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AIDA conference 2018: Vision into Action

The Australian Indigenous Doctors' Association (AIDA) is hosting its 2018 Conference on September 26th - 28th, at Crown Perth.

This year's conference focuses on bringing vision into action during this exciting time of change in Indigenous health and the key speakers headlining this conference include Ms Leila Smith from The Lowitja Institute, Dr Chelsea Bond from University of Queensland, Dr Michael Gannon, Laureate Professor Nicholas Talley and Senator Richard Di Natale.

The AIDA conference is an inspiring networking space that nurtures and builds on the foundations of membership, history and diversity. The event aims to generate a future that will continue to innovate, and plans that will stay strong in culture, whilst creating new opportunities in Indigenous health.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture is a source of strength, resilience, happiness, identity and confidence. Each of these are inextricably linked to health and wellbeing, making the protection and promotion of culture critical to progressing improvements in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health. Quality health care for Indigenous patients' needs to be responsive to cultural differences and free of the impacts of conscious and unconscious racism.

The three-day event will start with the AGM where four new Board members and the next President and Vice President will be elected.

AIDA Vice President, Dr Kris Rallah-Baker says, "The conference will conclude with our conference gala dinner where we will acknowledge 17 newly graduating Indigenous Doctors and five Indigenous Doctors who have recently completed their fellowships. It is incredibly important that we recognise the achievements of our members at every step of their career and celebrate the growth and development of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander medical workforce. In addition to celebrating these new doctors and fellows, we will also be announcing the Indigenous Doctor of the Year, Indigenous Medical Student of the Year and the AIDA Associate Member of the Year."

Based on the core values of unity, leadership and collaboration, AIDA aims to create an inspired vision that will translate into improved health outcomes for Australian communities.

The 2018 AIDA conference will be the time to put this vision into action.

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Location: Crown Perth

Date: 26th- 28th September 2018

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