

ASSOCIATE LECTURER/CLINICAL EDUCATOR MATTHEW WEST



Matthew West is a proud Wiradjuri man from Wellington in western NSW currently living and working on the NSW Central Coast. In 2013, Mr West graduated from the University of Newcastle with a Bachelor of Podiatry. In 2015, Mr West completed his honours by research focusing on how his local Indigenous community currently accesses podiatry services. Mr West is currently completing his PhD which is focused on developing a screening and intervention program to improve the current rate of amputation among the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community. Mr West currently holds concurrent positions as an Associate Lecturer and Clinical Educator at the University of Newcastle and is also Board Member of the Darkinjung Local Aboriginal Land Council.

In 2013, Mr West was the first person to successfully complete the Central Coast Indigenous Health Cadetship Program from an allied health discipline. Through this program, Mr West worked as a new graduate podiatrist in the Central Coast Local Health District (CCLHD) where he gained extensive experience in wound care, diabetes assessment and general podiatric care. Mr West has helped co-ordinate and provide foot health screenings at the annual CCLHD NAIDOC event since 2012. Following his time at the CCLHD he received a position at the University of Newcastle as an Associate Lecturer and Clinical Supervisor to compliment his Honours studies.