



Our Story, Our Way Placemat for Partnership Opportunities IMMEDIATE ENABLERS

Our Story Our Way weaves a complex, multifaceted, integrated and Aboriginal-led program of structural reform in the Pilbara to change power, resources and outcomes. Unprecedented in vision and scope, Our Story Our Way carefully organizes strategic effort under four workstreams. Investing in immediate enablers in each workstream introduces the necessary firepower to continue Aboriginal community control and accelerate health and wellbeing.

PAHA are seeking funding partners or in kind support for enablers across workstreams for Our Story Our Way.
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TO SUPPORT ALL FOUR STREAMS THROUGH ACCELERATED CAPACITY

- ◆ **Fund governance and accelerate engagement** including consumables, resources about key priorities and tailored group meetings to enhance Aboriginal self-determination and capacity building
- ◆ **Fund OSOW Advanced Data Analyst** to introduce immediate analytic capacity to produce prioritized data reports and translate raw data into lay language
- ◆ **Fund innovative OSOW Aboriginal Knowledge Facilitator role(s)** to provide unparalleled opportunity for emerging Aboriginal leader(s) with Pilbara kinship links to contribute to OSOW according to their skills and professional career priorities as negotiated through personal learning plans
- ◆ **Fund a dedicated OSOW Program Manager** to manage progress and achievement of milestones across all four streams including the production of project management plans in conjunction with Aboriginal Directors

IMMEDIATE ENABLERS FOR INTERNAL DATA WORKSTREAM

Stream Owner: Mawarnkarra AMS / Director Leads: Jolleen Hicks & Michael Saylor

- ◆ **Fund PAHA's Preferred Partner** appointed through a national selection process to build the digital datalake with all necessary IT and privacy specifications to enable all three Member organisations to pool de-identified data, generate dashboards in Special Interest (SI) topics and build contemporary health profiles and performance reports. Through a series of carefully planned proof-of-concept projects led by Aboriginal Directors, this digital datalake will produce unparalleled insights into clinical service needs, health promotion programs and place-based partnerships to act on key social and economic determinants.
- ◆ **Fund an applied research project** in the Pilbara to apply World Bank methodologies to share primary health care data with communities to improve patient journey pathways. Community deliberation to rank the local relevance of key national priorities such as cancer prevention and screening, acute rheumatic fever (ARF), rheumatic heart disease (RHD), trachoma and/or ear disease would trigger a comprehensive audit of current patient journeys using data accessed through the digital datalake to reveal missed steps and suboptimal outcomes. Using continuous quality improvement (CQI) methods, this project will resolve barriers to integration, coordination and best practice for Aboriginal people in the Pilbara embedding pathways in Communicare.

SIGNIFICANCE: This investment enables an immediate capacity to create and use the digital datalake required to assess health needs and improve service delivery across the region. This digital datalake will be engineered to integrate all future health datasets repatriated by PAHA including for example hospitalization data, infectious disease data and environmental determinants. This digital datalake ensures that PAHA can provide evidence based data reports on the Pilbara around health priorities valued by Aboriginal people and based on contemporary data with automated results verification.



IMMEDIATE ENABLERS FOR DATA REPATRIATION WORKSTREAM Stream Owner: PAHA / Director Lead: Mr Richard Ansey	
◆ Fund a three-day Aboriginal-led Health Summit in the Pilbara in collaboration with AHCWA, WA Government and all ACCHOs in WA to share experiences in Priority Reform 4, promote collaboration and identify strategic initiatives to be led by Aboriginal communities.	
SIGNIFICANCE: PAHA's partnership with the Office of Digital Government in the Department of Premier and Cabinet (DPC) was formally endorsed in 2023 yet there are many other senior departmental heads and executive who acknowledge the need to change government policy approaches, procurement and partnerships. Funding this Aboriginal-led, on country forum with senior executive across all government departments will build a shared understanding of success in Closing the Gap and identify actions for all parties (Aboriginal community controlled health sector and government) to exceed expectations in implementing the current National Agreement on Closing the Gap in the Pilbara. This proactive approach reinforces Aboriginal leadership in WA and nationally.	
IMMEDIATE ENABLERS FOR COMMUNITY PRIORITISATION WORKSTREAM Stream Owner: Puntukurnu AMS / Director Leads: Mr Billy Landy and Lawrence Whyoulter	
◆ Fund health storyboards with high audio-visual production values and communications impact.	
◆ Fund seven on-country health yarning circles to enable Aboriginal communities to determine service and research communities using contemporary health and social data.	
SIGNIFICANCE: This investment resolves a longstanding impediment to place-based Aboriginal community leadership in decisions about health policy and prioritization. While clearly dependent on Workstreams 1 and 2, there is immediate understanding of the importance of health literacy and community engagement to prepare templates and storyboards for future data inclusion.	
IMMEDIATE ENABLERS FOR RESEARCH GOVERNANCE WORKSTREAM Stream owner: Wirraka Maya AMS / Director Leads: Rowena Brown and Nora Cooke	
◆ Fund a high-level on-country Aboriginal Data Sovereignty Round Table including visiting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander professorial experts from ANU and Lowitja Institute.	
◆ Fund a comprehensive review of research commissioning to integrate Indigenous knowledge perspectives, Aboriginal determination of priorities and current 'best practice' in Australia and internationally.	
◆ Fund local Aboriginal health ethics workshops in the Pilbara in partnership with WAAHEC to produce new research application guidelines, IP requirements, community engagement standards and KPIs for external researchers.	
SIGNIFICANCE: As perceived and documented by many Aboriginal peoples across Australia, health and medical research is too frequently seen as an activity imposed by others onto Aboriginal people with limited if any convincing local benefit. Echoing a larger global movement, this investment produces the intellectual and operational foundations required for responsible research commissioning that will yield a much higher impact for Aboriginal peoples in the Pilbara. These resources will be 'open access' to maximise a wide dissemination and use by others who may not have the same immediate capacity to tackle this issue.	
WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT FROM PAHA AND MEMBER ORGANISATIONS	
☒ Genuine partnership with and positive growth in cultural safety and community engagement ☒ Exclusive invitations to ensure your support is visible at product launches, summits and forums associated with funded work ☒ Midpoint review to identify potential longer-term initiatives for co-badging and co-funding	
WHY SHOULD YOU INVEST?	
By fulfilling the promise of the "Pilbara Healing Journey from Desert to the Sea", impact on longterm health gain will accrue through four main mechanisms: (1) more accurate needs assessment and identification by communities of service gaps they prioritise (2) responsive investments in health promotion, primordial prevention, chronic disease management and service co-ordination (3) commissioned research in the future producing evidence about health conditions, strategies and programs of direct benefit to Aboriginal people in the Pilbara, and (4) increased empowerment rendered through 'governance of data' alongside 'data for governance'. Transformative structural reforms lead to healthier and equitable power relations which are health-promoting and heal intergenerational trauma, marginalisation and colonisation. Our Story Our Way is the roadmap for the "Pilbara Healing Journey from Desert to the Sea" developed through Aboriginal leadership to implement these mechanisms.	