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STRENGTHENING MIDWIFERY
30th-31st March 2023 • Canberra, Australia

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Nurturing collaborations and building alliances in midwifery education for a diverse though unified midwifery workforce, focusing on education across the career-span in midwifery.

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Cost: 2 day \$600, 1 day \$315 (\$AUD)

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Keynote speakers:



Professor Judith McAra Couper

Professor Judith McAra Couper is Head of the School of Clinical Sciences at Auckland University of Technology. She has held key positions in New Zealand including Chair of the Midwifery Council of New Zealand, and the National Maternity Monitoring Group, and Co-Chair of the Te Tatau o te Whare Kahu ki Hine Pae Ora, Aotearoa Midwifery Project. Internationally, Professor McAra Couper worked for the World Health Organization and United Nations Population Fund. She is passionate about midwifery, midwifery education, equity; good governance of midwifery organisations and learning how to be a better tauwi Tiriti partner in Aotearoa.



Associate Dean Nareen Young

Nareen Young is Associate Dean (Indigenous Leadership and Engagement) at the University of Technology, Business School, Sydney. She also leads Jumbunna Indigenous Education and Research Institute's Indigenous People and Work Research and Practice Hub which focuses on robust research and analysis, policy, practice, people and law reform. The Hub leads the National Indigenous employment sector and convenes the First Nations Employment Alliance.

Nareen is one of Australia's leading and most respected workplace Diversity practitioners, thinkers and influencers, lead and managed two Diversity peak bodies (Diversity Council Australia and NSW Working Women's Centre), with enormous impact and success, for nearly 15 years, and was then Director and Employment Lead at PwC's Indigenous Consulting for three years. She is influenced by both her Indigenous and culturally diverse heritages in this work and has received numerous awards and acknowledgements, including the inaugural Westpac 100 Women of Influence honour for Diversity.

Plenary speakers:



*Professor (Practice)
Alison J McMillan PSM*

Professor (Practice) Alison J McMillan PSM is the Commonwealth Chief Nursing and Midwifery Officer of Australia. In this role she provides high-level strategic policy advice to the Minister for Health and Aged Care, Minister for Aged Care and Minister for Sport, Assistant Minister for Health and Aged Care, Assistant Minister for Mental Health, Assistant Minister Rural and Regional Health, Assistant Minister for Indigenous Health, and the Executive and staff within the Department of Health and Aged care on nursing, midwifery, health system reform, health workforce, regulation and education.

Alison has been a Registered Nurse for more than 40 years, she has a Critical Care Nursing Certificate, a Bachelor Degree in Education, and a Master of Business Administration. She has received a number of awards including a Public Service Medal in June 2021 for outstanding public service to driving the Government's national health response priorities during the COVID-19 pandemic, particularly to infection prevention measures, a National Emergency Medal in recognition of service following the 2009 Victorian Bushfires and, in 2021, a Humanitarian Overseas Medal.



Elaine Gray

Elaine Gray is a Midwifery Advisor at Te Kāreti o ngā Kaiwhakawhānau ki Aotearoa New Zealand College of Midwives where she leads the continuing education programme for registered midwives. Her work involves working with the five schools of midwifery to support cohesion between undergraduate and graduate transition. A key strategy that Elaine has led for the profession is the promotion of sustainable practice and the development of professional support mechanisms for midwives in Aotearoa. This includes the transition of graduate midwives into their first year of practice. The Midwifery First Year of Practice Aotearoa is a funded national programme which includes embedding clinical practice supported by mentoring and education.



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