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"Indigenous Minds"

A paradigm for Primary Health Care Research

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Background of Indigenous Mind

- An Indigenous cultural concept.
- An Indigenous thought process.




Cross Cultural relationships

- An international Indigenous cultural phenomena.
- A process shared by many Indigenous cultures around the world.




Indigenous Minds & the Land

- Indigenous Mind influenced by connection/association to traditional country.
- Land (munda) is the essence of Indigenous,
 - thinking
 - spirituality
 - identity
 - culture
 - traditions
 - Ceremonies (stories)



IM as a decolonising process

- Indigenous Mind is about reformation, rediscovery for some.
- Indigenous Peoples getting back to the basics.
- Indigenous Peoples going back to our traditional foundation/core values.



IM as a Research Framework

- Indigenous traditional values guides (should) most aspects of our lives.
- Core Indigenous values must be shared with others.
- Traditional core values must guide Indigenous research, so that real truths are revealed.



IM & Indigenous Health/Medical research

- Indigenous Health & Medical research must be guided by grounded Indigenous thought.
- Indigenous People must be the drivers of Health & Medical research.



Indigenous Values in research

- All participants involved in Indigenous research must have a grounded knowledge of core values.
- Indigenous values will inform and guide Indigenous research.



NHMRC 6 core values in Indigenous research

The six values that lie at the heart of these guidelines are:


- Spirit and Integrity
- Reciprocity
- Respect
- Equality
- Survival and Protection
- Responsibility

http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/health_ethics/human/conduct/guidelines/_files/e52.pdf




IM and Indigenous Value systems

- Our core traditional values define our identity, who and what we are and where we come from.
- Our values determine how we think about things, how we relate to things, and how we react to things.

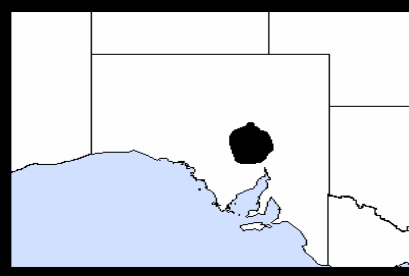


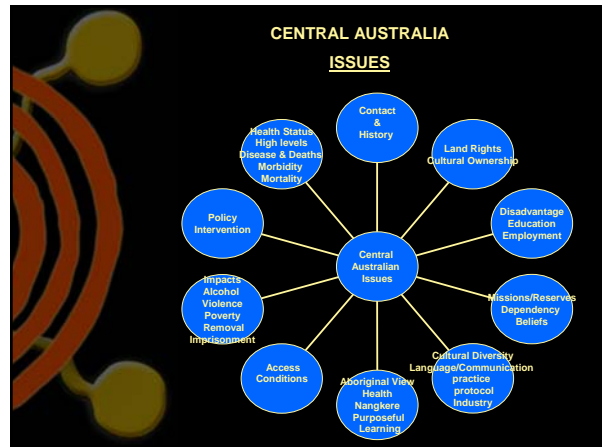
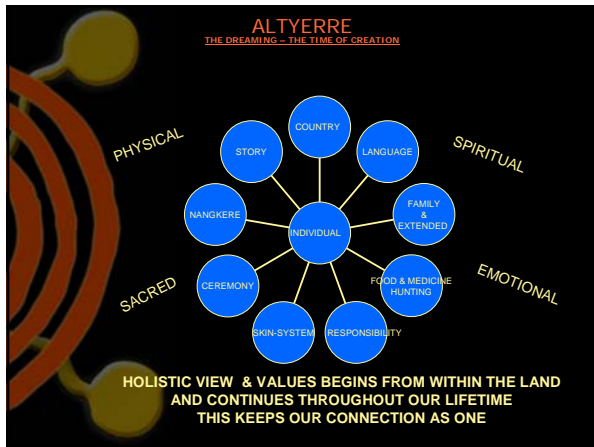
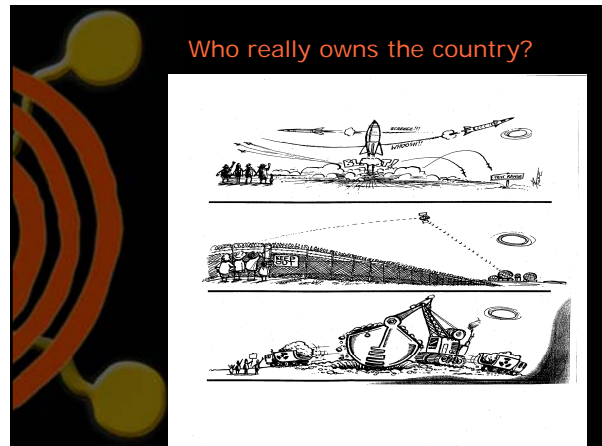
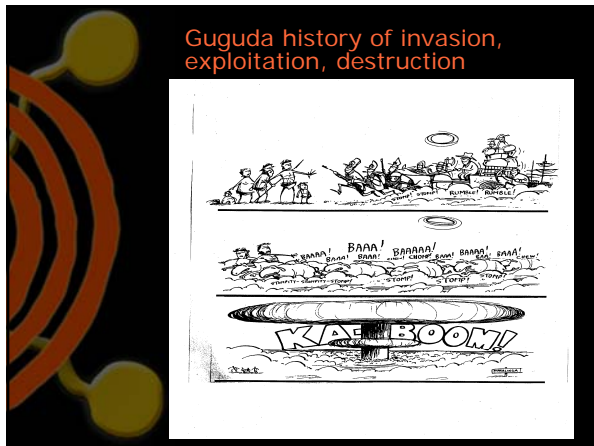
Questions

1. How are value systems constructed?
2. Are value systems important to consider in collaborative research projects around Indigenous matters? WHY?



Map of Kokotha country





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