

Doherty Seminar Series

'Aboriginal community-controlled responses to complex health challenges'

Thursday, 8 October 12.00pm – 1.00pm

The Peter Doherty Institute for Infection & Immunity

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Caroline Kell is a proud descendant of the Mbarbrum (Bar-brum) peoples, a sovereign nation west of the Atherton Tableland Regions in Far North Queensland.

Caroline has a deep passion to help re-write historical wrongs. Her goal is to see improved outcomes in health, wellbeing, social, economic, and political opportunities for all Aboriginal communities. She majored in Counselling and holds a Bachelor of Social Science.

Over the past five years, Caroline has held senior Aboriginal Affairs positions in the Victorian State Government working alongside Victorian Aboriginal Communities to deliver community-led outcomes.

One of Caroline's proudest moments was overseeing the stakeholder and community engagement to support the election of the recently appointed First Peoples' Assembly of Victoria. In February, Caroline joined the team at the Victorian Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (VACCHO) as its newly appointed Executive Director of Policy, Advocacy, Research and Communications.

Outline: VACCHO believes that Aboriginal-led solutions will help to deliver the long-term social, emotional and wellbeing needs for Aboriginal communities. Caroline will talk about the work that VACCHO has been doing to support and protect Aboriginal communities during the COVID-19 pandemic, including supporting the Black Lives Matter protests. She will also talk about *Balit Durn Durn* - VACCHO's submission to the Royal Commission into Victoria's Mental Health System, which provides practical solutions for mental health system reforms to better meet the needs of Aboriginal people, families and communities.



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