

# Notre Dame Nulungu Talking Heads Seminar Series



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## 'Isolation no more: Can Person-Centred Care assist inclusion for Kimberley peoples impacted by Tuberculosis or Leprosy infection? A review of the PeTaL project.'

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> August 2019

Venue: NDB11/101

Time: 12:30pm – 1:30pm

Presenter: Stefanie Oliver

### Abstract

While physical isolation in Sanatoria or Leprosarium's is no longer part of treatment for people with Tuberculosis (TB) or Leprosy infection, other forms of isolation, such as psychological isolation or social exclusion, can still impact significantly on people's lives today from associated stigma and/or disability. The PeTaL project (Perspectives of Tuberculosis (TB) and Leprosy), is a PhD project that set out with the aim to explore, using qualitative methodology, the lived experience of Kimberley peoples involved in the treatment of either TB or Leprosy since 2012, to understand what works and what could be improved within a culturally secure and person-centred care context. This presentation will cast light on some of the historical aspects of the treatment of TB and Leprosy, coupled with the evolution of Person Centred Care in health, before talking about what this can mean for current health care offered to Kimberley peoples whose social worlds are impacted.



### Biographies

Stefanie is a non-Indigenous Perth born woman who first worked in Broome in 1999-2000 as a newly registered pharmacist. Since then, she has travelled and studied extensively, with Perth and family as her base. The completion of a Master of Health Science (with a focus on Phyto-therapy, Traditional Medicine and Place) was followed by a move back to Broome in January 2012 for work. A second Masters in 'Culture, Health and Medicine' was stopped short in order to pursue a PhD, to focus on her passion of care in health in relation to treatment of infectious disease. Today, while in her third year of the PhD, Stefanie works and lives in the Broome community working part-time mainly as a clinical pharmacist at Broome hospital.



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