

**CREATING
A SPACE _____
FOR INNOVATION**

ABSTRACT FORM

**THE FIRST NATIONS
THERAPEUTIC RESPONSE
SUMMIT 2026**

18—20 MARCH

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THE FIRST NATIONS THERAPEUTIC RESPONSES SUMMIT 2026: CREATING A SPACE FOR INNOVATION

18-20 March

Adelaide Oval, South Australia, Kaurna Country

The Summit is a dynamic, three-day gathering designed to share transformative ideas and deepen culturally responsive practice for Family, Domestic and Sexual Violence and Child Protection systems within First Nations communities.

This year's Summit carries the powerful theme: 'Creating a Space for Innovation.'

It's a call to action — to challenge systems, elevate First Nations ways of doing, and build lasting solutions that create real change.

At the heart of the Summit is a commitment to hands-on learning, connection and collective growth. Attendees will leave with practical tools, renewed energy, and a clearer path to implementing effective, community-led therapeutic responses.



GUIDELINES

Guidelines for submitting papers for presentation:

- Abstracts must be submitted through the form below and also emailed to summit@kwy.org.au
- Abstracts must be submitted by COB Friday 31 October 2025.
- All submissions will be considered and assessed by the Summit organisers according to the selection criteria.
- Summit organisers may negotiate to adapt the original format of your presentation
- Abstracts must be based on one of the Summit themes listed below and be trauma-informed and culturally responsive.
- Abstracts from collaborative groups are welcome.
- All abstracts are to be formatted for one 30-minute presentation (inclusive of Q&A), delivered in person on 19 March 2026 at Adelaide Oval

Presentation may take the following formats:

- Short formal presentation
- 20-minute panel discussion + 10-minute Q&A
- Interactive workshop
- Masterclass
- Yarning circle
- Storytelling
- Case study
- Success story

Summit Themes

The presentation must relate directly to summit objectives and fit within one of the key summit themes, listed below:

Social & Emotional Wellbeing

- Suicide prevention
- Listening to my spirit – self care
- A.O.D
- Mental Health

Aboriginal-Led Innovation

- Wise Practice
- Transformative Work
- Research
- Strength narrative

Domestic, Aboriginal, Family & Sexual Violence

- Engagement & prevention: men & boys
- Women
- Youth/Children
- Safe pathways

Family at the Heart

- Holistic family responses
- Keeping families safe together
- Positive Aboriginal parenting
- Kinship

Preference will be given to presentations that are:

- Presented or co-presented by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and community members.
- Delivered by staff from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations
- Evidence or outcome-based (what is working)
- Presenting something new (e.g. new research, new practices, progressive ideas)
- Interactive in delivery
- Collaborative with other agencies and/or young people.

Successful Applicants

The Abstract Selection Committee will assess submissions against the selection criteria. Applicants will receive notification by email in November 2025.

Please note:

Presenters will need to cover their own Summit registration and travel costs. Discounted registration rates will be offered to presenters upon successful application. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations are eligible to apply for one complimentary registration per organisation.

**Please submit your
abstract by COB
Friday 31st October, 2025.**

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Presenter Details

Name:

Organisation:

Email:

Phone:

Co-Presenters: *if applicable: names/organisations*

Short Bio: *max 100 words*

Presentation Details

Theme:

Social & Emotional Wellbeing
Aboriginal-led Innovation

Domestic, Aboriginal, Family & Sexual Violence
Family at the Heart

Format:

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Presentation requirements: *AV needs, room setup, materials etc.*

Consent:

I consent to my presentation being recorded and shared with Summit participants

Yes

No

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Presentation title (max 8 words):

Abstract/Summary: *max 300 words. Please include purpose, approach, and intended outcomes.*

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