce tobacco consumption among Aboriginal people
3. Conduct an audit of current tobacco reduction programs targeting Aboriginal people
4. Explore the determinants of smoking uptake and develop potential preventive interventions for Aboriginal adolescents (PhD project).

Who is involved in this project?

We warmly introduce the people involved in this project.



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A descendant of the
Trawlwoolway people
(Tasmania)

What has been achieved so far?

This project officially started in August 2015, so we are now in 'startup' phase and have:

- Recruited a postdoctoral researcher to assist with the project
- Consulted with some key stakeholders about the project
- Drafted a preliminary protocol for adapting the framework and conducting the review and audit, for comment by the study investigators
- Advertised for a PhD student.

What are we planning for the next quarter (September-November 2015)?

In the next three months we plan to:

- Refine the review of existing relevant frameworks and domains
- Meet with study investigators to discuss the project and preliminary review of existing frameworks and domains
- Hold the first of the series of regular 'open tele-meetings' for people interested in this project to discuss the draft framework (see meeting details below)
- Recruit for a PhD student.

How can I find out more information and/or get involved?

Contact: Catherine.chamberlain@bakeridi.edu.au
or phone (0428 921 271)

Attend a regular quarterly project teleconference on Tuesday 3 November 9.30-10.00am
(RSVP to Cath who will send phone-in details).

The Australian Prevention Partnership Centre is finding out how we can build an effective, efficient and equitable system for the prevention of lifestyle-related chronic disease. For more information visit our [website](#).



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