A NEW CHAPTER FOR OT IN SA
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PRESENTERS EMMA GEORGE AND TREVOR RITCHIE
We acknowledge the traditional owners of the land we meet on today, the Kaurna people of the Adelaide Plains, and pay our respects to Elders past, present and future. We recognise and respect their cultural heritage, beliefs and relationship with the land and acknowledge that they are of continuing importance to the Kaurna people living today.

http://www.weekendnotes.com/warriparinga-nature-reserve/
Why is facilitating generational change important to me?

to address health inequity

to tackle the big issues
to partner with communities
to support cultural safety
to promote health
Why is facilitating generational change important to me?

to improve health outcomes

to learn from older generations

to teach younger generations

to provide the best services

to develop holistic policy

...for my son to have a better life than mine...
OT Program
more than recovery and rehabilitation

Primary Health Care Approaches in OT

mental health
acute care
physical rehab
community health
chronic conditions
work rehab
aged care
paediatrics
Can occupational therapy respond to the challenge to ‘Close the gap’?

skills
knowledge
attitude
"I've never met a Malaysian person before"

"I've never met an Aboriginal person before"
Opportunity to share

people ask my opinion

encouraging  frustrating
Indigenous Student Support (ISS) Unit

Tutoring (Indigenous Tutoring Assistance Scheme)

buzz
say Hi
care
invest
Indigenous Student Support (ISS) Unit

place support and a resource

“As a kid my nanna always told me when I go on ‘other people’s country to introduce myself to the land and acknowledge the owners. For me personally, it shows a sign of respect. I think the ‘Acknowledge Traditional Owners and Welcome to Country Protocol’ is important for someone like myself who understands what that means, but for others they might just see it as something that is said because lecturers are told to do it. By educating those who are unaware of the meaning behind it, it may help with the bringing together of Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians. It may be a small step, but it is something that contributes to reconciliation.”

(K Hunter, 2nd year OT Student)
“For me when I hear the acknowledgement of the traditional owners, I feel a great sense of pride that we the Kaurna people are being recognised, and everything else is that being recognised as well: the land, people language, stories, dances, traditions and dreaming. There is a sense of spiritual fulfilment that comes when hearing it… When I hear it I personally fell very welcomes by it and I know immediately that this is likely to be a culturally safe and respectful environment”.

(T Ritchie, 4th year student)
Indigenous Student Support (ISS) Unit

**influence**

- promote discussion
- “thank you for having me”
- welcoming and cultural safety
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Vision for the future

GROWING CONFIDENCE
RECRUITMENT
RETENTION
INDIGENOUS ACADEMICS
ABORIGINAL PROFESSIONAL HEALTH WORKERS
CULTURAL COMPETENCY AND ACCESS
IAHA IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA
“to achieve equality in health status and life expectancy between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and non-Indigenous Australians by the year 2030”

Looking forward: skills, knowledge, attitude

“thank you for having us”

“ngaitalya”
REFERENCES


