



2008 LIFE AWARDS

IN RECOGNITION OF THOSE WHO HAVE MADE AN OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO SUICIDE PREVENTION WITHIN AUSTRALIA

Helen is a member of the Palyku people of the Pilbara region, and is the first psychiatrist of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent.

She works as a child psychiatrist in Perth, and is associate professor and director of the Centre for Aboriginal Medical and Dental Health at the University of Western Australia.

She has been involved in significant policy initiatives, research and educational programs in the area of indigenous health.

This award recognises Helen's ongoing to commitment to mental health and suicide prevention among indigenous people.

This commitment is reflected in her position as chair of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Mental Health Committee of the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists, and her recent appointment to the National Advisory Council Advising the Minister for Health and Ageing on mental health

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