Aboriginal Knowledge and Therapeutic Counselling

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Reply to Welcome to Country
A beginning point

Heritage can never be alienated, surrendered or sold, except for conditional use. Sharing therefore creates a relationship between the givers and the receivers of knowledge. The givers retain the authority to ensure that knowledge is used properly and the receivers continue to recognise and repay the gift.

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What will be introduced in this presentation

- Indigenism
- The parting of the ways
- Worldviews
- Aboriginal worldview
- Learning Circles
- Learning Stories
- Integrating this knowledge into practice
- Future considerations
Indigenism

- What does this mean?
- How does it work?
- What is it based on and what is its aim?
Aboriginal Knowledge

Derives from the Aboriginal worldview and incorporates history, lived experience, spirituality, and relatedness
The Parting of the Ways

Answering those pesky questions
Learning Circles
Learning Stories
Future Considerations

• Working to address the social determinants of health
• Impact of the Apology an Australia’s support of the United Nations Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples
• Demographics
• Closing the Gap in Life Expectancy
• Addressing Suicide within Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities