

# The eGFR3 Study Newsletter

## June 2023

### Community Engagement

The eGFR3 Study Team are engaging with communities to confirm the research process and timeline in all sites. Since November 2022 we have met with Community organisations, health services, community based researchers and other stakeholders in Waibene (Thursday Island), Galiwin'ku, Wurrumiyanga, Katherine Region and Mparntwe in Central Australia. Later this year we will talk with communities in Ardyaloon, Djarindjin, Kalumburu, and Kalgoorlie region in Western Australia.



**Photo:** Discussing kidney health and eGFR3 Study with Traditional Owner, Geoffrey Dhamarrandji at Galiwin'ku

### Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Governance

eGFR3 Study support the Sovereignty of communities to advise when and how they can participate in this research. Communities have generously shared stories about the importance of self-determination, local workforce and the development of future leaders. eGFR3 Study have developed procedures for membership of local leaders to the Governance Groups. Members are supported to accurately explain the research from the perspective of community and clinical services.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Governance Group Members will present their Governance journey at the 2023 Lowitja International Indigenous Health and Wellbeing Conference in Cairns.

**Photo:** Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Governance Group Members Sian Graham and Shirleen McLaughlin meet in Mparntwe (Alice Springs)



### Community Based Researchers

We continue training Community Based Researchers and provide opportunities for team members to share kidney health knowledge with their communities.



**Photo:** Vanya Webster and Veronica Gondarra learn about eGFR3 Study



**Photo:** Discussing long term kidney health at Geyulkagan



**Photo:** Mavis Kerinauia and Wurrumiyanga community members talk about their research projects

## Annual Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Governance Group Workshop

The Annual eGFR3 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Governance Group workshop was held at Waibene (Thursday Island) on Kaurareg Country in May 2023.

Highlights of the meeting were:

- Knowledge exchange with Tribal Elders in Torres Strait about governance processes.
- Engaging with community and health leaders about self-determination, kidney health and the eGFR3 Study.
- Learning about health priorities of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the region.
- Discussion about the importance of education and understanding health messages.



**Photo:** Elsie Seriat (eGFR3 Community Governance Group Member and Community Researcher) welcomes the delegates to Waibene (Thursday Island) at the start of the eGFR3 annual 3 day meeting.



**Photo:** eGFR3 Trigovernance Group meeting 25 May 2023

### Shared Governance

Members of the three eGFR3 Governance Groups (Community, Research and Clinician) met together on Thursday Island to share perspectives and strengthen relationships as we learn how to work together for the best research outcomes using the best research process.



**Photo:** Shirleen McLaughlin and Natalie Hunter enjoy the hospitality and culture of Torres Strait Islands



**Photo:** Rapa Dhurrkay, Robert Sagigi and Wanamula Gondarra in Thursday Island.

Reconnection between Galiwin'ku and Torres Strait Island Leaders facilitated by 3-day meeting.

### Thank you

Thank you to all stakeholders for your contributions to the eGFR3 Study. Please contact us to find out when we can visit your region, as the operations team prepare for data collection by identifying and training community based researchers and partnering with communities and health services in Far North Queensland, NT and WA.

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