

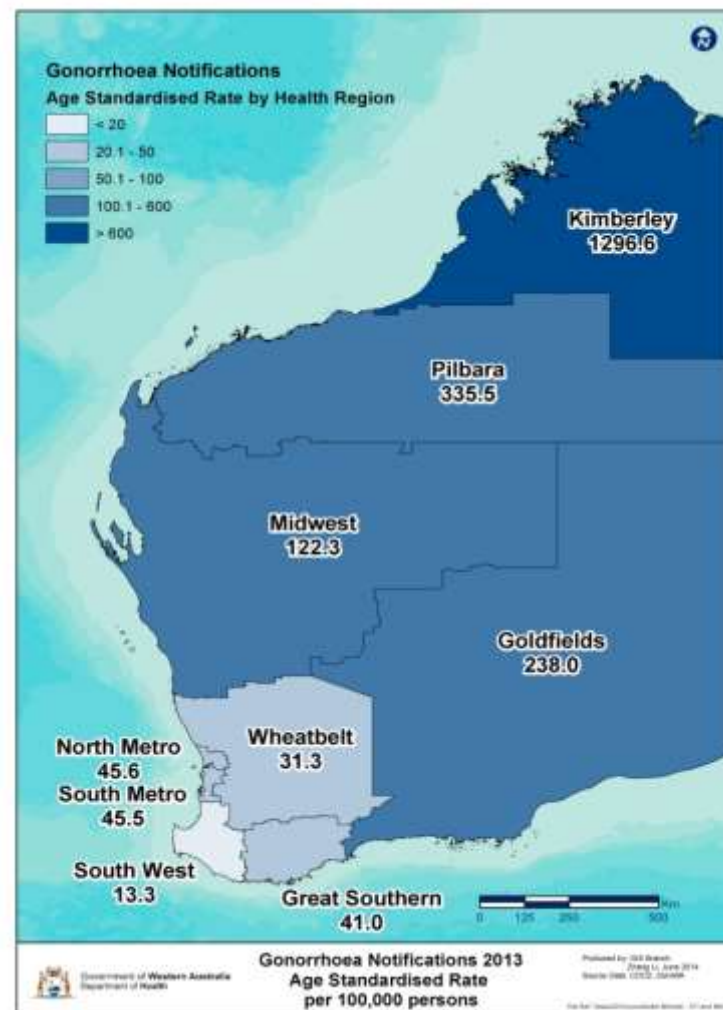
RED DIRT YOUTH: A PHOTOVOICE PROJECT



SiREN Symposium 2016
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STIs in the Kimberley

- Highest in rate in WA of Gonorrhoea and Chlamydia (eg Gono over 19 times higher than National rate)
- Mostly affecting young people aged 15-29 yrs





Health Promotion

- Often focus on the ‘negative behaviours’
- State campaigns may not always translate in Kimberley
- Not evidence based and ad hoc
- Not evaluated



Health Promotion Planning

- Kimberley Aboriginal Health Planning Forum – Sexual Health Sub-committee decided to focus on a strength based model
- Required a ‘appreciative enquiry’ rather than ‘needs assessment’
- Photovoice one of the strategies identified to build evidence base



What is Photovoice?

- Participatory Action Research method
- Useful in giving a voice to vulnerable groups with low written literacy
- Powerful communication tool can be used for advocacy
- Using photos to tell own stories, accompanied by short narratives

Red Dirt Youth

- 18 young people enrolled in Youth at Risk Program ‘YARP’ at tafe.
- Asked the question; “What makes you Strong and Healthy?”.
- Attended 8 sessions including photography training, narrative writing and sharing of stories.

Principles of the project

- Participation voluntary, consent to participate gained.
- Participants named project and decided how findings were shared.
- Participants owned all images and permission sought to use any image.



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WACHS Kimberley Population Health Unit and Kimberley Training Institute invite you

Red Dirt Youth: A photovoice project



A sexual health research project aimed at identifying strengths of young people in the Kimberley

Where: **Headspace**, Frederick St Broome

When: November 27th @ 3pm

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Findings

- Thematic analysis of photos and narratives:
 - ❖ Most common theme – **importance of family**
 - ❖ Most participants identified being by the coast (eg fishing, swimming, going to the beach) as source of happiness and strength
 - ❖ Female participants identified religion/church and male participants told stories of inner strength and resilience.
 - ❖ Wide variety of themes, different interests and likes

So What?

- Findings used in conjunction with other strategies such as focus groups and questionnaires.
- Planning now based on incorporating strong family/community relations and informal communication methods.

Challenges and Lessons learnt

- Ethics Approval sought: important but delay in start and high staff turnover proved challenging to get project started.
- Transient attendance from participants. Sessions repeated and needed to be flexible in delivery.
- Photography an excellent engagement tool.
- Partnering with existing groups and other agencies integral

Questions/Comments?

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Thanks!

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