



Closing the Gap in the Hastings Macleay General Practice Network

One network...different towns & diversity amongst
our communities.

How we have met the challenges

May 2010 to March 2011.

Ro Stirling & James Smith.



Hastings Macleays approach to the delivery of the “Closing the Gap” PIP

Keys to our success

- *Delivery of a non-fuss “CTG” package
- *Local knowledge of current health issues and
community concerns
- *Passion to succeed

Demographics

Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander peoples in the



Hastings Valley - 1873

Macleay Valley - 2719

Source ABS estimates 2006

Numbers of Practices signed up

Hastings Valley

- Port Macquarie 14/15
 - Lake Cathie 1/1
 - North Haven 1/1
- Camden Haven 1/1
 - Laurieton 4/4
 - Wauchope 4/4



Macleay Valley

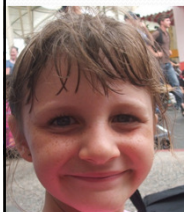
- Kempsey 3/4
- South West Rocks 4/5
- Durri AMS



Resources / tools we use to encourage participation in “Closing the Gap”

- *Local Artists, Conference bags & Local Community Members on Banners
- * Radio and Paper media advertisements
- *Localised posters & Outreach Program brochures
- *Information folders – workshop, Practice visits, lunch presentations

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***Cultural Awareness training**

***Development of a “Closing the Gap” letter to patients**

***Argus template ➡ GP clinical Software
 ➡ Patients notes**

Resources / tools we use to encourage participation in “Closing the Gap”

***Development of a data base of Allied Health Services, Specialists & their associated fees**



***Other relevant resource materials through our networks**

“Closing the Gap” Outreach service

***GP referral form to our Outreach Workers**

***Development of a client visit protocol**



***Client visit log sheet**

***Travel documentation**



***Data base of all visits/support/telephone calls,
etc**

Partnerships with other service providers:

***Macleay Valley Mental Health Professionals
Group**

***Hastings Macleay Aboriginal Health Workers
Network**

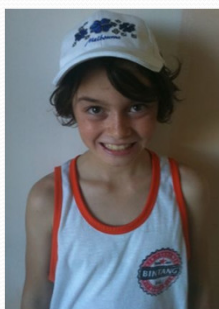
***Bearlay Aboriginal Interagency group**

***Birpai & Bunyah Aboriginal Land Councils**

Partnerships with other service providers:

***Employment Services**

***Hastings Macleay Community Transport**



***Durri AMS**

***Australian Hearing**

*** Mission Australia**

Partnerships with other service providers:

***Enabling an outreach doctor to obtain the ability to annotate “CTG” scripts**

***Mediation with the Port Macquarie Base Hospital pharmacists regarding “CTG” scripts**



***University of NSW - Medical students**

***Kempsey Interagency**

North Coast Area Health Service Partnership

***Chronic Disease/Connecting Care –
Integrated Service Planning meetings**

***Hastings & Macleays Hospitals Process
Mapping & Solutions Workshops**



***Aboriginal Immunisation clinics**

***Health Promotion Weeks**

Partnerships with Community programs

***Community Drug Action Team – Youth Week
Activities**

***NAIDOC & Deadly Days celebrations**

***Outreach Hearing clinic days for Aboriginal
adults**

***PCYC ,TAFE & Local High Schools- AECG's**

