

# AMIHS Evaluation

*The value of incorporating  
Aboriginal cultural knowledge  
into an Aboriginal Maternal and  
Infant Health Service evaluation*

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# Keeping Research on Track

*(Source: “Keeping research on track: A Guide for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples about health research ethics”)*

# Keeping Research on Track....Rhetoric or Reality?

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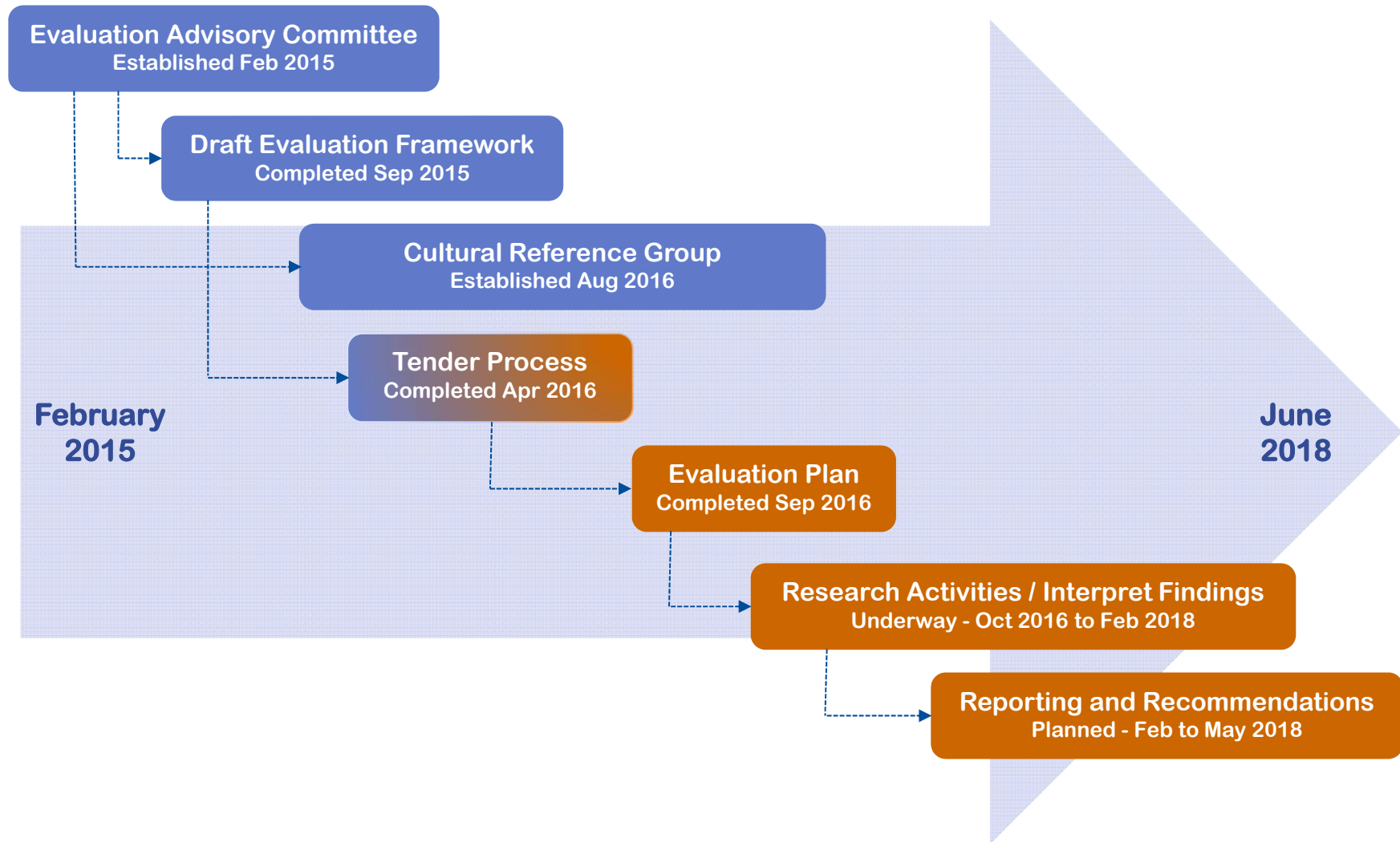
- ***Spirit and Integrity*** – about ongoing connection between past, current and future generations and respectful and honourable behaviours.
- ***Reciprocity*** – shared responsibility and obligation based on diverse community and kinship connections.
- ***Respect*** – strong culture is built on respect and trust and is pivotal to the evaluator / community relationship.
- ***Equality*** – recognises the equal value of all individuals and affirms Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' right to be different.
- ***Survival and protection*** – essential to continue to protect Indigenous cultures, languages and cultural identity.
- ***Responsibility*** – recognition of core responsibilities involving Country, kinship bonds, respecting and caring for others and the maintenance of culture and spiritual awareness.

*“Trust is established through dialogue”*

*Paulo Freire*

# The Big Picture

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# AMIHS Cultural Reference Group (CRG)

- The project brief; develop a group to provide Aboriginal cultural advice to the evaluation of AMIHS
  - What is Aboriginal culture advice?
  - Responding to challenging information
  - Commencing the CRG journey


**amihs** The Aboriginal Maternal and Infant Health Service is being evaluated

The Aboriginal Maternal and Infant Health Service (AMIHS) is a community based maternity service for Aboriginal families in NSW.

NSW Health is evaluating AMIHS – this means we want to find out how the service is working - what's working well, what's not and if it is making a difference for Aboriginal families.

**What is the AMIHS evaluation Aboriginal Cultural Reference Group?**

The Cultural Reference Group will bring a diverse group of Aboriginal people from across NSW together to talk about the AMIHS evaluation, sharing their cultural and community experience to inform how we carry out the evaluation.



**If you think this is not for you, please read this....**

- Have you or your family used an Aboriginal Maternal and Infant Health Service?
- Are you interested in the health and wellbeing of Aboriginal babies, their mothers and families?
- Do you have experience and community understanding gained from living in a NSW Aboriginal community?
- Or have you worked in a local community health service with Aboriginal people?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, please think about being part of the Cultural Reference Group and bringing your black voice to the AMIHS evaluation.

**Ok, I'm interested – what next?**

If you would like to be part of the Cultural Reference Group or just find out more, contact your local AMIHS, Aboriginal Medical Service (AMS), or Vladimir Williams at NSW Health on [Vladimir.williams2@doh.health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Vladimir.williams2@doh.health.nsw.gov.au) or phone (02) 9461 7114.

**Please note: Nominations for the AMIHS Evaluation Aboriginal Cultural Reference Group close on Friday 10 June 2016**

**Apply now**

# Introducing the AMIHS CRG



**Onsite at Campbelltown Hospital with local hosts - 25 May 2017**



# AMIHS Evaluation Stakeholder Workshop



**Redfern Community Centre - 2 August 2016**



# *Further information*

## *About AMIHS*

[www.health.nsw.gov.au/kidsfamilies](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/kidsfamilies)

## *AMIHS Evaluation Updates*

[www.humancapitalalliance.com.au](http://www.humancapitalalliance.com.au)

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