



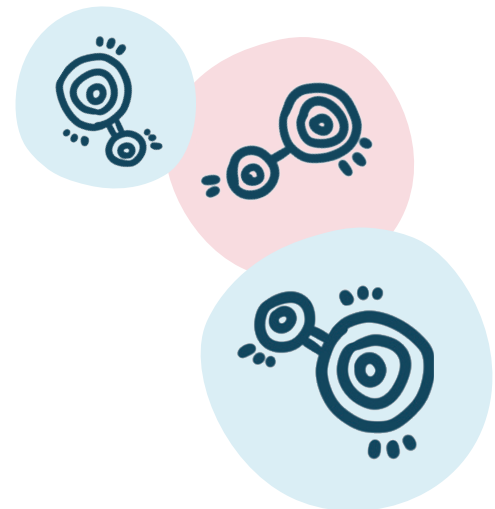
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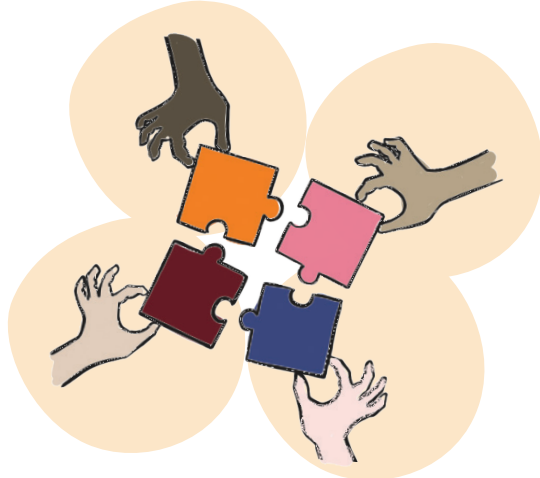
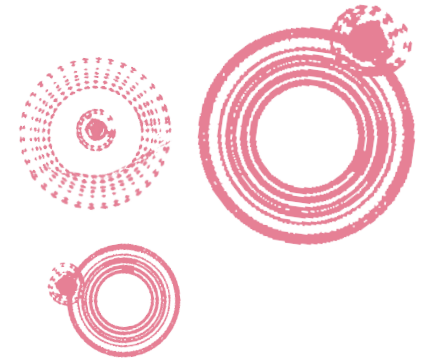
# Build the Foundations A snapshot

An evaluation of the WA Aboriginal Health  
and Wellbeing Framework  
2015–2030





This document provides a snapshot of the evaluation undertaken by Department of Health to review the first 5-year cycle of the WA Aboriginal Health and Wellbeing Framework. Information was gathered from a range of stakeholders to find out what foundations were built from 2015 to 2020. By asking questions and exploring issues, key findings were made. These findings will be used to guide the second 5-year cycle and embed what works.



# What is the framework?

The WA Aboriginal Health and Wellbeing Framework 2015-2030 aims to improve the health and wellbeing of Aboriginal people in WA.

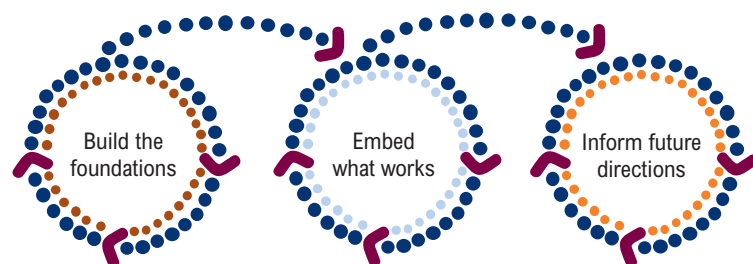
The framework was developed by Aboriginal people for Aboriginal people.

## Guiding principles

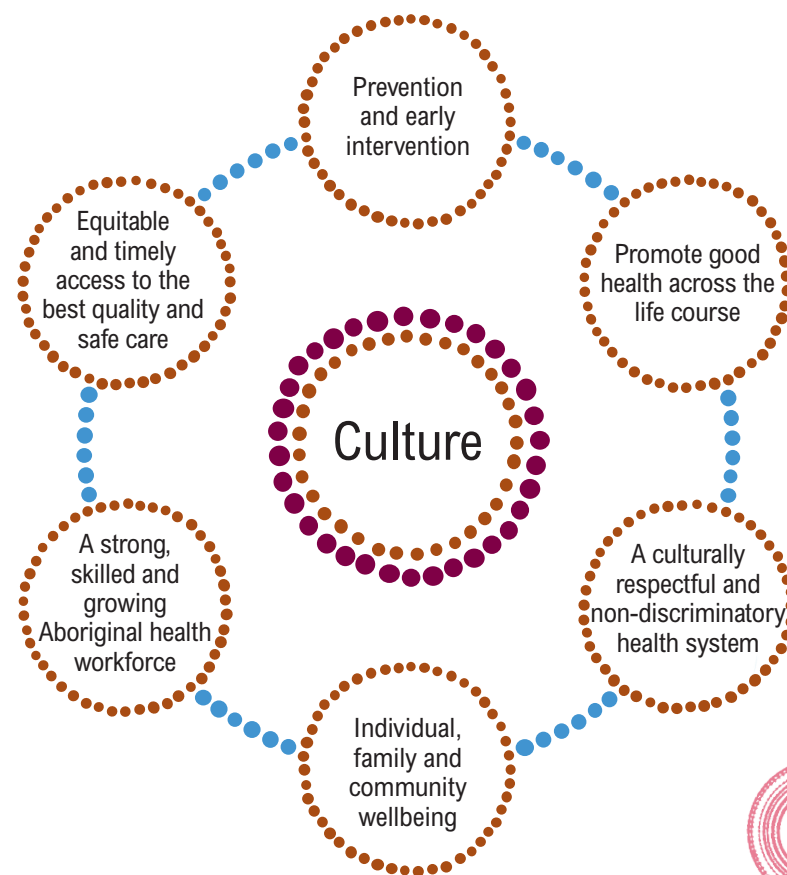
- cultural security
- the health and wellbeing of Aboriginal people is everyone's business
- partnerships
- Aboriginal community control and engagement
- access and equality
- accountability.

## 5-year cycles

Each cycle runs for 5 years and is evaluated after it is completed.



## Strategic directions



# How did we build the foundations?

From 2015–2020, the foundations were built by:

- employing more Aboriginal people
- increasing the understanding of Aboriginal health
- reducing leaving hospital before being seen or completing care
- supporting Aboriginal people to complete tertiary studies
- ensuring everyone in WA Health participated in cultural eLearning.

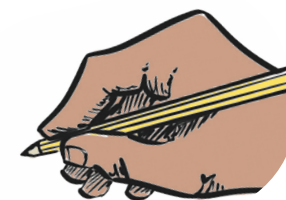


## The Implementation Guide

This supports health services to align plans to the framework's strategic directions and priority areas.

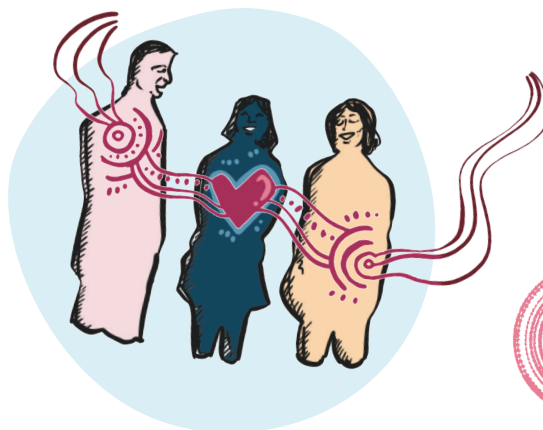
## The Monitoring and Reporting Plan

This tracks how the health system is working to improve Aboriginal health and wellbeing.



## The Outcomes Framework

This aligns Aboriginal community-based healthcare funding to the strategic directions and priority areas.

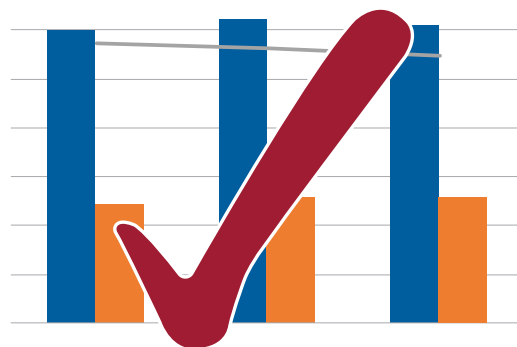
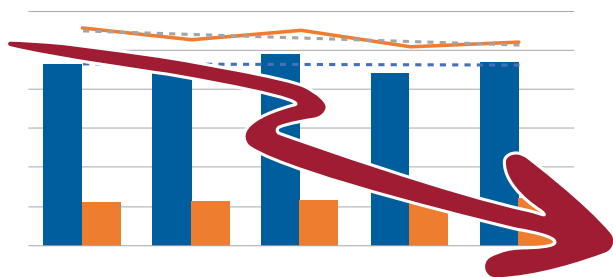


# What did the data tell us?

We asked how the health and wellbeing of Aboriginal people in WA changed over the first 5 years of the framework.

We found improvements in:

- mortality of children under 5 years of age
- life expectancy
- potentially avoidable mortality
- Discharge Against Medical Advice
- potentially preventable hospitalisations due to injury or poisoning
- access to hospital procedures
- the number of Aboriginal people employed in the WA health system.



# What did we hear?

We also asked how the WA health system had evolved to reflect the vision and strategic directions of the framework.

We heard there is:

- better tracking, reviewing and reporting of Aboriginal specific data
- organisational and cultural change, including improved:
  - engagement with staff, consumers and the broader health sector
  - Aboriginal representation in leadership positions and on Boards
  - understanding that Aboriginal health is everyone's business.

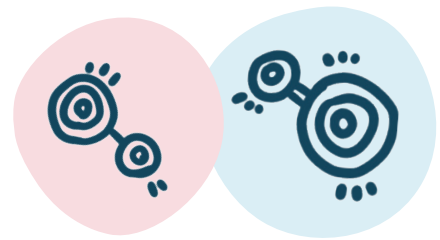
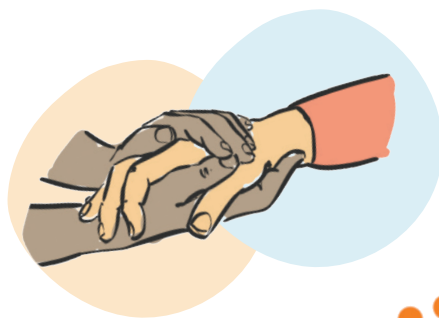
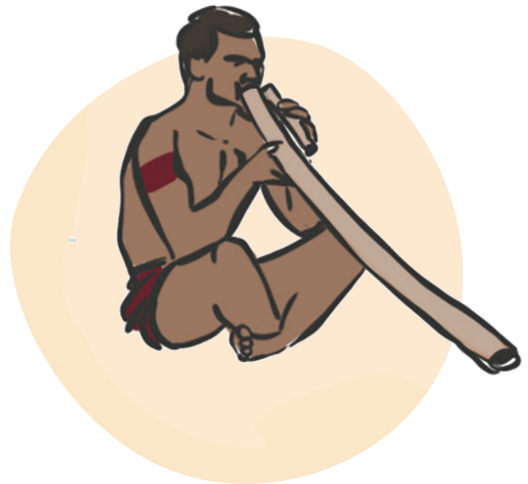
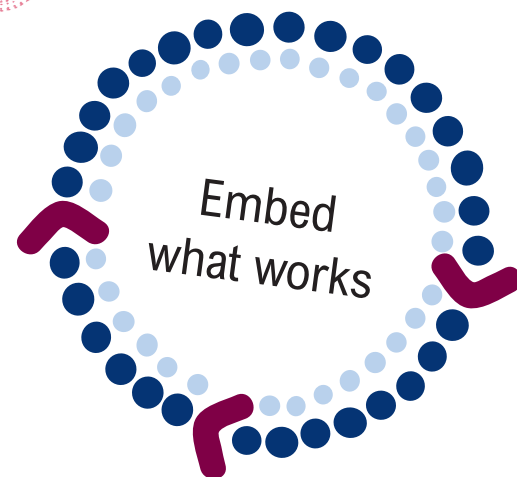


# What's next?

Our priorities for the next cycle are:

- culturally secure maternal, birthing and child health services
- a renewed focus on prevention and early intervention
- further embedding the framework
- reduce leaving hospital before being seen or completing care
- continue to track the health system's performance
- grow and expand Aboriginal cultural learning
- partner with the Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Service sector
- maintain and build engagement and consultation processes
- ongoing focus on growing the Aboriginal workforce
- work in partnership with health services to embed the framework
- develop Aboriginal data dashboards.

If we embed what works, we will be on our way to a culturally responsive and non-discriminatory health system.





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