

EARTRAIN

CLOSING THE GAP IN EAR HEALTH

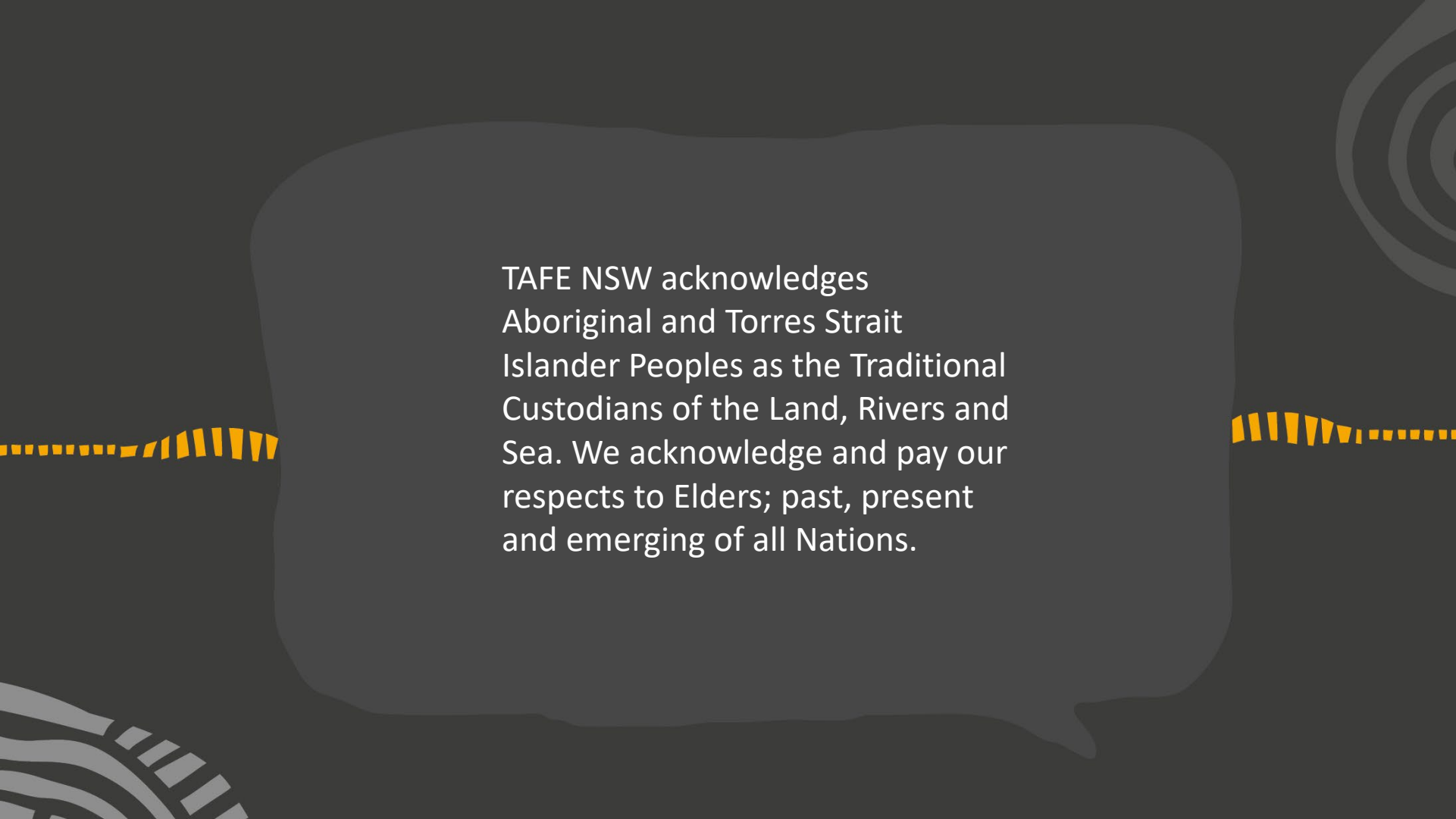
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Aboriginal and Torres Strait
Islander Peoples as the Traditional
Custodians of the Land, Rivers and
Sea. We acknowledge and pay our
respects to Elders; past, present
and emerging of all Nations.




WHY EARTRAIN?

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children experience some of the highest rates of ear disease in the world.
 - The rate of disease is 10 times the World Health Organisation's public health emergency threshold.
 - EarTrain was developed by the Audiometry teachers at TAFE Digital to deliver customisable micro-skills to Aboriginal Health Workers, Practitioners, nurses and doctors across Australia. The intent is to develop critical skills in the early identification and treatment of otitis media.
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WHAT IS EARTRAIN?

- Fully funded by the Australian Government – Department of Health & Aged Care
 - Delivered nationally by TAFE NSW
 - Blend of online topics and practical workshops:
 - Recognising signs of Otitis Media
 - Use of screening tools including Otoscopy, Tympanometry, Audiometry to screen for ear and hearing health
 - Confidence in referral pathways
 - Health promotion
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OUR FOCUS

- Early intervention
- Across the lifespan
- Everybody has a part to play
- Building local capacity



OUR TEAM



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OUR PARTNERS

- Supported by Hearing Australia
- Partnering with Sonic Equipment
- Justice Health - NSW
- State and Territory stakeholders representing Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisations, Health Departments, Rural Workforce Agencies, Primary Health Networks and community organisations



TRAINING TRACKS

SUMMARY OF TRAINING TRACKS AND TOPICS

- The training on the EarTrain program is divided into the following 12 tracks, each represented by a different colour. Each track can contain up to three different topics.

- You have been recommended topics for your job role but can enrol in any of the full list of 25 topics.

TRACKS	TOPICS	TRACKS	TOPICS	TRACKS	TOPICS
Otitis media matters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Otitis media matters: introduction 	Infection control	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Infection control: for audiometry* 	Audiometry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Audiometry: play audiometry* Audiometry: testing adults and bone conduction Audiometry: masking and other testing techniques.
Setting the scene	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Setting the scene: culture Setting the scene: health considerations Setting the scene: community engagement 	Otoscopy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Otoscopy: safe practice* Otoscopy: identifying conditions of the ear* Otoscopy: pneumatic otoscopy 	Otoacoustic emissions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Otoacoustic emissions: using and interpreting results
About otitis media	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> About otitis media: signs and symptoms* About otitis media: ear anatomy and physiology* About otitis media: different forms 	Tympanometry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tympanometry: for over 6 months of age* Tympanometry: for under 6 months of age 	Telehealth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Telehealth: remote care
Triggers and treatment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Triggers and treatment: prevention and health promotion Triggers and treatment: managing ear health Triggers and treatment: diagnosis and treatment 	Testing different ages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Testing different ages: types of tests and audiograms Testing different ages: what to expect Testing different ages: case studies Testing different ages: PLUM and HATS 	Practical workshop	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Practical workshop: skills development*

* Required topics in order to complete the national unit of competency: *HLTAU0002 Conduct play audiometry*



EarTrain and AHCWA Co-Delivering workshops in 2024

- 26 February – Albany
- 28 February – Bunbury
- 1 March – Kalgoorlie
- 5 March – Broome
- 6 March – Geraldton
- 8 March - Perth



**Aboriginal
Health Council
of Western Australia**

75 workshops to date

NSW Nowra, Wollongong, Dubbo, Mt Druitt, Wagga Wagga, Kempsey, Kingswood, Tharawal, Goonellabah, Tamworth, Bingara, Tamworth, Orange, Strathfield, Coffs Harbour

QLD Brisbane, Toowoomba, Mt Isa, Thursday Is, Townsville, Tully, Rockhampton, Cairns, Weipa, Toowoomba, Mt Isa

NT Darwin, Alice Springs, Tennant Creek, Katherine, Nhulunbuy, Alice Springs

SA Adelaide, Yalata, NAATSIHWP Conference, Ceduna

TAS Ulverstone, Launceston, Cygnet, Hobart

Nov-Dec 2023

NSW Kingswood, Ulladulla,

NT Katherine, Jabiru

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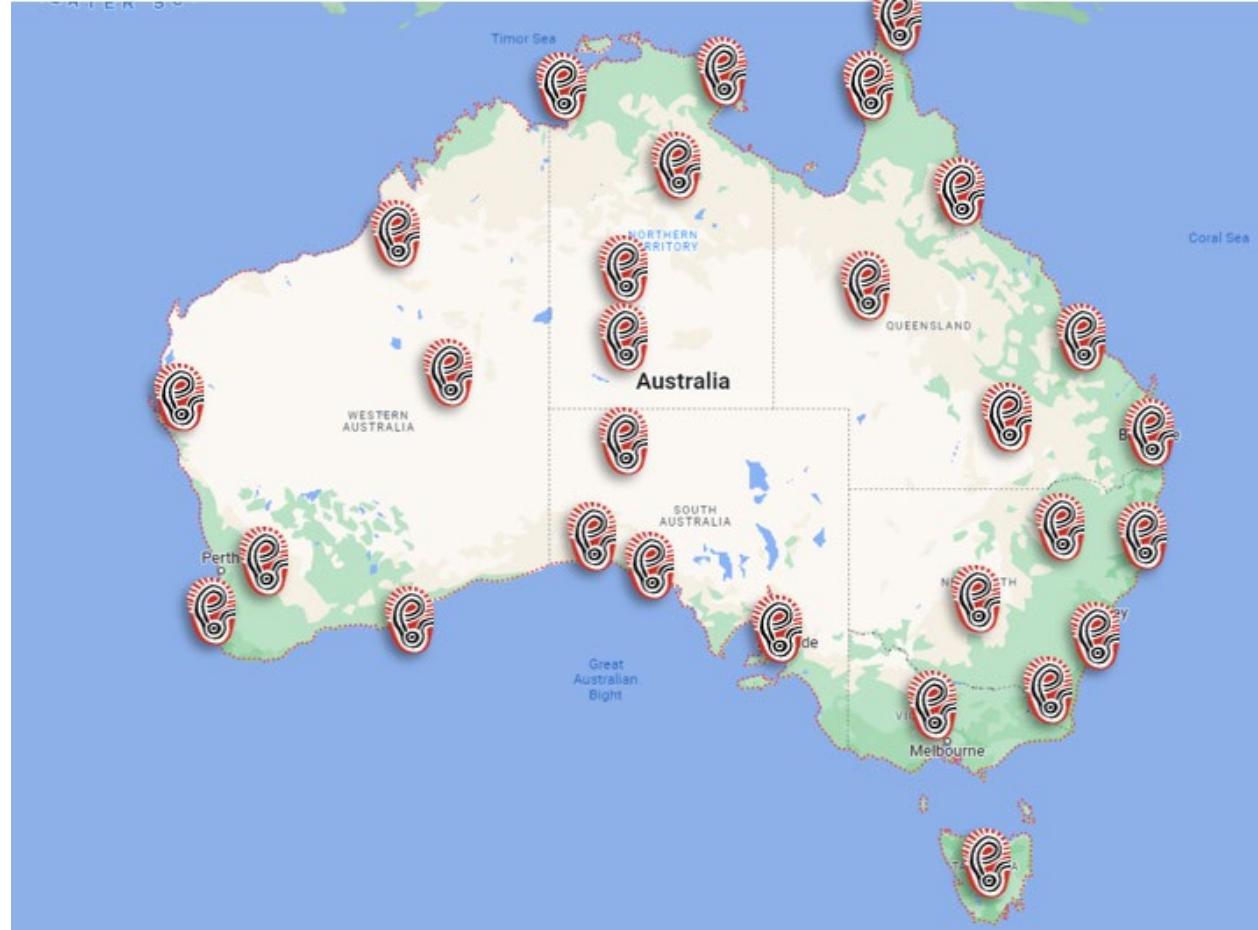
WA Perth, Broome, Bunbury, Kalgoorlie, Geraldton, Albany

VIC Melbourne and regional locations

TAS Ulverstone, Launceston, Cygnet, Hobart

SA Coober Pedy

NSW, NT, QLD



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THE EARTRAIN PROGRAM

EarTrain is a free online program for primary health care professionals to identify and treat otitis media and other hearing conditions in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

Otitis Media (middle ear infection) can be prevented and treated early with regular ear checks at every interaction with children and families. EarTrain aims to train and empower primary health care professionals to improve ear health in their communities.

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