



## Indigenous Webinar 2 – Gathering the evidence and exploring the approaches

### Questions and Answers

***It was mentioned that the Sport Demonstration Project (SDP) will cease to operate. Are there plans to implement, establish other similar programs that provide funding?***

**Mel:** The SDP has ceased to operate and an evaluation is currently being conducted. The findings of this evaluation will include recommendations to continue the great work already started. The Australian Sports Commission will share this information with State Departments of Sport and Recreation, national sporting organisations and other government departments. This will hopefully result in similar programs being conducted throughout Australia in remote communities.

***What do you think you would need to modify, if anything, to expand it to more isolated communities? Do you have any plans to do so?***

**Steve:** At the moment we have groups from isolated communities that visit Victoria on other programs and they link into our program via requests. For example participants on scholarships, AFL programs, YMCA programs, Desert to Surf and others. That is through networking and promoting to other organisations that have indigenous programs, building partnerships and being flexible. The Play It Safe by the Water program was organised to visit Arnhem Land last year with an AFL players program which was sadly postponed until a later date. We are open to opportunity that arises to expand our program.

***It was highlighted that on Tiwi, that culturally there can be issues about brothers and sisters talking each other. Is it common across wider indigenous communities for brothers and sisters to not be permitted to talk or is this just an issue within Tiwi Islands?***

**Mick:** Yes it is still common in many remote Aboriginal communities for brothers and sisters not to be able to talk to each other. Although the words brothers and sisters are used they are not actually brother and sister, however this is how the Tiwi Islands refer to each other. Each community is different so you will need to ask about the situation and then work around it when setting up a sport program.

***Do you feel that there are opportunities to implement health initiatives via these programs?***

Sport can be used as a tool to implement health initiatives; however programs need to identify and plan for these outcomes in the planning stages. Join us on Webinar 3 to see some examples of how organisations from other sectors are using sport as a tool to contribute to their outcomes.