

Women HPV Indigenous Non-Indigenous Urban Rural Study

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Effects of community consultation on
recruitment of Indigenous women to a
human papillomavirus prevalence study

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Outline

- WHINURS Background
- HPV Background
- Dubbo recruitment site and activities



WHINURS

Professor Suzanne Garland is the principal investigator of a national study that incorporates co-investigators from

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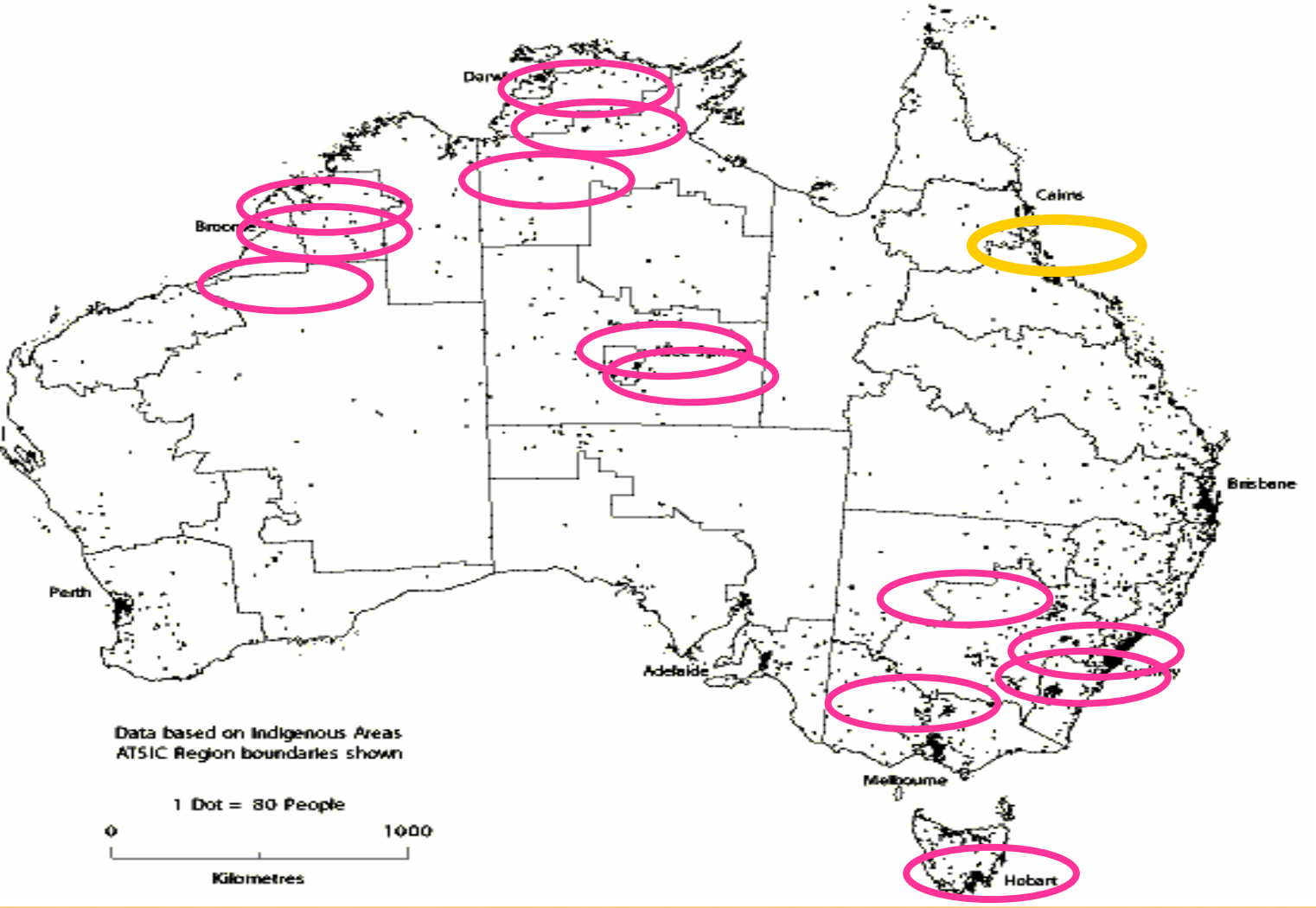
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Reminder

- International Agency for Research on Cancer conducted research to identify most prevalent ICC in 22 countries
- Vaccine for type 16 & 18 in trial phase OS
- Australia was not included in initial research
 - 11th most common cancer in Australia
 - ICC in top 3 cancers affecting Indigenous Australians
 - ICC is 4 times more common in Indigenous women
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders make up only 2.4%

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Recruitment Sites



What Happened in Dubbo?

Ethics

- Aboriginal Health & Medical Research Council NSW

Involvement of AHW (Health Promotion)

- Respected Wiradjuri woman
- Skills acquisition

Community Consultation

- Dubbo Aboriginal Women's Advisory Group
- Dubbo Elders
- AHW's from various Area Health Services

Involvement of Thubbo



Guaranteed to be a Success?

- Non-Indigenous women were recruited in a few months.
- Indigenous women only one in 12 months



So then what?

- FP NSW listened!
 - Christine Ohrin knew her community
 - Christine knew that big events had happened in the community
 - Community consultation had happened a long time ago
- They brainstormed
- They became active



Accomplishments

- Recruitment of 42 Indigenous women
 - Aged 18-40
 - Btw Jan-April 07
- Increase in Indigenous women getting paps
 - from 29 in 2006 to 81 in 2007
- Skills support for Christine Ohrin
 - published in the MJA
 - physical/emotional support



Conclusion

- Don't give up!!
- Take the time to assess
- Know your resources
- Be courageous and think outside the box

