

# Mid North Coast Aboriginal Health Accord 2024 - 2029



Mid North Coast  
Local Health District

## Partners to the Accord

The Mid North Coast Aboriginal Health Accord includes five partner entities; Healthy North Coast Primary Health Network, Durri Aboriginal Corporation Medical Service, Galambila Aboriginal Health Service, Werin Aboriginal Corporation and Mid North Coast Local Health District.

## Preamble

The Mid North Coast Aboriginal Health Accord has existed since 2014. It provides a sound framework for the partnership organisations to work effectively together to focus on Aboriginal health and collaboratively address the issues of service access, quality, and integration.

The partnership aims to continue reducing the life expectancy gap between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people and improved health outcomes.

The Accord ensures that there are effective partnerships and meaningful collaboration focused on shared decision-making which are vital to achieving improvements in the health and wellbeing of Aboriginal Communities.

## Accord Vision

Optimal health and wellbeing for Aboriginal people and communities on the Mid North Coast.

## Accord Mission

The Accord Partners will work together with stakeholders to achieve excellence in healthcare provision and equitable health outcomes for the Aboriginal community.

## Guiding Principles

The overarching principles guiding the partnership under the accord are;

- Partnership, not competition: we are not competitors in the provision of health care for Aboriginal people on the Mid North Coast, we are partners.
- Leadership for health: Strong leadership is required to bring about the necessary Aboriginal Health reform.

- Self-determination: Aboriginal Health outcomes will improve when Aboriginal people have an equal say in how health services are designed, delivered and evaluated.
- Innovation and Creativity: Creative exploration of innovative solutions to old problems is needed for success in improving health outcomes.
- Quality and Excellence: The pursuit of constantly improving health services and the achievement of the best possible health practices.
- Equity in healthcare: The Aboriginal community requires improved access to quality healthcare if current health outcomes are to be reversed.

## Overarching Policy Context

National, state, and local Aboriginal health policies and plans provide direction to achieve better outcomes which involves a multi-faceted and collaborative approach to change. The Accord considers current and emerging policies and plans including; *National Agreement on Close the Gap*, *National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Plan 2021—2031*, *NSW (New South Wales) Aboriginal Health Plan*, *NSW Health Partnership Agreement* and *MNLCHD Aboriginal Strategic Framework 2024-2034*. The Accord also recognises the Healthy North Coast Aboriginal Health Partnership.

## Process

- The Mid North Coast Aboriginal Health Accord will be enacted by the Mid North Coast Aboriginal Health Authority (MNCAHA), a dedicated high-level working committee comprised of the Chief Executive Officers of each of the five Partner entities.
- The MNCAHA will meet regularly to negotiate priority areas for action and provide oversight of work to achieve the agreed objectives.
- Higher level operational issues can be referred to the Authority for discussion and recommendation. Likewise, the Authority can refer operational issues back to operational leads for action.

**SIGNATORIES TO THIS AGREEMENT**

**Signed for and on behalf of Durri Aboriginal Corporation Medical Service:**

Stephen Blunden, Chief Executive Officer      Fred Kelly, Chair of the Board  
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**Signed for and on behalf of Galambila Aboriginal Health Service:**

Tracy Singleton, Chief Executive Officer      Terry Keighran, Chair of the Board  
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**Signed for and on behalf of Werin Aboriginal Corporation:**

Fay Adamson, Chief Executive Officer      Brian King, Chair of the Board  
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**Signed for and on behalf of the Healthy North Coast:**

Monika Wheeler, Chief Executive      Dr. Adrian Gilliland, Chair of the Board:  
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**Signed for and on behalf of the Mid North Coast Local Health District:**

Stewart Downick, Chief Executive      Peter Treseder AO, Chair of the Board  
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