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This newsletter may contain images of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people that have passed away.



# Coffee Break with: DES MARTIN

Kaya Greetings,

This year we saw a storm of passion, pride, celebration, frustration and outrage at the AHCWA State Sector Conference. These were the emotions and expressions which at various points in the program reflected highlights and exhilaration and at others, anger and frustration.



The AHCWA Members Planning Day kicked things off this year and was set in motion by AHCWA's new chair Michelle Nelson-Cox. In the morning, we heard from NACCHO CEO Lisa Briggs; Commonwealth WA State Director John Tunney; and newly appointed state Aboriginal health directors Russell Simpson and Wendy Casey.

During the Conference, we heard from sector leaders, departmental executives and program staff from both governments and two parliamentarians. There was more time allowed for lengthier debates on key issues this year which was a welcome change.

The celebrations were the recap on our sector's forty year journey and Ted Wilkes and Henry Councillor led us through the story over the decades with plenty of photos and memories of special events and former leaders.

AHCWA's Reconciliation Action Plan was introduced and whilst there was a positive response, there was a strongly expressed preference for a more formal treaty or even a legislative approach. It was uplifting to see and hear what our young workers are doing in their areas.

The catalysts for frustration and anger were the lack of clarity about vital government financing for our services; the emerging 'wall of secrecy' and the glacial pace of decision making. Many services were wondering how it could be late May and still there are funding questions no one will or can answer. It was a huge worry that these decisions could have a profound effect on staff and services around WA in less than six weeks.

Talks from the parliamentarians painted a picture of the clumsy and offensive way both the federal and state government leaders are handling Aboriginal health funding and Aboriginal affairs in general in recent times.

Reactions to talks by departmental executives were mixed. At the Australian Government level, much of the information on funding outcomes provided by John Tunney was clear and welcome.

News from Professor Stokes at the state health level about the release of the Holman Report on 8 June 2015 was welcome. The Minister's commitment to have the department make good the funding gap after government imposed cuts to Aboriginal programs in the recent state budget were appreciated. WACHS CEO Jeff Moffett's statement that his organisation is keen to invest and divest was welcome news. There is some strongly held hope that this intention will be a solid platform for stronger service partnerships and possibly some outsourcing arrangements between WACHS and ACCHS.

The WA Department of Health took the opportunity to present their Aboriginal Health and Wellbeing Framework. Generally, people welcomed it and also wished Wendy Casey and Russell Simpson the best in their new appointments – especially calling on them to form strong bonds and partnership with ACCHS leaders.

In summary, much to celebrate, much yet to do and a very strongly shared feeling that there are many more obstacles in the way than there ought to be.

Regards  
Des Martin

# Staff Profile: Ronda Clarke



Ronda commenced work for AHCWA in October 2014 as Corporate Governance Assistant, with the Finance Team.

Ronda is a Kimberley girl from the Nyikina Tribe, who started working in Aboriginal Health in her home town of Derby in 2010, running a pilot program at the Young Women's Centre. With funding running out, Ronda and her team linked their program with the Derby Aboriginal Health Service (DAHS) and brought St John of God on board to make sure the Young Women's Centre had future funding and assurance that the program had a future for the Women of Derby and the remote communities in the Kimberley.

After leaving the Young Women's Centre, Ronda went into private enterprise, starting a commercial cleaning business, with a mining contract shipping Lead and Zinc from the Derby Wharf. This was followed by the purchase of an old closed down shopping centre, which became the hub of Derby with 10 shops. Through this Ronda had the opportunity to employ local Aboriginal people to work throughout the businesses.

Ronda decided to move to Perth with her children, gaining a Managers position in retail at Millers.

Ronda then started her journey with AHCWA, leading to some exciting times, supporting the Board Members with good governance in state and federal legislation. Ronda has engaged with all of AHCWA's 21 Member Services, met with some awesome people and learnt a great deal about AHCWA.

There is never a quiet moment at AHCWA, always busy supporting our Member Services in whatever way we can. For the first time in her working career, Ronda feels part of a team that is doing great things, helping to change health policy, supporting and advocating for her people and community.

## Staff Changes

Since our last edition, AHCWA have had a few minor changes in staff, with new staff joining, and some staff leaving.

AHCWA would like to welcome on board the following staff members: Shaun Wyn-Jones – Policy Officer, Cameron Poustie – Principal Policy Officer, Clara Titus – Human Resources Assistant, and Donna Schildbach - Senior Admin Officer. AHCWA also currently have young Tiana Porter-Polkinghorne with us for work experience as well as Tessa Brown as Casual Admin Assistant.

Job descriptions and job titles often change due to the growth and development of a position and this quarter AHCWA have seen changes to their organisational structure (see AHCWA staff Contacts).

Sadly, AHCWA have accepted the resignation of Nadia Curry – Principal Policy Officer, Sharma Hamilton – Tobacco Action Worker, Lucy Mills – Tobacco Action Worker, Chantal Ferguson – Senior Public Health Medical Officer, Marie Yau – Practice Manager Support and Kyla Ulmer – Project Manager CCI/ Sexual Health Practitioner. AHCWA would like to acknowledge the contribution from each of these staff members over their time at AHCWA and we wish them the best of luck for the future.

# Reconciliation Action Plan Launch

On the 27th May 2015, the Aboriginal Health Council of Western Australia (AHCWA) launched their Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) at the WA Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Sector Conference at The Esplanade in Fremantle.

AHCWA are committed to National Reconciliation and acknowledge that this is a 'two-way street'. Understanding the importance of bringing the wider Australian Community together, AHCWA and our Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services (ACCHSs) are the solution to closing the gap for better health.

Being the peak body of 21 ACCHSs across the State, AHCWA wanted to be at the forefront and advocate for our 21 ACCHSs to show our people and communities that we respect other cultures throughout Western Australia.

The Champion of our RAP is Sharon Bushby, who was instrumental in the process and for identifying the need for AHCWA to take the lead to implement our RAP on behalf of our 21 ACCHSs.

The following AHCWA staff members were involved in our RAP working group: Sharon Bushby, Kristy Monaghan, Robyn Withnell, Jo Kennedy, Ronda Clarke, Natasha Gillespie, Harley Richards, the Board of Directors and AHCWA staff.

AHCWA's RAP can be downloaded from our website at [www.ahcwa.org.au](http://www.ahcwa.org.au).



# Ear Health Meeting

Better ear health for our Aboriginal children was the collective discussion on Friday, 20 March 2015 at a Roundtable at the Telethon Kids Institute.

Supported by the Aboriginal Health Council of WA (AHCWA), WA Country Health Service (WACHS) and Rural Health West, attendees involved in Ear Health from around the state joined together to discuss how it could be done better.



Thanks to support from Wesfarmers Centre of Vaccine and Infectious Diseases, the Telethon Kids Institute supports a long-term Aboriginal ear health program. The Roundtable brought together people living and working in communities facing ear health issues every day, people who run ear buses, State level program coordinators, and researchers from around the country. All are dedicated to improving ear health for Aboriginal children.

Associate Professor Cheryl Kickett-Tucker presented from a metropolitan Perth perspective on access to service issues. Regional success stories were heard from Annette Stokes and Doreen Champion from the Goldfields, where community voice has helped improve awareness amongst their community. Grace McCarthy spoke from her heart of the logistical realities as well as challenges of working in her remote Fitzroy Crossing community. Dr Kim Isaacs painted a picture of a day in her Broome clinic, and the need for child development teams to address the 'whole' needs of the child. Ear health program coordinators talked about the need for a shared vision and uniting efforts, better supporting health workers and child health nurses.



Middle ear infection (otitis media) is prevalent in all areas of WA and a concerted effort is needed to reduce the high rates of disease. Otitis media starts within weeks of birth. Signs and symptoms may not be obvious and may change from day-to-day; so it can be hard to pick up early. Blocked or runny ears in children can lead to poor hearing which can impact on their ability to:

- learn their own language
- socialise or be included with friends and family, or at school
- understand what is being asked of them at home or at school

Children with poor hearing may get into trouble and act up because they can't hear or they may have pain in their ears. Poor hearing impacts on families across a lifetime.

Various issues were raised around service delivery. For example, many services check ears, but all too often information is not left behind. The doctors journey out to provide services, but sometimes people can't attend appointments due to various reasons.

Members of the roundtable discussed changing the way ear health services are delivered. The need for ear health programs to be developed at the grassroots level was highlighted. The challenge for the Telethon Kids Institute is to identify the gaps in knowledge on which to base future programs and how research might help set a plan for the next steps.

Thanks again to the support from the Wesfarmers Centre, as priorities were established to find out how we might improve our understanding of ear health as a two-way health program that involves community and health services working better together.



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## Staff Profile: Lorraine Tauī



***E nga Mana, E nga Reo, E nga rau Rangatira Ma, Mihi nui kia tatou katoa, Nareira Tena koutou, Tena koutou, Tena koutou katoa!***

Acknowledgement to all authorities, all voices, all leaders, Greetings to you all not once, twice but three times.

Lorraine Tauī was born and raised in Whangarei, New Zealand, with connections to Maori tribes which have strengthened her knowledge in her culture, language, values & beliefs which Lorraine believes is the driving force and empowerment to working with all people.

With a passion to work in the health sector, Lorraine worked in both mainstream and community services for eight years. Making a difference for all people was an inspiring force to continue a further 4 years of study in health, graduating in 2013 with a Bachelor of Nursing Degree.

Lorraine journeyed to Western Australia with her two children in 2014 and feels very privileged to be representing AHCWA as the Clinical Trainer in Ear Health since October 2014. AHCWA has enhanced her knowledge and passion for ear health and she is very humbled to have explored the Aboriginal culture and ascertained similarities between the two cultures.

Lorraine aspires to work alongside colleagues and all Aboriginal health professionals with an emphasis to assist in promoting, training, reducing disparities and to implement strategies in Ear Health.

Lorraine would like to acknowledge AHCWA for giving her the opportunity to work with such a dynamic team.

# SHIP

## Sexual Health in Practice For Aboriginal Health Workers

*The purpose of this three day training which includes the one day training STaRT (STIs and Routine Testing) is to provide Aboriginal Health Workers with the knowledge, skills and confidence to engage clients in conversations about sexual health, conduct opportunistic STI testing, motivate clients to make positive choices relating to relationships and sexual health and provide support and referral for clients with a sexual health concern.*

*This training is aligned with the units:  
HLTAHW026 Provide information and strategies in sexual health for men  
HLTAHW027 Provide information and strategies in sexual health for women*

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# Preventing Aboriginal Maternal Smoking

In 2015 the Aboriginal Maternity Services Support Unit (AMSSU) in partnership with Curtin University's Collaboration for Evidence, Research and Impact in Public Health (CERIPH) and Edith Cowan University's Australian Indigenous HealthInfoNet, implemented the Preventing Aboriginal Maternal Smoking WA (PAMSWA) project, funded by Healthway.

This has culminated in the launch of a new online portal supporting the prevention of tobacco smoking among pregnant Aboriginal women and new mothers in Western Australia (WA).

The PAMSWA portal aims to address the gap in accessing coordinated services and resources for health professionals addressing maternal smoking among pregnant Aboriginal women in WA. Current statistics show that in WA smoking rates among pregnant Aboriginal women are four times higher than non-Aboriginal pregnant women.

The free to access PAMSWA portal provides quality information about smoking cessation and prevention to support better health for Aboriginal women, their babies and families with the selection of content carefully evaluated to ensure it is culturally appropriate and promotes best practice methods and strategies available for working with pregnant Aboriginal women.

The portal also links to the PAMSWA yarning place to encourage information sharing and collaboration among health professionals and others involved in maternal health and tobacco prevention among Aboriginal women.

Ultimately, the portal will create a solid knowledge base about Aboriginal maternal smoking and establish the site as the 'go-to' place for any information, resources, training opportunities and support for health professionals who work with pregnant Aboriginal women and their families, advancing Aboriginal maternal and child health outcomes.

Visit the portal here: <http://www.healthinonet.ecu.edu.au/population-groups/preventing-aboriginal-maternal-smoking>

The screenshot displays the PAMSWA portal website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the Australian Indigenous HealthInfoNet logo and various menu items like Home, About, Funders, Contact, and Warnings. Below the navigation bar, there is a search bar and a 'Quick access' link. The main content area features a large banner with the title 'Preventing Aboriginal Maternal Smoking WA' and a colorful illustration of a person. Below the banner, there is a welcome message and a list of key facts, publications, programs and projects, organizations, resources, and workforce. On the right side, there is a 'Yarning places' section, a Twitter feed, a 'List of core service providers', and a 'PAMSWA News' section. At the bottom, there are sections for 'Related topics', 'Contribute', and 'About the artwork'.

# WA Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Sector Conference

On the 25-27th May, the annual WA Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Sector Conference was held at the Esplanade Hotel in Fremantle, with attendees hearing from sector leaders, AHCWA staff; departmental executives and program staff from both governments and two parliamentarians.

The Planning Day was held on the first day with AHCWA's new chair, Michelle Nelson-Cox starting off the 3 day event. NACCHO CEO Lisa Briggs was first to present; followed by commonwealth State Manager John Tunney; and newly appointed state Aboriginal health directors Russell Simpson and Wendy Casey.

The afternoon session provided presentations from Ben Wyatt MLA, as well as an overview of the WA sector profile report prepared by AHCWA in November 2014, presented by Chris O'Farrell. The AHCWA policy team talked about recent policy work of great interest to Members, including advice about the media responses to recent and disturbing Aboriginal affairs issues.

The first day of the Conference provided attendees with a historical overview of the Sector's 40 year journey presented by Ted Wilkes and Henry Councillor, who led us through the story over the decades with plenty of photos and memories of special events and former leaders.

This very entertaining look back at the journey of the Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Sector in WA was followed by AHCWA's, Sharon Bushby giving an emotional presentation on the history of Aboriginal Health Workers. The afternoon session saw an uplifting presentation from the 3 Amigo's from the Nindilingarri Cultural Health Service, who presented on the preventative work they are doing through the use of music and multi-media. Closing off Day 1, the attendees were provided with an insight into the Kimberley Renal Services who brought their new Renal Van down for the Conference.



Day 2 saw the launch of AHCWA's Reconciliation Action Plan. Whilst there was a positive response, there was a strongly expressed preference for a more formal treaty or even a legislative approach. After the launch it was the future leaders in health's turn to present on the hard work they had been engaging in over the past two days, the culmination of the Youth Workshop held on the first day.

The WA DEpartment of Health took the opportunity to present their Aboriginal Health and Wellbeing Framework, followed by a panel discussion around the Withdrawal of Services from Communities.

Overall the Conference was successful with a lot of passion and drive coming from our leaders and future leaders in the Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Sector.



**Members Planning Day**



**Lisa Briggs - CEO of NACCHO**



**Richard Walley Dancers**



**Maureen Carter and the 3 Amigo's  
from Nindilingarri Cultural Health  
Service**



**Graham Cooper from OVAS**



**WA Aboriginal Community Controlled  
Health Sector Conference**

# Youth Conference

On Monday 25th May, AHCWA held their annual WA Community Controlled Health Sector Conference - Youth Workshop. Hayley Thompson, AHCWA's Aboriginal Youth Coordinator, facilitated the one-day workshop focusing on discussions around issues affecting Indigenous youth, the different Indigenous youth programs in our regions and what AHCWA could do to improve positive outcomes for youth in all regions.



By the end of the workshop, each region had come up with a Youth Project Proposal to run in their specific region. Each region specifically highlighted the issues, in their regional areas, and decided to prioritise these issues in their Project Proposals.

- AHCWA (Perth): Leadership, Health & Well-being, Career advice
- CMSAC (Carnarvon): Alcohol, Drugs, Young Parenting
- DAHS (Derby): Drugs, Alcohol & other Addictions
- GRAMS (Geraldton): Chronic disease, Health Checks, Health Promotion, Immunising, Stigma of the "Shame" factor
- MHS (Roebourne): Getting youth off the streets and into positive environments e.g. music workshop, discussing smoking & drinking, putting together songs/ rhymes/ poems, making music
- SWAMS (Bunbury): Juvenile Justice & keeping youth out of the justice system, helping them before they offend, Cultural Healing, Positive Pathways

With the help from AHCWA, each of these Project Proposals are well on their way to being funded and possibly being run in each region by the end of 2015.



# Practical Steps to Improve Patient Outcomes: Workshop

On 9 June, AHCWA's Health Systems Improvement Unit held a workshop, entitled Practical Steps to Improve Patient Outcomes. The aim of this workshop was to help services better understand continuous quality improvement and how it can be used to improve patient outcomes and service delivery.

Keynote speaker, Dr Vlad Matic from Wuchopperen Health Service in Cairns discussed how his service began using a structured approach to continuous quality improvement, which has enabled them to become more efficient, effective, and profitable. They have increased their Medicare revenue and used those funds to employ more staff, build and improve infrastructure and improve patient care. Other guest speakers included Jason Agostino from NACCHO, who spoke about how and why we need to use data; Cate Kildea from the Commonwealth government, who discussed the government's interest in CQI, including new funding for Healthy for Life; and Karen Gardner from Lowitja, who presented the National CQI Framework, which Lowitja has been developing in partnership with NACCHO and affiliates, including AHCWA.

AHCWA staff discussed issues relating to continuous quality improvement and Medicare. Kyla Ulmer, from AHCWA discussed the importance of a structured approach to CQI and how services can set up a quality improvement team. Dr Marianne Wood and Sara Dyer presented AHCWA's framework for improvement and spoke about how CQI and Medicare fit into overall service delivery. Open forums were held to allow services to bring up issues they face and to help come up with practical solutions.

Response to this workshop was overwhelmingly positive. AHCWA would like to thank all of those in attendance for making the day a success. For those member services that were unable to send a representative, but would like additional information, please contact AHCWA's Health Systems Improvement Unit for more information, including slides and recordings from the workshop. For more information on continuous quality improvement, maximising revenue, or any other related issues, please contact AHCWA's Health Systems Improvement Team at:

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# WAGPET: Dr Rohan Carter

Closing the gap in Aboriginal Health and empowering patients to truly understand their health are the two burning issues that get Dr Rohan Carter (the 2014 WAGPET Registrar of the Year Award joint winner) out of bed each morning.

The 44-year-old registrar, who currently works for Geraldton Regional Aboriginal Medical Service (GRAMS), is driven to help Aboriginal patients become more health literate so they can take greater control of their individual health and the health of their families.

Rohan believes that one of the most effective ways of closing the gap in Aboriginal Health is to ensure patients are educated about their role in their own health care. Closing the gap is a strategy that aims to reduce Indigenous disadvantage with respect to life expectancy, child mortality, access to early childhood education, educational achievement and employment outcomes.

“How can we close the gap when we have patients with significant medical issues, who don’t really understand the problem,” Rohan said. “It is not safe to assume that every patient understands what the kidneys do, what the pancreas does and what proteinuria actually signifies,” Rohan said.

Since joining WAGPET’s 2012 cohort, Rohan has worked extensively in Western Australia’s Kimberley and Mid West regions and developed sustainable programs for Chronic Disease management in partnership with Aboriginal communities.

In Rohan’s experience, once patients are educated and have full understanding, they often become willing partners in their own care and strong self-managers, with the support of a multi-disciplinarian team.

Originally hailing from Albany in southern WA, Rohan discovered his passion for Aboriginal Health after ‘stumbling’ into medicine when he noticed an advert for graduate entry into medicine while working as a nurse. From day one of his acceptance into medicine, Rohan began planning how to become a GP specialising in Aboriginal health.

Rohan’s advice for any registrars interested in pursuing an Aboriginal Health career was to foster a willingness to learn and understand Aboriginal people.

Through the tireless work that Rohan does to make a difference in Aboriginal Health, he was recently recognised by WAGPET and awarded the Registrar of the Year Award for 2014, along with Dr Fergus McCabe at GP on Beaufort.

Rohan is currently working towards Fellowship and plans to continue working in Aboriginal health, and in the future may take on an administrative role to help develop evidence-based policy and procedure to drive further gains in Closing the gap.



# Healthy Lifestyle Team: NOVA Ads



## Smoking is Everyone's Business

On the 13th of May the Tackling Indigenous Smoking and Healthy Lifestyle Team recorded four tackling Indigenous smoking health promotion radio ads at the Nova 93.7 Radio station in Subiaco.

These ads were scripted by members of the team and the voices were provided by four AHCWA staff members, Julie Jones, Ronda Clarke, Harley Richards and Shaun Wyn-Jones. A huge thanks to them, they did an amazing job!

The ads were focused on; where to get support to quit, how the 4 D's can help you quit smoking, (Deep breathe, Drink water, Distract and Delay), a dialogue about relapsing and encouragement to keep on trying to quit, and finally a strong message about smoking being everyone's business.

These Ads are promoting the benefits of being smoke-free to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities in the Perth Metro Area and are also part of the team's recognition of World No Tobacco Day on the 31st of May.

The ads will be played on Nova 93.7 over the next few months, so listen out for them!



# Ear Health Training Dates

Greetings,

My name is Lorraine Taiui; my role at AHCWA is the clinical trainer in ear health. I am writing to you today to inform you that NACCHO has made available funds for Aboriginal Health Workers interested in doing ear health training.

AHCWA will be facilitating the process on behalf of NACCHO and are seeking participants in the Metro region and participants from the Pilbara/Kimberley regions. Funds provided will assist in travel, accommodation and meals for up to 10 participants from each region who require assistance in funding.

## **Description of training**

The ear and hearing training will encompass the following units of competency:

- HLTAHW025: Provide information and strategies in hearing and ear health
- HLTAU402D: Conduct screening hearing tests for industrial hearing loss
- HLTAU501D: Conduct screening hearing tests for children

Training will take place over 2 separate 1 week blocks. This Skill Set provides a pathway for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander health workers to specialise in the provision of ear and hearing health. Additionally, the Skill Set units may provide credit towards Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Primary Health Care qualifications at the Certificate IV level or higher. Assessment of students will occur both during and after face to face training has been completed.

Training dates have been set in one week blocks as per criteria as set out below:

## **Proposed block dates**

Week 1	Week 2
20/7/2015 – 24/7/2015 (METRO)	10/8/2015 – 14/8/2015 (METRO)
24/8/2015 – 28/8/2015 (KIMBERLY/PILBARA)	14/9/2015 – 18/9/2015 (KIMBERLY/PILBARA)
5/10/2015 – 9/10/2015 (Region tbc)	26/10/2015 – 30/10/2015 (Region tbc)

Please feel free to contact Lorraine Taiui at [lorriane.taiui@ahcwa.org](mailto:lorriane.taiui@ahcwa.org) if you have any enquiries or wish to express an interest in registering for the upcoming courses.

## Who should have a Senior First Aid certificate?

If you work in health or a clinical setting it's extremely important to have first aid skills. In fact, many employers require you to have a first aid certificate so it could be the difference between getting that great job or not.

Even if you don't work in a health setting, having first aid skills is so important when it comes to helping your family, friends or someone else in your community when they need it most.

So really, everyone would benefit from having a Senior First Aid certificate.

But if you are in any of the following professions, it could be compulsory:

- Aboriginal Health Worker
- Firefighter
- Police Officer
- Paramedic
- Medical receptionist
- Workplace first aider

## About the Senior First Aid course

Our Senior First Aid course runs for two days and you will graduate with a certificate and life-saving skills in the following areas:

- **Applying basic first aid principles**
- **Basic physiology and anatomy**
- **Managing emergency situations, unconscious people, burns and bleeding**
- **Life threatening breathing problems**
- **Adult, child and infant CPR and using an Automated External Defibrillator (AED)**
- **Spinal, head, ear and eye injuries**
- **Fractures, bites, stings and poisons**

### Duration:

Two consecutive days

### Location:

Training and Development Centre  
Aboriginal Health Council of Western Australia  
450 Beaufort Street, Highgate  
Perth, Western Australia  
(or at a venue negotiated)



### Cost: \$150\*

\* The Senior First Aid course is free for AHCWA member services.  
Member services only need to pay for trainer's travel costs (if outside of Perth Metropolitan area)

*Please contact us for more information*

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