



POST-EVENT SUMMARY OF SYMPOSIA AND WORKSHOPS AT ARSC2016

(As at 16 September 2016)

Thursday 8 September: 11:30am – 1:00pm

Room: Menzies

Symposium

**Driver licensing for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people;
challenges and opportunities**

Key Organiser:

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Overview:

This symposium was aimed at facilitating discussion on challenges in delivery of licensing support programs for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, and solutions to overcome these. There are multiple grass-root community programs as well as Government programs emerging across Australia and the symposium was an opportunity to highlight both program strengths and best practice. It is critical that those delivering such programs have an opportunity to come together and exchange best practice in terms of program delivery and research. With few opportunities for sharing knowledge, this symposium provided an ideal opportunity for researchers, practitioners and community members to share experiences and learn from each other.

Summary/Outcome:

There were some great synergies found across each of the programs, and the overarching theme was the importance of consultation, communication and partnership with Aboriginal communities. Each speaker highlighted the importance of Aboriginal leadership in the success of their programs. It was clear that each program struggled with maintaining adequate funding and support, and also engaging with volunteers to help young people in the community learn to drive. There is a clear need for further funding and support of Aboriginal community led road safety and driver licensing

programs – both to people safe on the road but also to deliver pathways to employment and education.