

# Strep A and Skin Health in First Nations children

For healthcare professionals working in the Mareeba / Tablelands region

Presented by Tropical Public Health Services and Mulungu Aboriginal Corporation Primary Health Care Services, this free educational healthcare provider event will discuss skin infections of serious concern affecting First Nations children.

Untreated skin infections have the potential to lead to invasive bacterial infections, kidney disease such as acute post-streptococcal glomerulonephritis (APSGN), and chronic heart diseases such as rheumatic heart disease (RHD).

The session will engage healthcare providers in contributing to developing local new models of care that address skin health in First Nations children in the Mareeba and Tablelands region, through the introduction of the Healthy Skin project.

## Guest presenter:

- Prof Malcolm McDonald MBBS PhD FRACP FRCPA, Adjunct Professor - Australian Institute of Tropical Health and Medicine (James Cook University)

## Learning outcomes

- Explore Mareeba's primary health care landscape; current barriers to care for First Nation children, and local and regional health data on common skin infections.
- Identify best practice for the diagnosis and treatment of most common skin infections affecting First Nations people; impetigo, scabies, and tinea.
- Explore the links between high rates of skin infection, strep-related illnesses such as RHD and APSGN/ESRD, and the social determinants of health.
- Identify approaches to address primordial prevention of skin infections, including the Healthy Living Practices (a framework for addressing the links between housing and health for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples).

## Date

Tuesday 27 February 2024

## Time

Registration: 5.30pm  
Program: 6pm–8.30pm

## Where

Mareeba Leagues Club,  
Corner Doyle and Riordan  
Streets, Mareeba

## Register online

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