

Australia's First Nation Children's need for Culturally Appropriate Burn After Care

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Background

There is very limited published research on burns in Australia's First Nation children.

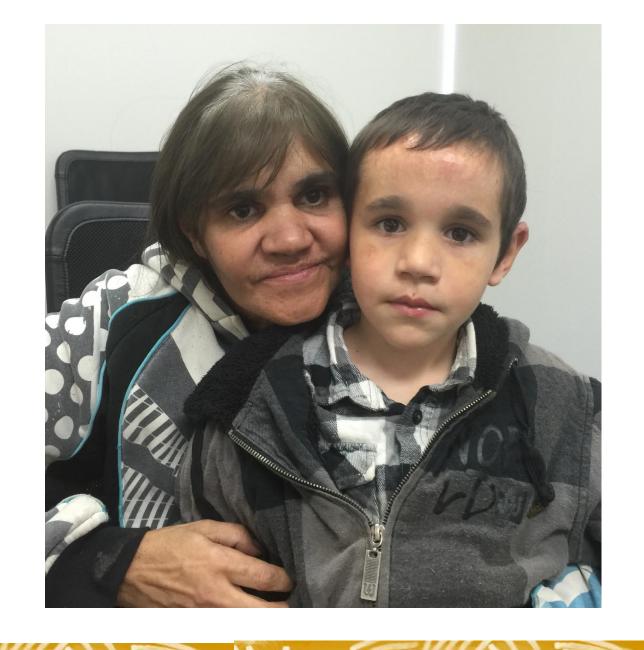
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Is anybody listening?

Stories from Australia's First Nation Families whose children had sustained a burn injury.





Participants

Eighteen First Nation parents:

- South Australia (n=3)
- Northern Territory (n=1)
- Queensland (n=8) Includes Townsville and Torres Strait
 Island
- New South Wales (n=6)



Methods

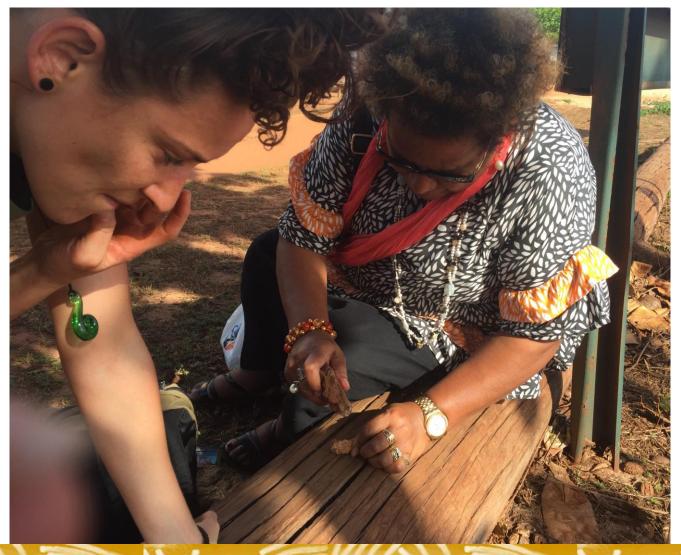




Family

Connections

Knowing, Being and Doing

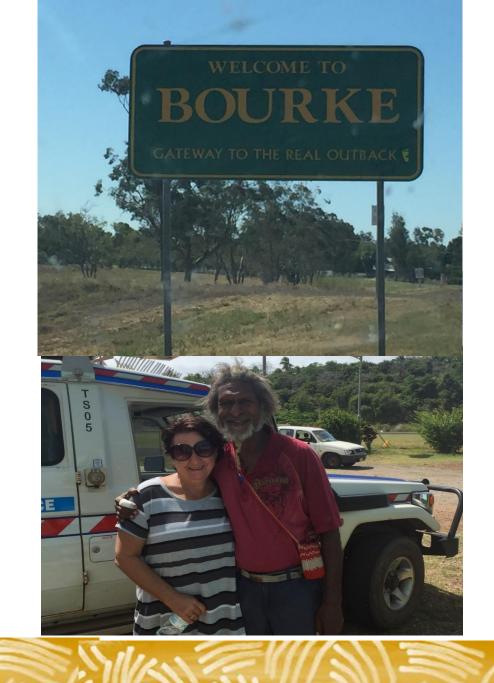


Yarning

"Across Australia, Aboriginal people constantly refer to and use yarning in the telling and sharing of stories and information" 3.Bessarab D, 4 Walker

Yarning

We found that the journey to recovery is unique to each child depending on distance to health services, family dynamics and the experiences received from health care providers.



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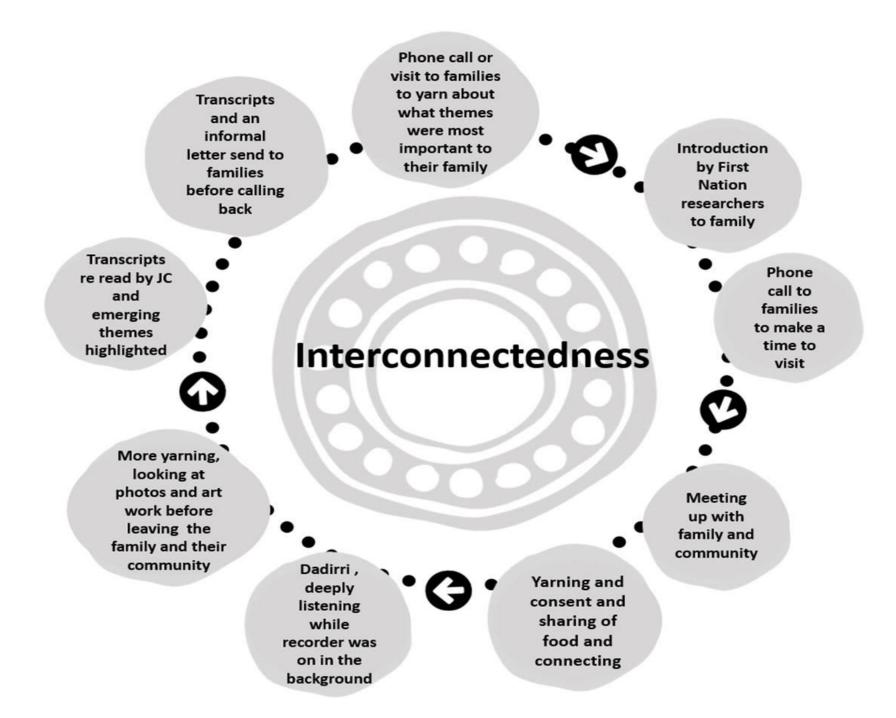
"To know me is to breathe with me, to breathe with me is to listen deeply, to listen deeply is to connect. It is a sound, the sound of deep calling to deep, down the deep inner springs inside us, we call on it and it calls on us"

A reflection by Miriam-Rose Ungunmerr Baumann." (Ungunmerr-Baumann, 2002)

Walking together







Communication

Oral communication, interconnectedness and cultural integrity play a critical role in Indigenous ways of knowing, and more specifically the methods used in this research, which aimed to give voice to First Nation peoples.



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The possibility of change





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