



**South Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander
Diabetes-related Foot Complications Program:
Foot Health Alliance -
Eyre and Far North Local Health Network (EFNLHN)**

The Eyre and Far North Foot Health Alliance (EFNFHA) project aims to build a collaborative alliance of all interested health care professionals across the region. Involving all of the existing stakeholders to maximise and strengthen existing relationships to facilitate a more joined up approach to providing health care for Aboriginal people residing in Eyre and Far North region of SA. By engaging all stakeholders/ providers across the region in the Alliance, it is hoped that this will result in a ‘no **wrong door**’ access strategy for Aboriginal consumers.

The Alliance will build strong communication pathways between providers to reduce the need for multiple referrals so that the client is seen in the most timely manner by the most appropriate provider.

The Alliance will support Aboriginal health practitioners and registered nurses to increase their existing clinical skills in assessing feet and facilitate onward referral and escalation of care where necessary.

The Alliance will develop a community of practice in the region that is supportive and recognises the valuable contribution that each provider brings. By providing a collaborative and safe space for clinicians to share ideas concerns and knowledge it will remove the arbitrary barriers to care that occur when multiple providers are working in the same space. It will work in partnership with the other South Australian projects, specifically:

- University SA ‘Look at me’
- Central Adelaide Local Health Network ‘High Risk Foot Telehealth Service’
- Aboriginal Health Council of SA ‘Embedding Best Practice Foot Care’
- Private visiting podiatrists
- NGOs such as country and Outback Health
- General practitioners.

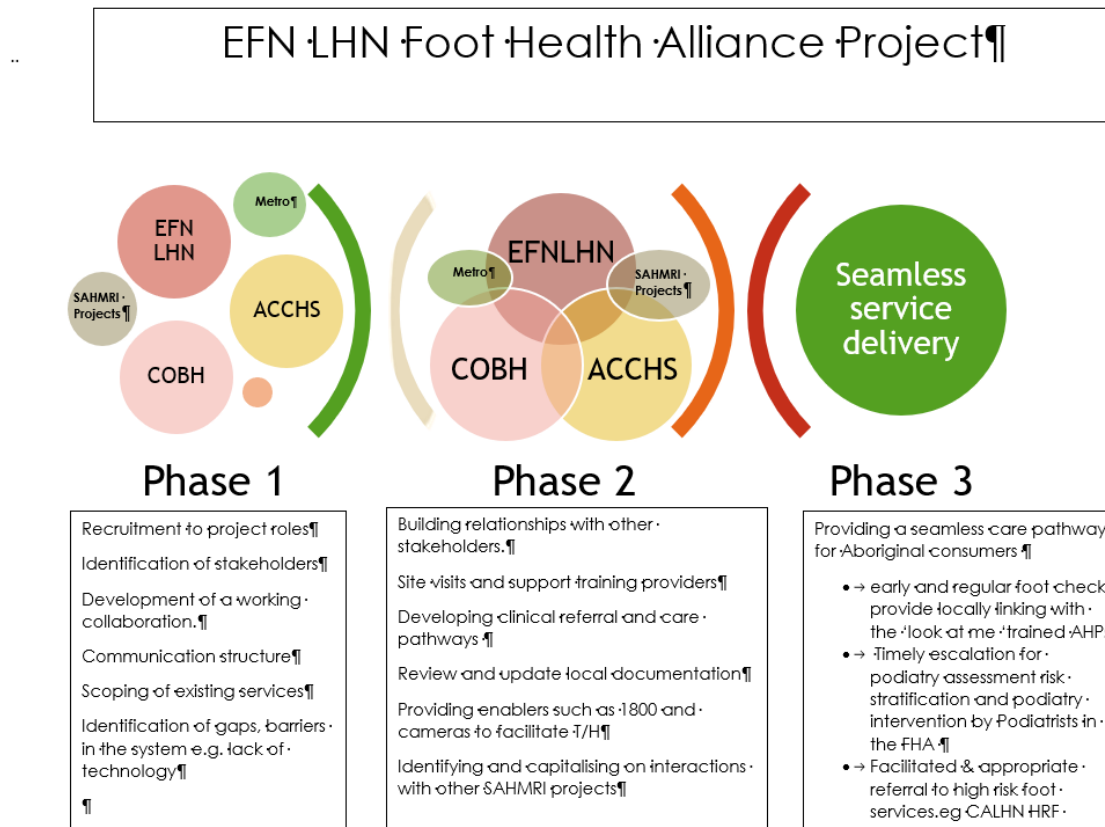
The aim of the Alliance is to:

- Support and assist with Aboriginal community controlled health care provider training and education on foot risk assessment and care/treatment/monitoring/education stratification, addressing individual consumer risk, which may be delivered by partner organisations such as SA Health and the University of SA.
- Work collaboratively with partner organisations to support the establishment of local clinical support/consultation pathways for seeking ‘next level’ clinical advice. Utilising all levels of

communications (face to face, phone, email, telehealth) to achieve clinical assessment and treatment pathway in a timely manner.

- Work collaboratively with partner organisations to support the establishment of workable links with metropolitan high risk foot services for support/consultation utilising levels of communication as outlined above.

No wrong door to seamless service delivery



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