

Australia to Host the Next International Union for Health Promotion and Education (IUHPE) World Conference

Story 1

Candace Angelo, Program Director of the GDIHP and Vice President of the Australian Health Promotion Association (AHPA), along with the AHPA Board, is pleased to announce that Australia has been successful in its bid to host the next International Union for Health Promotion and Education (IUHPE) World Conference on Health Promotion.

This prestigious global event brings together leaders, practitioners, and researchers in health promotion and public health from around the world. The IUHPE World Conference is the leading international forum for advancing health equity, sharing evidence-based practice, and fostering collaboration across countries and sectors.

The most recent conference, held in Abu Dhabi, was a major success, showcasing innovative approaches to addressing global health challenges. The upcoming Australian-hosted conference will build on that success, with a strong focus on First Nations leadership, community-led health promotion, and planetary health.

Ms Angelo said the opportunity to host the IUHPE Conference is a significant milestone for Australia's health promotion community.

"This is an incredible opportunity to highlight the depth and diversity of health promotion practice across Australia," Ms Angelo said. "It will allow us to share our strengths in Indigenous-led and community-driven approaches, while learning from our international colleagues."

Story 2

Welcoming the Next Generation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Promotion Professionals to the GDIHP

In Semester 2, Candace Angelo and Jasper Garay proudly commenced the mid-year intake of the Graduate Diploma in Indigenous Health Promotion (GDIHP), delivered face-to-face at the University Centre for Rural Health (UCRH) in Lismore. This year's cohort was warmly welcomed to beautiful Bunjalung Country, where teaching and learning were grounded in place, culture, and community connection. Students travelled from Western Australia, Queensland, and New South Wales, bringing rich experiences and perspectives from their own communities.

The face-to-face delivery provided an invaluable opportunity to teach on Country, deepening students' understanding of Indigenous ways of knowing, being, and doing in the context of health promotion. The program continues to nurture the next generation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health promotion professionals, strengthening local and national capacity to design, deliver, and lead culturally grounded health initiatives.

Candace and Jasper express their gratitude to the students for their enthusiasm and commitment throughout the block, and to Aunty Delta Arakwal and Bundjalung knowledge holder, for welcoming the group to Country and sharing their wisdom.



GDIHP 2025 Lismore cohort at the UCRH yarning circle



GDIHP cohort enjoying Bush Tucker together during Block intensive 1