

BOARD CHAIRPERSON NICOLE TURNER



Nicole Turner is a Kamilaroi woman and is one of the few qualified Aboriginal Community Nutritionists in Australia.

Nicole is the Chairperson of Indigenous Allied Health Australia (IAHA) and Senior Program Manager at the University of Newcastle's Centre for Rural and Remote Mental Health in conjunction with Hunter Medical Research Institute Public Health program. Through this centre Nicole runs the NSW health funded Go4Fun healthy lifestyle program for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and families across the Hunter New England region. Nicole's passion is nutrition and healthy living and believes we need to educate and give knowledge to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people about the importance of maintaining a healthy lifestyle, including social and emotional wellbeing and preventing chronic diseases. She is involved with national, state and local committees and organisations and on the NSW Health Minister's Rural advisory committee.

Nicole has published broadly in the area of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health and nutrition, and has presented at many conferences nationally.

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

She is very passionate about the future for Aboriginal people in this country and believes we can Close the Gap if we all work together.