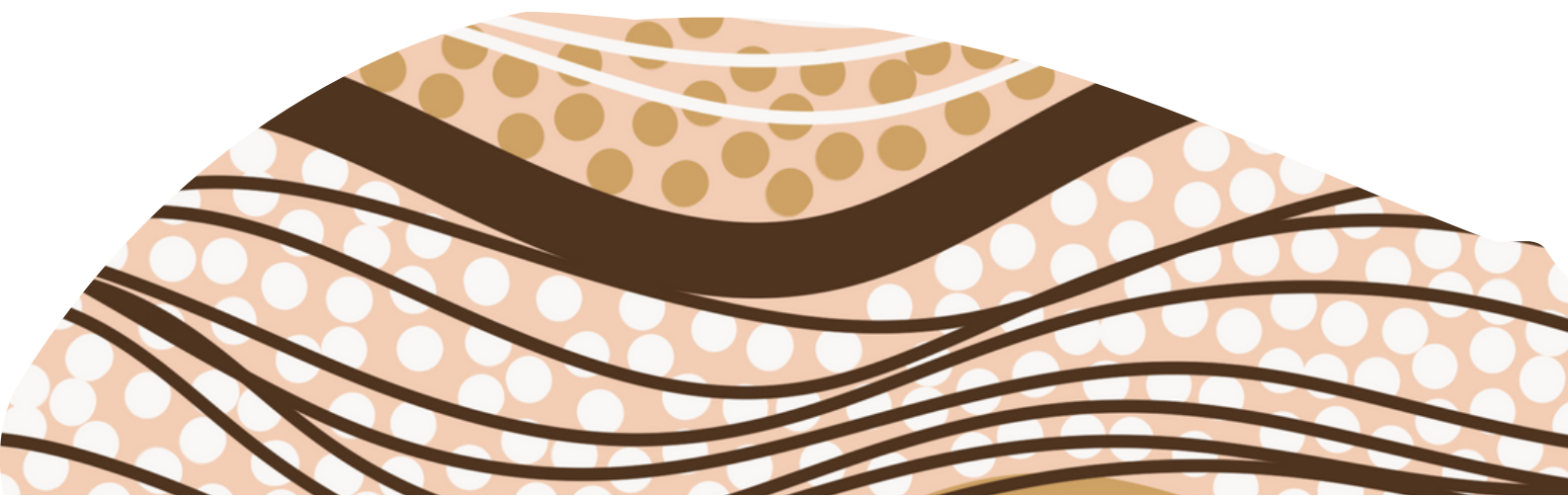


# ADAN SYMPOSIUM 2020

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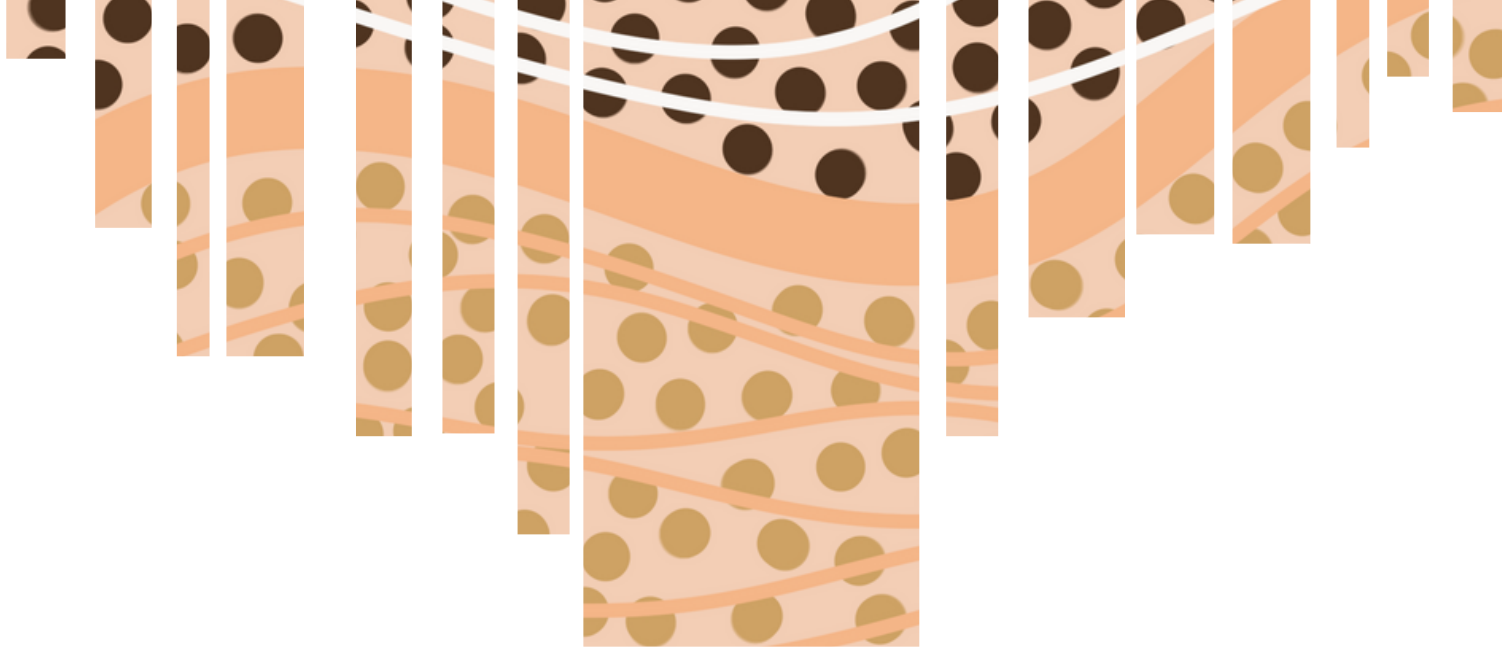




# OVERVIEW

**The AH&MRC ADAN Leadership Group hosted the 14th ADAN Symposium this year in Coffs Harbour. The Symposium was held on the 3rd March until the 5th March 2020.**

**The ADAN LG aimed to assemble an ADAN Symposium of which welcomed members to enable partnerships, engage in cultural and peer support, sharing of stories, and successful initiatives as well as to provide insight into current trends and new approaches in drug and alcohol treatment, care and management applicable to Aboriginal Communities.**



**The first day included a Cultural Ceremonies, an ADAN update from ADAN LG Chairperson Mr Martin Nean, an update from Aboriginal Health and Medical Research Council of NSW (AH&MRC) presented by Ms Angela Draper.**

**Throughout day 1, there were panel discussions, industry leaders and truly inspirational individuals, that focused on giving updates on the Special Commission into the Drug ICE, Working as Part of an NGO and Supporting AOD Clients. Mr Joe Cotye gave an inspirational update on The Aboriginal Drug and Alcohol Residential Rehabilitation Network (ADARRN).**

**The ADAN LG demonstrated amazing leadership skills by facilitating and providing the opportunity to ADAN Members to discuss within rotating yarning circles;**

- **Cultural Appropriateness of Services**
- **Reporting Mechanisms**
- **Forging Referral Pathways**
- **Maintaining Professional Development**

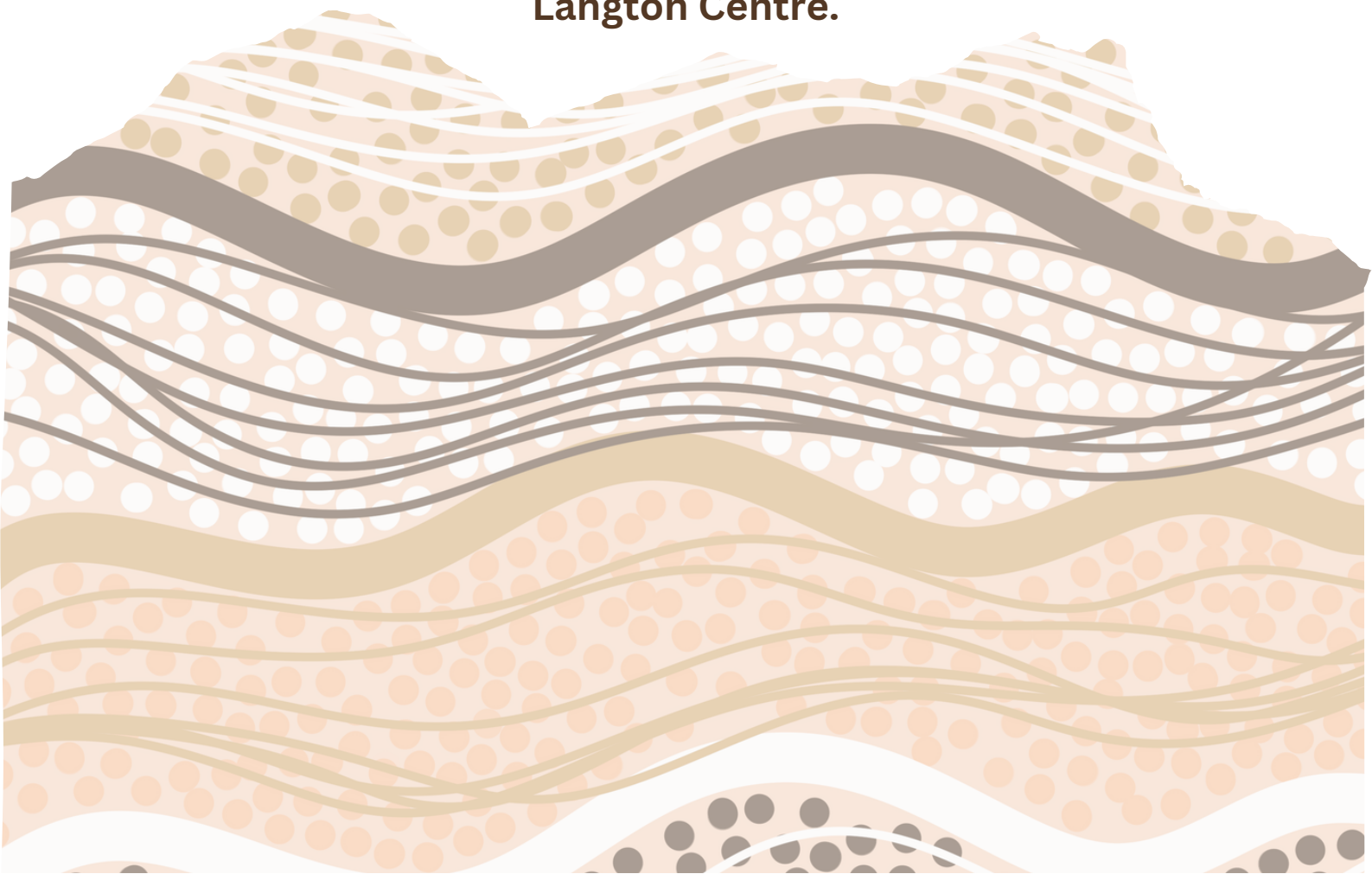
**This process allowed for ADAN Members to express their concerns, things that are being done well, and how things can be done better, as well as the barriers that are faced within each of these themes.**

# **1ST DAY**

# 2ND DAY

Day 2 of the ADAN Symposium saw a focus on the need to work better together delivered by CEO Joe Cotye and Mr Glen Colliss of the Glen for Men. Dry Blood Spotting presented by Nigel Carrington from the Sexual Health Infolink, assertive Community Management by Stephen Weston and Hayley Wicks of Hunter New England and Fine Management presented by Mr Terry Cook from NSW Revenue. The day also included services such as Dhabiyaanbaa Maarumali who shared Culturally Informed Healing Practices delivered by Rosalie Armstrong and Leon Winters. HNELHD Ms Kylie Paulson and Mr Hayden Mason-Powell spoke about the importance of culturally naming a service. Ms Raechel Wallace and Ms Suzie Hudson gave an update on the AOD Guidelines, Ms Leanne Lawrence gave an update on Kadesh Rebab and their services.

To finish day 2, Mr Gary Bell of SESLHD updated ADAN on the Langton Centre.





*Service Award - Raechel Wallace*

**Raechel Wallace is an individual that proactively supports the AOD workforce to be innovative and thrive in the sector for community. She has been working tirelessly across the sector to provide better support to our people.**

*Female AOD Worker of the Year - Kylie Paulson*

**Kylie Paulson has worked tirelessly to build strong working relationships with colleagues to ensure that the gap between indigenous clients and health care professionals within our service is minimized. To achieve this Kylie has focused on educating of colleagues on culturally sensitive issues and ways to develop meaningful engagement amongst those indigenous clients that are vulnerable, significantly disadvantaged and find engaging with mainstream services impossible to navigate and trust. Kylie is always available as a resource for clinicians to access. Assertive Community Management Team utilises Kylie's specific skill set regularly. Kylie really does make a difference to her service and community.**

*James Ward 'Outstanding Worker of the Year' - Bradley Freeburn*

**Bradley has been apart of this field for so many years. He is such a big part of the AOD space, because he puts so much passion and dedication towards it.**

**AWARD NIGHT**