

Jawun Research Centre

SEMINAR SERIES

Communication, Health, and Social
and Cultural Well-Being



Seminar 37: COVID-19 preparedness and response in remote First Nations communities in Queensland Australia

This multidisciplinary seminar series aims to create a forum centered in Jawun. It is for researchers at CQUniversity, across Queensland and all over the world, as a forum to share their research findings and establish potential synergies, leading to joint grant applications, and partnerships that endeavour to advance knowledge in various disciplines.

Location

Room **3.06**, CQUniversity Cairns Campus
Corner Abbott Street and Shields Street
Or via [Zoom](#) Passcode: 868332

Date and Time

Wednesday, 6 March 2024
3:00pm – 5:00pm QLD time
Light refreshments provided.



Speaker

Dr Kylie Radel, Research Fellow with the Office of Indigenous Engagement, CQUniversity.

BIO

Dr Radel's research concentrations are Indigenous tourism, disaster management in rural and remote Australian communities, Grounded Theory and qualitative research methodologies. She is an author on over 60 peer-reviewed publications and has worked on and/or been the chief investigator for over \$980,000 in funded research projects and is currently managing the BMA/CQUniversity partnership program for a total of \$3.75 million. Dr Radel has also received three prestigious teaching awards including a national citation for outstanding contributions to student learning, & an international award for excellence in literacy & Indigenous education.

Abstract

Pandemic management falls under national & state “all-hazard” disaster management (DM) arrangements. Local governments are responsible for managing events through their Local Disaster Management Groups (LDMGs), supported by district & state level groups. Strategies used by local governments may include community awareness campaigns & education programs to prepare for & respond to an event. In the case of a pandemic however, Queensland Health becomes the lead agency, providing specialised pandemic response capacity through regional Hospital and Health Services. As part of a larger research project to provide understanding of regional & remote First Nations community preparedness, concerns & strategies for addressing COVID-19 in remote settings, interviews were undertaken with key stakeholders including Local Disaster Management Group (LDMG) and community members around the time of emergence of COVID-19 in their regions. Three key themes emerged during the data collection and analysis phases, with each theme including a number of subthemes.

The three key themes are:

- Challenges and issues for rural and remote local government pandemic disaster management
- LDMP pandemic subplan development and use, and
- Costs of resourcing and resulting impost on local governments.

This qualitative study sought to inform community leaders, policy makers & health service providers on adaptation of strategies to address the pandemic in remote First Nation populations settings through inclusion of a local voice.

RSVP

JRC Administration via email:
jrc@cqu.edu.au or 07 4923 2672

THE OFFICE OF INDIGENOUS ENGAGEMENT

