

Nicole Turner – Nomination for IAHA Director

I am a Kamilaroi woman and am one of the few qualified Aboriginal community Nutritionists in Australia.

I am currently Chairperson of Indigenous Allied Health Australia (IAHA), and am very proud of the achievements that IAHA has achieved through out the last year, especially the excellent work regarding the Cultural Responsiveness Framework, and workshops that have been delivered around the country.

I am currently the Senior Program Manager at the University of Sydney Poche Centre. Through this centre I manage the Go4Fun healthy lifestyle program for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and families across the Hunter New England region.

My passion is nutrition and healthy living, and I believe we need to educate and give knowledge to our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people about the importance of maintaining a healthy lifestyle. I am involved with national, state and local committees and organisations and sit on the NSW Health Minister's advisory Rural health committee. I have published broadly in the area of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health, particularly around nutrition and have presented at many conferences nationally.

In 2014 I received the NSW Government's prestigious Gail May Award, which acknowledges those working tirelessly at the grassroots level to improve health outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people across the State.

I am very passionate about the future for Aboriginal people in this country and believe we can Close the Gap if we all work together.