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Previously the Koolungar Moorditj Healthy Skin Newsletter. In Noongar language Moorditj Marp translates to Strong Skin.

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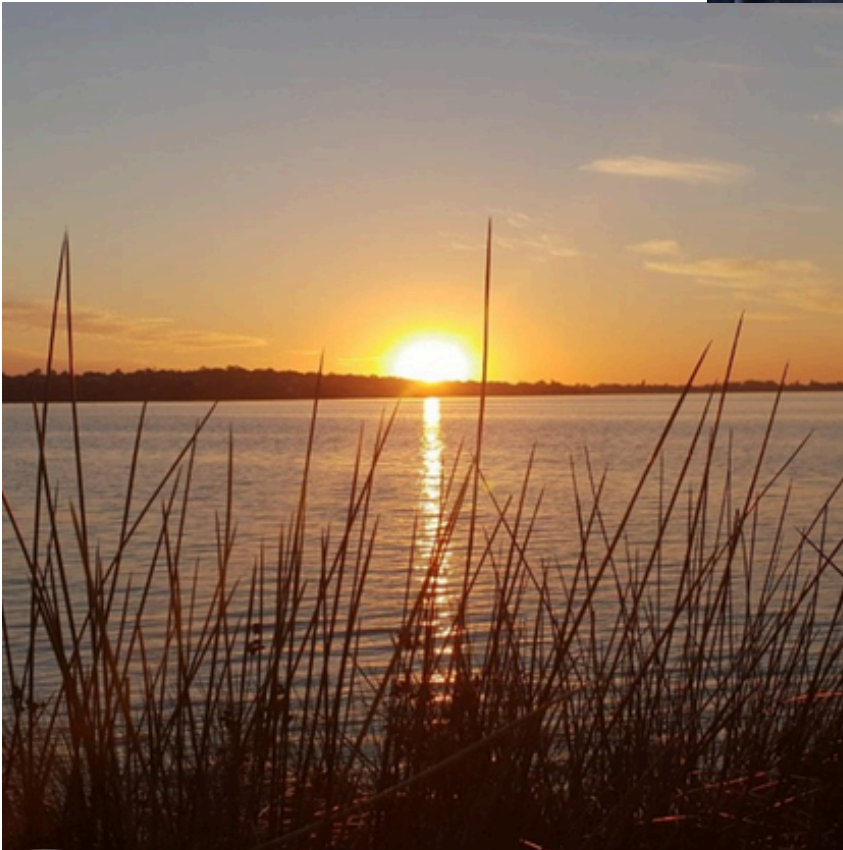


ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY ¹

We are grateful to work across many unceded lands throughout Australia, and in particular, to work on Noongar Boodjar with the Moorditj Marp program. We acknowledge Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the Traditional Custodians of the lands, waters, and skies on which we are privileged to live, work, and play. We recognise their deep and continuing connection to Country and culture, and we honour the generations of care and guardianship that have sustained these lands for tens of thousands of years, allowing us to enjoy them today.



We pay our deepest respect to Elders past and present, and we give thanks for the strength, wisdom, and contributions of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities in supporting strong skin for all children and families. We extend a special thank you to Uncle Noel Nannup and Aunty Dale Tilbrook for their continued Eldership and guidance on the Moorditj Marp program.



PROJECTS SEEKING PARTICIPANTS ²

NGANGK NGABALA NGOONDA (SUN SAFETY)



Ngangk Ngabala Ngoonda means Sun Safety in Noongar language. This project aims to better understand current sun safety practices of young mob and build on community knowledges through co-development of community resources. This project is important because, while Indigenous people are less likely to develop skin cancer than other Australians, they often experience worse outcomes when skin cancer does occur due to a number of factors, including delayed detection, access to care, persistent misconceptions about risk and lack of culturally relevant health education.

This project first listened to young mob to learn more about their current, knowledge, attitudes, practices and any barriers when it comes to sun safety. We are grateful to everyone who shared their experiences and insights. Using this feedback, we worked alongside the Aboriginal Community Steering Group (ACSG) and other community members through a series of co-design workshops to develop culturally relevant sun safety and skin cancer awareness resources. These resources are now forming the first-ever sun safety and skin cancer awareness campaign...

Every Shade Every Mob

We are now asking community members to help evaluate these campaign resources. Your feedback will help ensure they are engaging, meaningful, and relevant for young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and communities.

Take part in the campaign evaluation to strengthen these resources!

Who can join?

- Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people
- Living in Western Australia
- Aged 12 years or older*

*Participating children and young people under 18 years old must have a caregiver or guardian to provide informed consent for participation

What is involved?

We ask participants to complete a questionnaire that should not take more than 15 minutes.

Participants receive

a goodie bag!

- \$20 Voucher
- Tote Bag
- Bucket Hat
- Skin Products



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MOORDITJ MARP (STRONG SKIN) STORYBOOKS

The **Kaal Tackles Eczema** read-aloud storybook video is now available on YouTube, narrated by ACSG member **Delys Walton**. Watch it here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t-mTozynYaA!>



A big thank you to everyone who provided feedback on the *Kaal Tackles Eczema* storybook. Community input has helped shape the next stage of the project, with five new skin health storybooks now in development. We expect two new books to be released by the end of 2026, with a further three books planned for early 2027.

Upcoming Storybooks

- *Djinda and The Head Lice Basket* – expected late 2026
- **Sun Safety** – expected late 2026
- **Acne** – expected early 2027
- **Skin Sores (Impetigo)** – expected early 2027
- **Tinea (Ringworm)** – expected early 2027

SAVE THE DATE!

Every Shade Every Mob

together with the **Sun Safety** storybook will be launched on Friday, **6 November 2026!** For more launch event details, email us at [StrongSkin@thekids.org.au!](mailto:StrongSkin@thekids.org.au)

We're also pleased that Tyrown Waigana (illustrator), Kelli Savietto (graphic designer), and Aunty Charmaine Councillor (language specialist) who helped bring *Kaal Tackles Eczema* storybook to life, will continue working on the series. Their involvement will help ensure the new books maintain the same look, feel, and strong connection to *Kaal Tackles Eczema* that families know and love. It will be wonderful to release the next five books in the Moorditj Marp Storybook collection over the next year.



SHARE INITIATIVE:

SEEKING ABORIGINAL HEALTH PRACTITIONERS!

The **SHARE (Skin Health Assessment & Research Evaluation) Initiative** is bringing **Aboriginal Health Practitioner (AHP)**-led skin health care into Perth Children's Hospital (PCH) for Aboriginal children and young people across Western Australia. Developed in partnership with Aboriginal Elders and the Aboriginal Community Steering Group, SHARE will provide culturally safe skin health checks, education through yarning, and access to specialist dermatology care when needed.



SHARE Governance Structure

The Western Australian Aboriginal Health Ethics Committee (WAHEC) has determined that SHARE be submitted for ethics and governance approvals as six separate project components. SHARE comprises these six components as follows:

Component 1, a review of past hospital records, is now underway and has received full ethics and governance approval. This work will help us understand how often skin conditions are currently identified in children admitted to PCH and provide a baseline to compare with the SHARE model of care.

Component 2, a survey of healthcare workers, is awaiting final governance approval. The survey will explore healthcare workers' knowledge, attitudes, and practices around skin health for Aboriginal children, as well as their experiences with the AHP-led model of care.

We are also excited to share that **Component 3**, the SHARE Pilot Study, has received full approval and is expected to begin later this year. The pilot will test the SHARE model on two hospital wards, with Aboriginal families offered culturally safe skin health assessments and education from an AHP during their child's hospital stay.

Looking ahead, lessons from the pilot will inform **Component 4**, the SHARE Full Study, which will expand the program to additional wards. Future project components will examine whether SHARE improves equitable access to dermatology services for Aboriginal children and evaluate its economic impact on the health system.

Are you an Aboriginal Health Practitioner with a passion for kids' health, or know someone who is?

To support to the pilot and full study (Components 3 and 4), we are recruiting two AHPs (level 1 or level 2) to join the SHARE team. The AHPs will work alongside consultant dermatologists, nursing, and allied health colleagues to deliver culturally safe skin checks and health education for Aboriginal children.

[Check out the Job advertisement](#)



STRONG SKIN APP LAUNCH

The Strong Skin app became available on the Apple App Store and Google Play Store in January 2026 and was officially launched at The Kids Research Institute on 31 March 2026. The app was developed through a co-design process involving researchers, clinicians, app developers, and Aboriginal parents.

Community feedback played a central role in shaping the app, from early design sessions and workshops through to testing and refinement. At the launch, Bunbury community member and project contributor Sally Smith spoke about the importance of creating a trusted, culturally safe resource that supports families to confidently care for their children's skin health:

“This app is not here to replace our knowledge — it builds on it. I hope it will support families to take that next step with confidence. To recognise early signs, to act early, and to feel supported in looking after their children's health. It's also about trust. We know there's a lot of information out there, and not all of it is reliable. This app brings together trusted, culturally safe information in one place, in a way that makes sense for families.

To me, this app represents something bigger as well. It shows what's possible when communities lead, when our voices are valued, and when we work in partnership. It's about empowerment — giving families the tools they need, in a way that respects their knowledge, their time, and their priorities.

So today isn't just about launching an app, it's also about celebrating something that we've built together.”



Since launch, the app has been downloaded more than 200 times and shared by organisations including Queensland Health, the Aboriginal Health Communiqué, and the Australasian College of Dermatologists.

The Healthy Skin Team continues to share the app at community events and looks forward to gathering further feedback from families and clinicians later this year to help guide future updates and improvements.



Download the Strong Skin App

Co-designed by community members, healthcare workers, and researchers across Western Australia to support skin health for families.

With the Strong Skin App you can:

- Browse a gallery of real skin images
- Create your own skin care plan with reminders
- Discover local services to support your skin health journey
- Read quick, helpful articles
- Watch fun, educational videos



HEAD LICE PROJECT

Our Head Lice Project aims to better understand what matters most to families when treating head lice and to help guide future research.

Over the past six months, we completed a three-round Delphi study involving parents, caregivers, educators, and health professionals with experience managing head lice. Participants told us that successful treatment is about more than just getting rid of head lice. Families highlighted the importance of reducing itch, improving sleep and comfort, preventing head lice from coming back, minimising treatment side effects, reducing stigma, and ensuring treatments are affordable and practical.

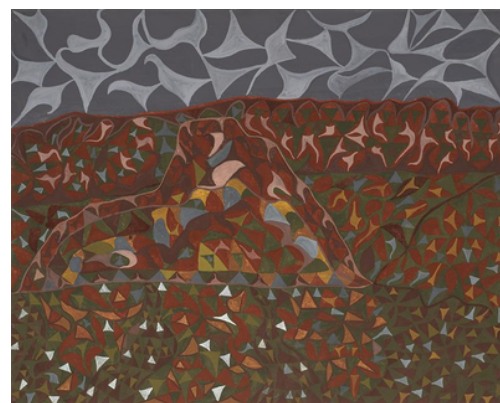
The study identified 17 key outcomes that should be considered when evaluating head lice treatments in future research. These findings provide valuable insight into the real-life impacts of head lice and emphasise the importance of family-centred approaches to treatment and care.

A big thank you to everyone who took part and shared their experiences. Your input is helping shape future head lice research to better meet the needs of our children, families, and communities.

We have also recently published a head lice research article based on findings from the SToP Trial in remote Aboriginal communities.

Visit the link to read more!

Burden and Experiences of Head Lice Infestation Among Children in Western Australia
[Read manuscript](#)



Head Louse Dreaming artwork by Ben Galmirr Ward



Tracy McRae, Ingrid Amgarth-Duff and a community navigator in front of the Head Louse Dreaming

CHEWABLE CHOCOLATE TERBINAFINE TABLET PROJECT



The Chewable Chocolate Terbinafine Project is focused on developing a child-friendly treatment for tinea (ringworm), a common fungal skin infection. We are pleased to share that the chocolate-flavoured chewable terbinafine tablet has successfully undergone testing for both stability and taste, including evaluation by a panel of young adults.

The results show that the tablet is stable and highly palatable, with the potential to make treatment easier for children and improve adherence compared to current treatment options.

These encouraging findings provide a strong foundation for the next stage of research, which will explore how the medicine is absorbed by the body and how acceptable it is for children to take.

We would also like to thank the Community Advisory Group, made up of parents and carers of Aboriginal children with lived experience of tinea and terbinafine treatment. Their ongoing guidance has been invaluable and continues to shape the future direction of the project.

Images of tinea (ringworm)

MOORDITJ MARP ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY STEERING GROUP

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The Moorditj Marp Aboriginal Community Steering Group (ACSG) is a vital part of our Aboriginal governance structure, ensuring all healthy skin research is culturally safe, respectful, and aligned with community priorities. Members provide valuable cultural knowledge, lived experience, and community insight, helping shape our work from design through to delivery. We thank our wonderful ACSG members for their ongoing support and guidance:

Kasharla Emmerton-Smith
Annette Garlett
Joanne Hill
Kristy Jetta
Larissa Jones
De'Karla-Maree Kickett
Sally Smith
Delys Walton
Leah Wearne

We are happy to welcome new members. If you are interested in joining the ACSG, please get in touch.



The Moorditj Marp Aboriginal Community Governance Structure

TEAM UPDATES

NEW TEAM MEMBERS

Olivia Reed



Olivia serves as the Project Coordinator for the SHARE (Skin Health Assessment & Research Evaluation) initiative, supporting improved skin health outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander kids admitted to Perth Children's Hospital. She works closely with Prof Asha Bowen and Dr Bernadette Ricciardo to coordinate the program.

She has over five years of experience in clinical research, with involvement in Phase I to Phase III clinical trials at Linear Clinical Research and Hollywood Private Hospital, primarily in haematological malignancies. She is committed to delivering the highest standard of clinical research, leading to improved outcomes for patients and their families.



Charlee joined our team in December 2025. She is a proud Ngarluma woman who grew up in the Goldfields of WA. She loves her culture and community and is currently studying a Bachelor of Arts majoring in Archaeology with plans to do honours in the future so she can help preserve her culture with archaeological research. Charlee is active in her community including the Indigenous National games, representing The University of Western Australia, and creation of murals.

CADETS & INTERNS

The Kids Research Institute Australia offers paid Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cadetships through the Wesfarmers Centre of Vaccines and Infectious Diseases (WCVID).

Open to Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander undergraduate and postgraduate coursework students at the University of Western Australia, the 12-month program provides hands-on experience in a real-world research environment. Cadets complete four rotations across WCVID teams, gaining valuable skills, confidence, and insight into research careers within a supportive and culturally safe environment

Imogen John, a proud Nyikina woman from Broome, completed a 12-week rotation with the Healthy Skin Team between February and May 2026 as part of her Aboriginal Cadetship at The Kids Research Institute Australia.

At the time, Imogen was in her second year at the University of Western Australia studying Biological Science, with aspirations to move into Biomed. During her rotation, she contributed to a range of research activities, including developing client information sheets, supporting project protocols, visiting Perth Children's Hospital wards, and participating in capacity-building opportunities across the Healthy Skin Team's projects.

Imogen reflected that this cadetship provided valuable research experience, new professional connections, and a strengthened vision for her future career in science and research.

Imogen John



Iris Jeffrey



Iris Jeffrey joined the Healthy Skin Team as an Aurora Foundation Intern from November–December 2025. Iris is a proud Wotjobaluk woman from Melbourne and a Doctor of Medicine student, having previously completed a Bachelor of Science with majors in Anatomy and Physiology. During her four-week placement, Iris worked closely with the Moorditj Marp team, exploring the role of research and community partnerships in improving health outcomes. Iris shared:

"While my medical studies have deepened my passion for working directly with individuals, I am equally driven to contribute to projects and research that support broader community outcomes and drive long-term societal change."

It was a pleasure to have Iris as part of the team, and we wish her all the very best as she continues her medical journey.

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY UNDERGRADUATE INTERNS

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Mary Shim



Mary is from Houston, Texas, and is entering her third year, where she studies Neuroscience, Global Health & Health Policy, and Bioengineering. Mary has been accepted into medical school, and is currently doing an internship in Geneva in Antimicrobial Resistance. She interned with the Healthy Skin Team from July to August 2025, supporting paediatric infectious disease trials, including SNAP and SNOOPY, assisting with ethics approvals, and contributing to culturally grounded outreach initiatives in Moorditj Marp projects aimed at improving care for Aboriginal children. During her internship, Mary also joined paediatric ward rounds and received training to engage directly with families about their care experiences and priorities.

Mary contributed to the preparation of a vancomycin safety bundle manuscript, which has since been published. Reflecting on her experience, Mary shared:

“This summer helped affirm not only my interest in medicine, but also my desire to keep working at the intersection of clinical care and health equity in a context beyond science, towards developing meaningful relationships with patients.”

Our team has supported five previous Princeton interns, many of whom have gone on to medical school in the USA.

Jana is from New York City and is entering her third year, where she studies Molecular Biology with plans of pursuing a career in medicine. She joined the Healthy Skin Team from June to July 2026.

In support of the Moorditj Marp project, Jana is contributing to the *Kaal Tackles Eczema* storybook evaluation by carrying a mini literature review exploring clinicians' perspectives on similar health literacy initiatives for Indigenous communities. She helped create project resources, including flyers and surveys for the NNN Campaign Evaluation, social media tiles, and the read-aloud Kaal storybook. Jana played a key role in making this newsletter, helped develop the protocol for the SNAP Trial Cultural Information Hub evaluation, attended ward rounds, and supported community outreach. Through her internship, Jana gained valuable insight into the importance of designing and conducting research projects in partnership with the communities they are intended to serve.

Jana Petrovic



Dr. Keerthi Anpalagan



Keerthi is now working full-time as a Research Assistant, supporting both Urban Skin projects and SNAP (Golden Staph clinical trials). She has also recently been awarded her PhD at the University of Western Australia, where she researched Golden Staph infections in children, looking at how these infections affect families and the health system, and finding better ways to use antibiotics and scans to improve care. A huge congratulations to Keerthi on her PhD!

Taleah successfully graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Anatomy and Human Biology from the University of Western Australia (UWA). She is now continuing her studies in Medicine at UWA, and has transitioned into a casual role with the Healthy Skin Team.

Taleah has been honoured with two awards recognising her dedication and impact. Be sure to check out the Awards section later in this newsletter to learn more about these well-deserved achievements.

Taleah Ugle



Jacinta Walton



Jacinta recently completed her Bachelor of Health Science at Edith Cowan University, where she studied Health Promotion. She has now started her Higher Degree by Research Master's studies in Philosophy at the University of Western Australia. Jacinta was awarded a prestigious Aurora Cancer Scholarship for her studies. Congratulations Jacinta!



Brooke has moved into a new full-time role as an Aboriginal Project Coordinator with ISAAC. In this role, she is helping support Aboriginal leadership and decision-making at a national level. She is also working to make sure Aboriginal knowledge and ways of managing data are respected and included in healthcare. Brooke is completing her undergraduate degree at the University of Western Australia in 2026.

Brooke Garlett



Dr. Heather-Lynn Kessarlis



Congratulations to Dr. Heather-Lynn Kessarlis, on successfully passing the written and clinical examination in the Australasian dermatology specialist training program. This is a significant milestone in her dermatology training, and we are delighted to celebrate this achievement with her.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & EVENTS ¹¹

Connecting with mob is an important part of our work. We love being a part of community events to yarn with families, promote skin health, share resources such as *Kaal Tackles Eczema*, and share details about research projects and study opportunities. This helps ensure our work serves the experiences and needs of Aboriginal children, families, and communities.

We also attend other events that celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture and support skin health. Along the way, we have connected with community groups, organisations, and health teams, strengthening partnerships and sharing knowledge to support better outcomes into the future. We always aim to involve community in the next steps of our research projects at these events.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Lisa P. and Brooke at the Discovery Centre during NAIDOC Week with Kulunga Aboriginal Unit (July 2025)



Yarning about being 3
★ Come along with your Koolankas!
Join us for a morning full of play, connection and learning. Meet early childhood professionals and other families to yarn about what it means to turn three-years-old.

Jacinta attended Yarning about being 3 by Derbarl Yerrigan (November 2025)



Jacinta, Brooke, and our Princeton intern Mary at Binar Futures Health Embassy (July 2025)

Our team supported the Welcome Baby to Country event by providing resources like storybooks and postcards for the Wesfarmers team to share with families (May 2026)



Jacinta, Eloise (a medical student on the team), & Liam from the Kulunga Broome Team at Binar Futures in Broome (October 2025)

Lisa P. and Brooke attended the Midland NAIDOC Event (October 2025)



Lisa P. and Agnes attended the WCVID NAIDOC event at The Kids Cockburn site (October 2025)

Brooke and Taleah attended the Cultural Day on Boodja (Country) for Ngulluk Moort, Ngulluk Boodja, Ngulluk Wirin Study (Sept 2025)



Taleah and Kasharla from the ACSG attended the Moort Waabiny 10 year event (November 2025)



Lisa P. and Iris, our former Aurora intern from Melbourne attended Moorditj Koort Women's Group at South Lake (November 2025)

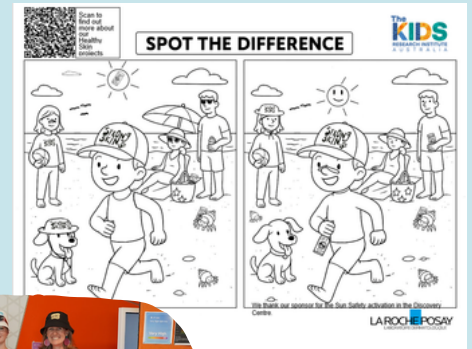
Charlee, Lisa P., Ingrid, and Steph attended Derbarl Yerrigan Kids Healthy Skin Day (April 2026)



Discovery Centre Sun Safety Activation (2026)

Charlee and Agnes attended this event, and loved seeing so many children and families getting involved over the 10 days. The Dino-lite was a big hit with both kids and adults, giving them a chance to look at their skin under the microscope and see the details up close.

“Spot the difference” (see image) was also a favourite among kids, while younger children especially enjoyed dressing up dolls in sun-safe clothing. The hats and sunscreen giveaways were very popular and helped spark some great conversations about staying safe in the sun.



Cultural Immersion Class with Uncle Noel (2026)

As part of Taleah’s first week of Medicine at UWA, Uncle Noel shared stories and cultural knowledge on Country, encouraging students to begin their medical journey with a deeper understanding of Aboriginal perspectives and the importance of self-reflection.

Supporting Aboriginal Medical Students in W.A.: AHCWA Ngalla Bidi Fundraising Breakfast (March 2026)

Asha and Taleah recently attended this event, which raised funds for the Ngalla Bidi Bursary. The bursary supports Aboriginal medical students in Western Australia to attend the Pacific Region Indigenous Doctors Congress (PRIDoC), where they can build connections, grow their confidence, and strengthen their cultural identity—helping support a stronger, healthier future for mob.



Indigenous Data Sovereignty (IDS) Conference (June 2026)

Brooke and Lisa P. attended this inspiring two-day conference in Adelaide, which showcased progress in Indigenous-led data governance while highlighting the ongoing work needed to fully embed IDS principles in practice. Hearing diverse perspectives and challenges from across Australia reinforced the importance of our team's work and affirmed that we are on the right track in driving meaningful change.

PRESENTATIONS

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NGANGK NGABALA NGOONDA (SUN SAFETY) OF YOUNG MOB OF WA



Jacinta presented at the Cancer Council Relay for Life Event Launch, November 2025, Bunbury.



Jacinta presented at South West Aboriginal Medical Service (SWAMS) Research Forum, June 2026, Bunbury.

THE PERTH DERMATOLOGY RESEARCH COLLABORATIVE (PDRC) - THE KIDS JOINT ACADEMIC SESSION, MARCH 2026



Jacinta and Brooke presented on the Ngangk Ngabala Ngoonda project and Dr Rachel Burgess shared insights from East Kimberley communities on scabies and head lice.



MOORDITJ MARP (STRONG SKIN): THE IMPORTANCE AND IMPACT OF COMMUNITY-DRIVEN SKIN HEALTH RESEARCH AND PROMOTION



Jacinta and Taleah presented at the Aboriginal Health Conference, August 2025, Perth.



Jacinta and Taleah presented at the Child Health Research Symposium (CAHS), November 2025, Perth Children's Hospital.



CAHS Child Health Research Symposium Group Photo (left to right: Brooke, Asha, Hannah, Taleah, Jacinta)

HEALTHY SKIN TEAM PUBLICATIONS

"You can't heal yourself in that setting and you wouldn't expect other people in this country to":
Yarning about housing and environmental health in remote Aboriginal communities of Western Australia

[Read manuscript](#)

Berrembi Jarragboo-Boorroo Wajawoorroo
Men'Gawoom Gijam (Gija Healthy Skin Story): Two-Way Learning for Healthy Skin

[Read manuscript](#)

Person, Provider, Practice and Policy—P4: A framework for two-way learning and Aboriginal community-led health promotion and evaluation

[Read manuscript](#)

Oombarl Oombarl Joorrinygor – Slowly Slowly Moving Forward: Reflections from a Cross-Cultural Team Working Together on the See, Treat, Prevent (SToP) Trial in the Kimberley Region of Western Australia

[Read manuscript](#)

Centralising Local Aboriginal Language and Culture in Healthy Skin Books on the See Treat Prevent (SToP) Trial in the Kimberley Region of Western Australia: A Process and Impact Inquiry

[Read manuscript](#)

The Koolungar (Children) Moorditj (Strong) Healthy Skin Project Part I: Conducting First Nations Research in Pediatric Dermatology

[Read manuscript](#)

Koolungar (Children) Moorditj (Strong) Healthy Skin Project Part II: Skin Health in Urban-Living Australian Aboriginal Children

[Read manuscript](#)

Recommendations for Sun Protection in Children and Young People: A Systematic Review of Guidelines and Consensus Statements

[Read manuscript](#)

Letter to Editor: Translating the Eczema Bathing Study: why context and infection burden matter

[Read manuscript](#)

THE KIDS RESEARCH INSTITUTE PUBLICATIONS EXCELLENCE AWARD (RESEARCH TRANSLATION) 2025



The Healthy Skin Team received this award for the *Kaal Tackles Eczema* storybook's significant impact in improving skin health literacy among Aboriginal families and addressing a critical gap in culturally relevant eczema education.

THE KIDS IMPACT REPORT 2025



The Ngangk Ngabala Ngoonda media talents were featured on the front cover of The Kids Impact Report!

Link: [The Kids Impact Report 2025](#)

PREMIER'S SCIENCE AWARDS 2025



Asha Bowen:

Mid-Career Scientist of the Year Winner



Taleah Ugle:

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander STEM Student of the Year Winner

NAIDOC PERTH EDUCATION ACHIEVEMENT OF THE YEAR AWARD RUNNER-UP 2026

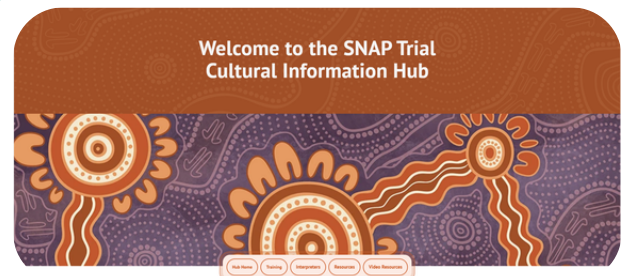


Taleah Ugle received this award for her outstanding commitment to education, Aboriginal health, leadership, and community.

RESOURCES

SNAP TRIAL CULTURAL INFORMATION HUB

Following staff survey feedback and guidance from the SNAP Trial Cultural Advisory Committee, the SNAP Cultural Information Hub (CIH) launched in November 2025. The CIH is an online resource for clinical trial investigators, offering practical tools, guidance, and training to support culturally safe and respectful engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander participants. Clinicians and researchers are encouraged to explore this resource for support in their practice.



[Check out the Cultural Information Hub](#)

HEALTHY SKIN TEAM RESOURCE HUB

[Check out the Resource Hub](#)



**STRONG
SKIN**

We, The Healthy Skin Team, believe every child and young person deserves strong healthy skin through science, community driven action, and a focus on health equity, especially for Aboriginal kids.

We work to prevent skin infections and their serious impacts.

STRONG SKIN, STRONG KIDS, STRONG COMMUNITIES.

If you would like to reach out to the Healthy Skin team, please contact StrongSkin@thekids.org.au, visit our webpage: www.thekids.org.au/healthy-skin or follow us on socials: [Strong Skin \(LinkedIn\)](#).

Images throughout this newsletter have been used with permission, thank you to all the koolugnar (children) and families for supporting our work.

Thank you to [Kelli Savietto](#) for the graphic design template.

Artwork by Luke Riches, Bardi man from Ardyaloon, Dampier Peninsula. Artwork story: Gathering Circles tells the story of the The SToP (See, Treat, Prevent) Skin Sores and Scabies Trial. The circles represent the nine Aboriginal communities working with the SToP Trial.

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