



2nd National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander **Suicide Prevention** 20-21 November 2018

**Indigenous Suicide** Prevention 22-23 November 2018

Conferences Rendezvous Hotel Perth Scarborough, Western Australia

## The National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander **Suicide Prevention Conference**

Date:	17 – 22 November 2018
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Venue:	Rendezvous Hotel, Scarborough
Delegates:	551
National Invited Speakers	20
Abstracts:	113 Abstracts

In 2018 Encanta Event Management was selected to host The National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Suicide Prevention Conference, and the second World Indigenous Suicide Prevention Conference. This was a combined international and national conference that bought together indigenous communities from across the world. These communities share common histories and are confronted with similar issues stemming from colonisation. The Conferences provided opportunities to network and collaborate between Indigenous people and communities, policy makers, and researchers and to collaborate and share solutions that work in suicide prevention. Encanta was contracted by the Centre of Best Practice in the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Suicide Prevention and The University of Western Australia to fully manage and deliver this important event on Indigenous Suicide

The two conferences ran over 4 days and a pre-conference Cultural Exchange Day was run on Monday 19th November showcasing a cultural immersion experience for young people from the Traditional Custodians of the land. The conference provided a platform and opportunity to connect with local people, country, history stories & culture in a safe place.

The conferences both included 20 National Keynote Speakers, Plenary Sessions & Panel Discussions, plus up to 7 Concurrent Sessions at any one time. In addition, Encanta managed a full Social Program, Cultural Workshops, Yarning Circles and conducted Smoking ceremonies for both National and World Indigenous communities.

With the nature of the event, ample risk management and social media policies were in place to ensure the safety of delegates physically and emotionally. The conferences included mentor and counselling programs open to all delegates, this was also complimented with wellness lounges, art and drawing supplies in every concurrent session and onsite masseuses for delegates to enjoy during morning tea and lunch breaks.







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