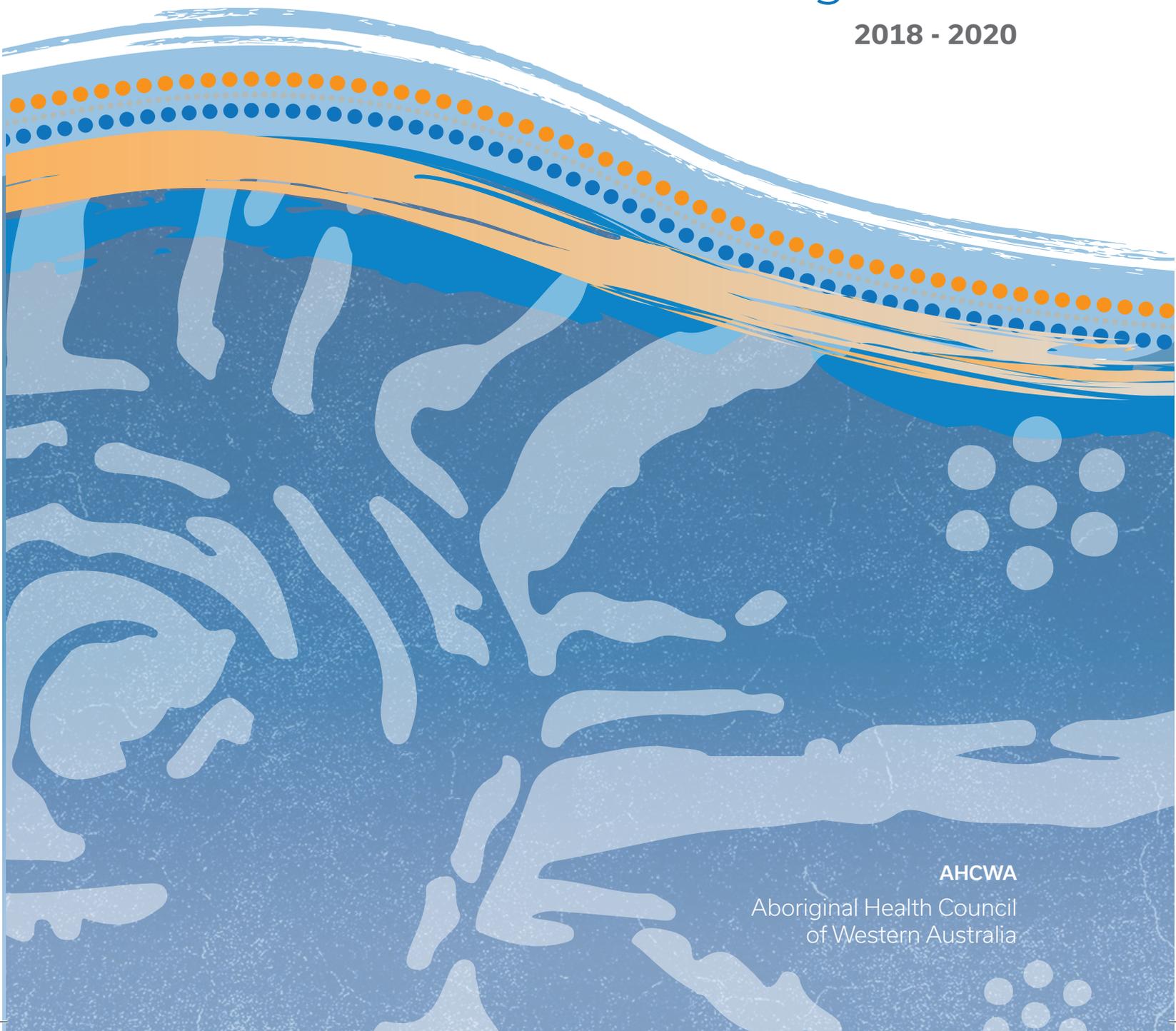




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Strategic Plan

2018 - 2020



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Who are we?

The Aboriginal Health Council of Western Australia (AHCWA) is the peak body for Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services (ACCHSs*) in Western Australia. We exist to support and act on behalf of our 22 Member ACCHSs throughout WA, actively responding to the individual and collective needs of our Members.

Governed by an Aboriginal Board of Directors who represent all regions in Western Australia, AHCWA aims to promote and strengthen the ACCHSs' model of care. A model that is built around the delivery of comprehensive, holistic, and culturally secure primary health care services.

We come together as one to; respect, welcome and understand the social and cultural needs; to network; provide support; advocate; to influence policy; monitor performance; build work capacity; improve and strengthen the social and emotional wellbeing; of Aboriginal people and their communities.

Representing the needs of our Members, we act as a forum to lead and influence the development of Aboriginal health policies across WA. We advocate for the rights and entitlements of all Aboriginal people and ACCHSs throughout Western Australia at local, regional, State and national levels.

Incorporated under the Commonwealth Corporations Act in May 2005, AHCWA continues to evolve and build capacity as the leading authority for Aboriginal primary health care in Western Australia.

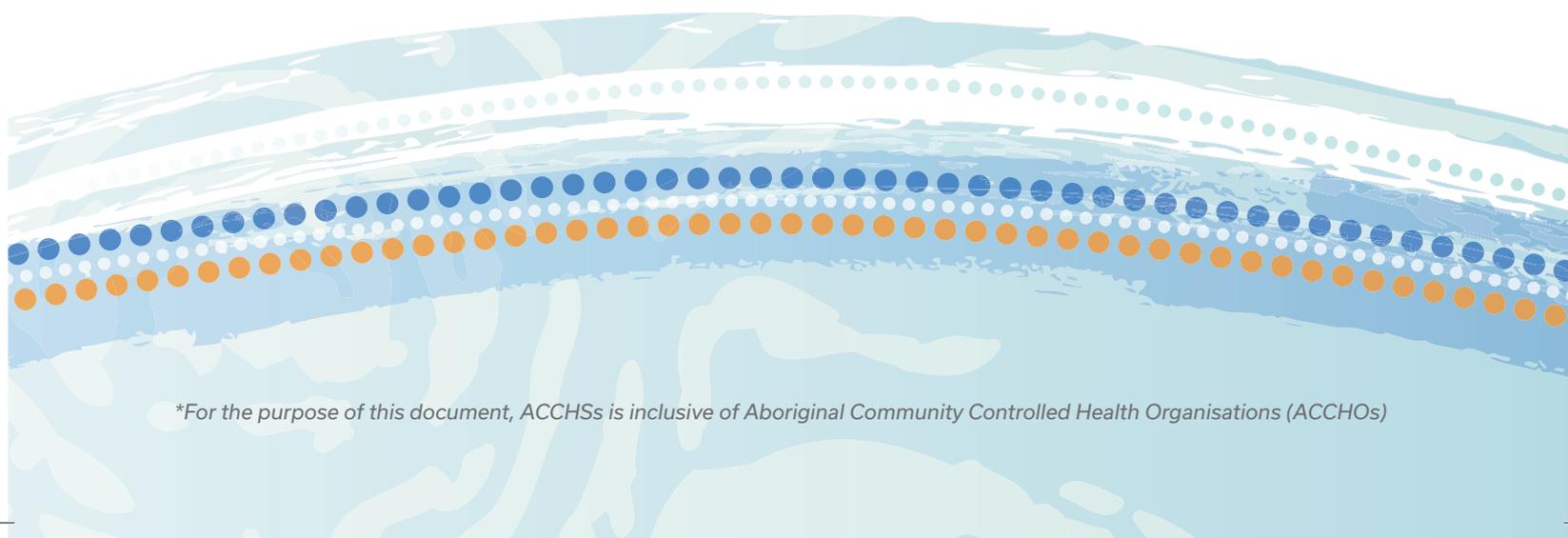
Vision

Aboriginal people in Western Australia enjoy the same level of health and wellbeing as all Western Australians.

Mission

As the leading authority for Aboriginal health in Western Australia, we strive to strengthen and promote the ACCHSs' model of care, empowering Aboriginal people to achieve health equality in their communities.

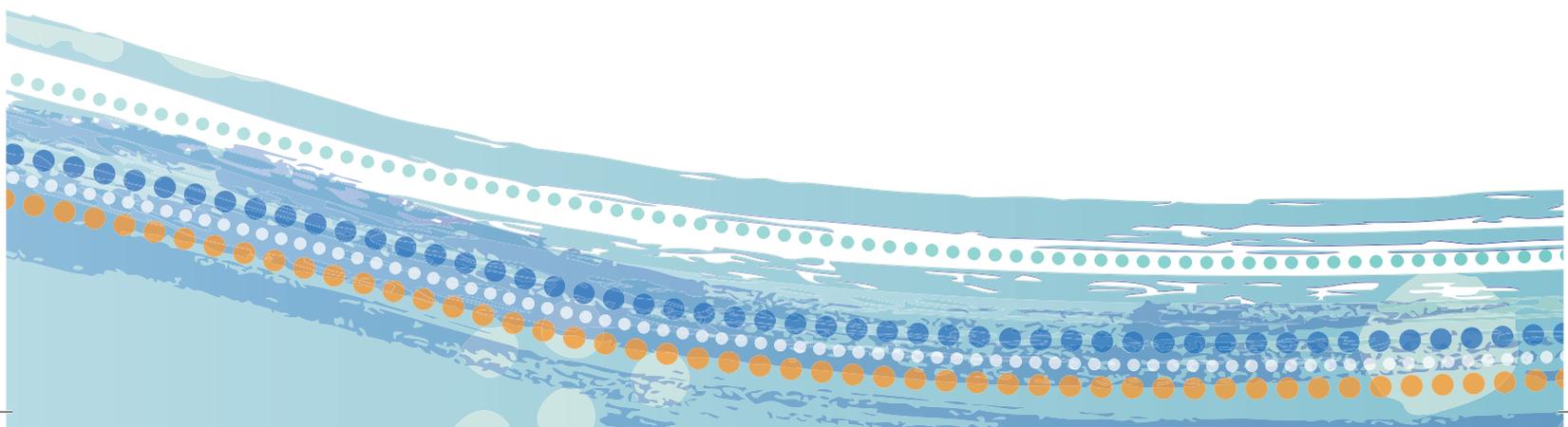
**For the purpose of this document, ACCHSs is inclusive of Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisations (ACCHOs)*



Values

AHCWA operates on the foundational pillars of Aboriginal leadership, self-determination and cultural diversity that underpin and shape the way the organisation conducts its business. These values are designed to guide and promote a strong and high-performing organisational culture that is responsive to the state-wide needs of its Members.

AHCWA's Organisational Values



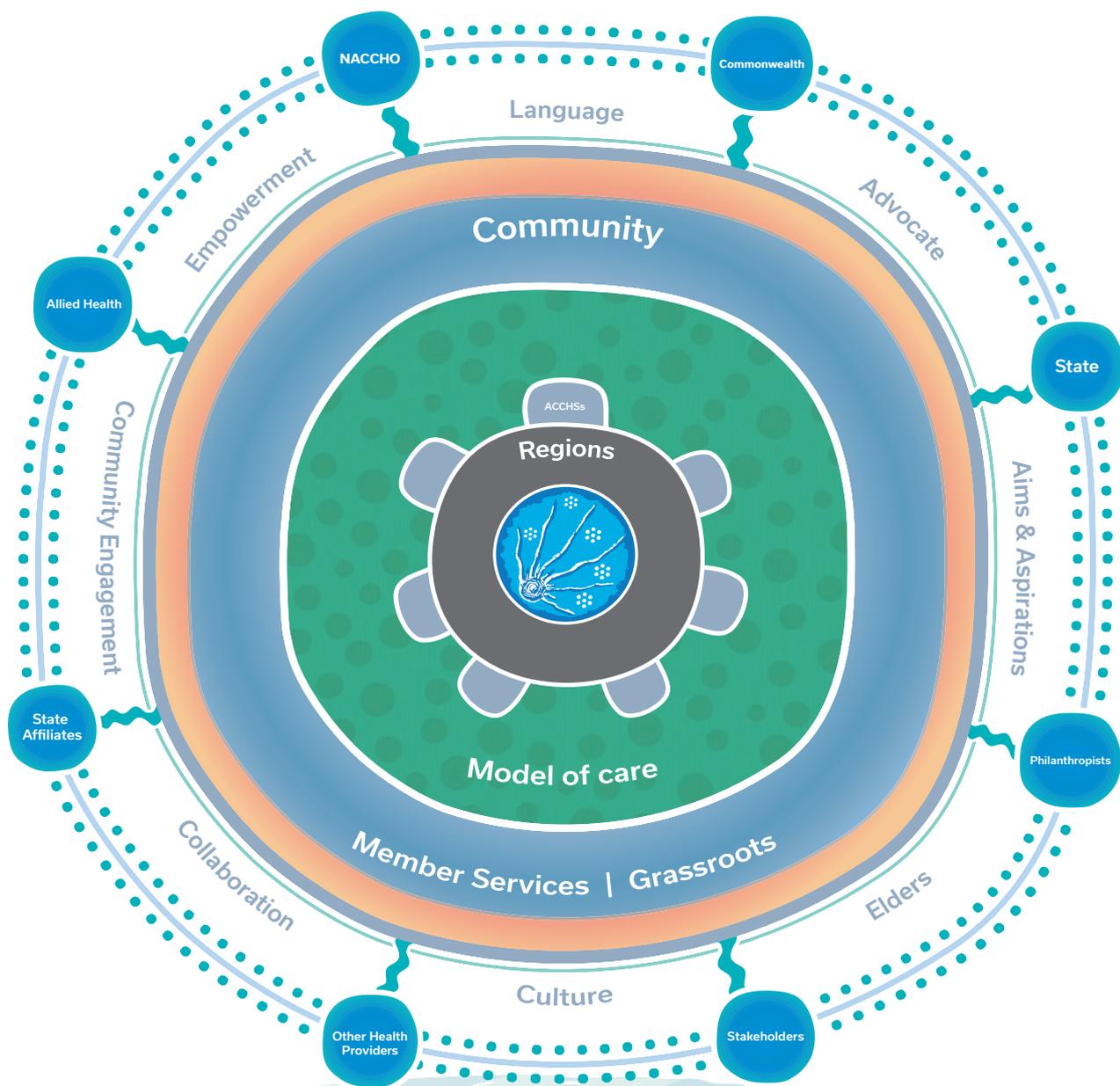
We exist to:

Empower – build the capacity of Aboriginal communities to design and deliver holistic and culturally appropriate health care

Promote Collaboration – encourage partnerships between service providers and ACCHSs

Advocate – provide a voice for the sector on key issues that impact on the health and wellbeing of Aboriginal communities

Provide Leadership – to enable Aboriginal community leaders to inspire their people to achieve their individual and collective goals & aspirations



AHCWA's Membership

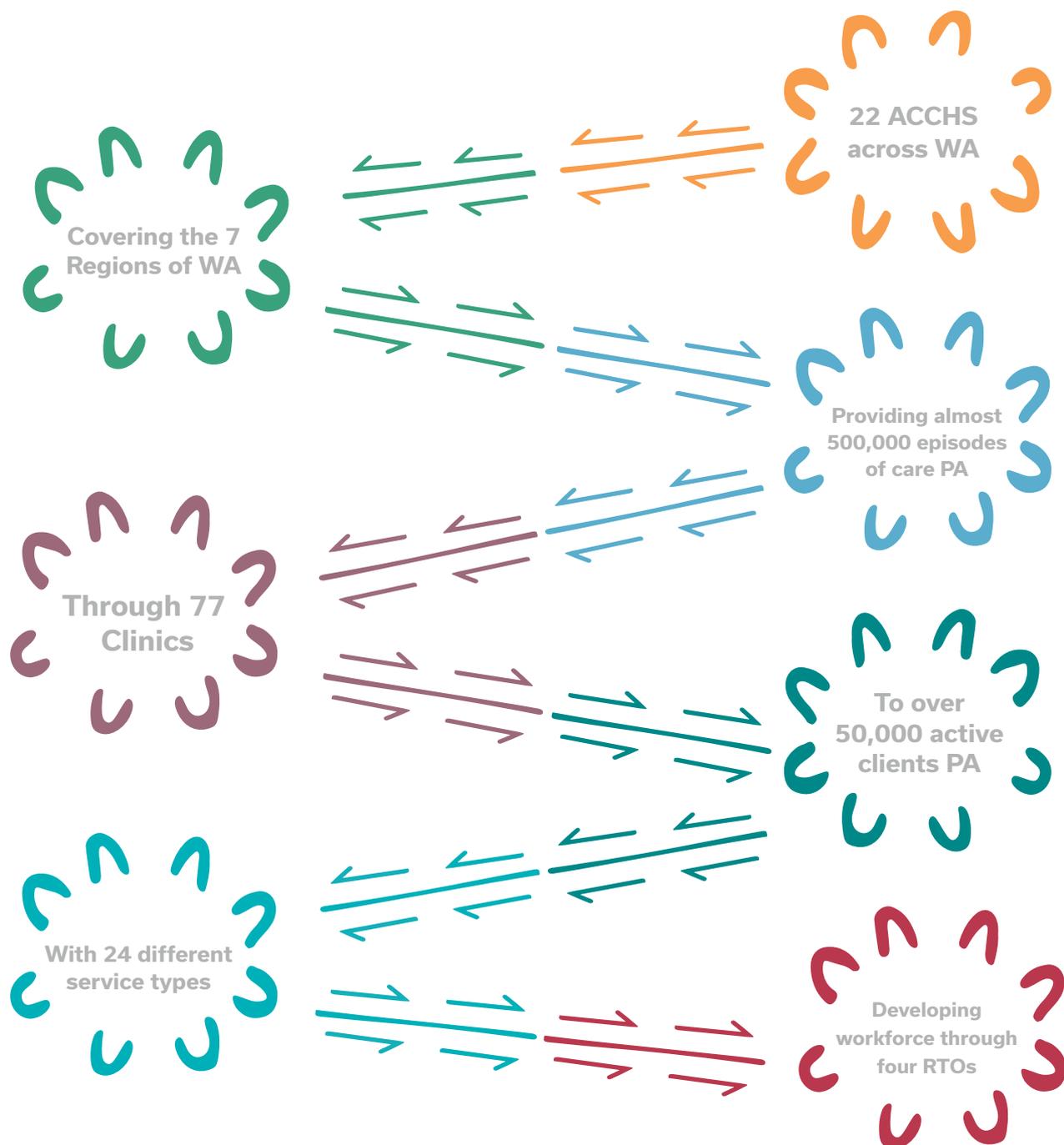
AHCWA currently has 22 active Members located across the 7 regions of Western Australia. Membership of AHCWA is open to all ACCHSs within Western Australia that have been deemed by the Members of the Council to have met the criteria for membership as defined within the AHCWA Constitution.

The Council also accepts as Associate Members, those Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Committees and those Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations that do not provide health services or are establishing themselves to provide health-related services in the future.



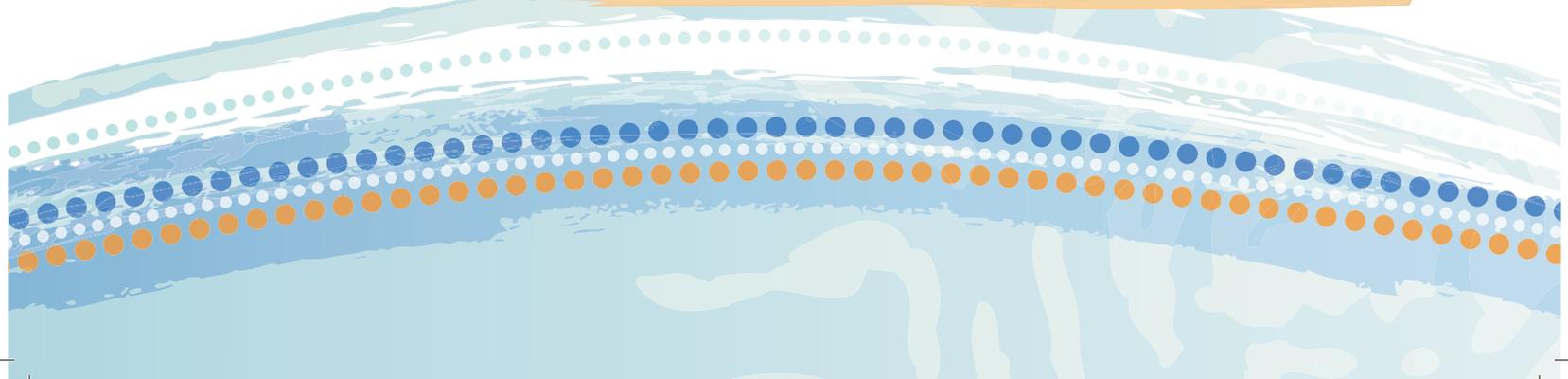
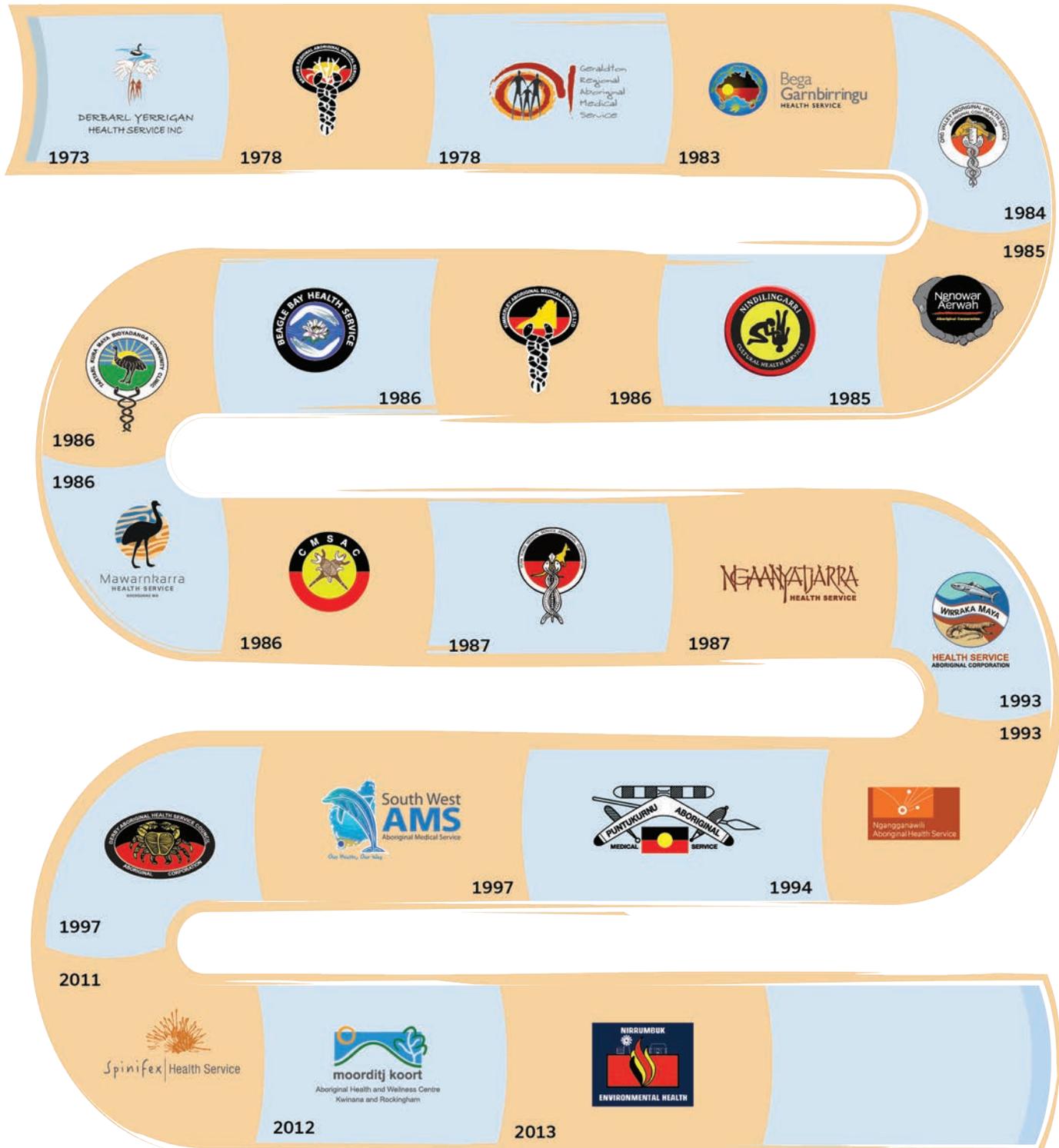
ACCH Sector Success

- 22 Member ACCHSs located across 7 regions in Western Australia
- Operating 77 clinics throughout the State in metropolitan, regional and remote areas
- Providing high quality, holistic and culturally safe care to over 50,000 Aboriginal and 10,000 non-Aboriginal patients around the State
- Offering over 24 different types of health and wellbeing services specifically designed to meet the health needs of local Aboriginal people
- Delivering almost 500,000 episodes of care per annum
- Providing relevant and comprehensive training for Aboriginal Health Workers/Practitioners, clinic experience for Nurses, and registrar training for General Practitioners

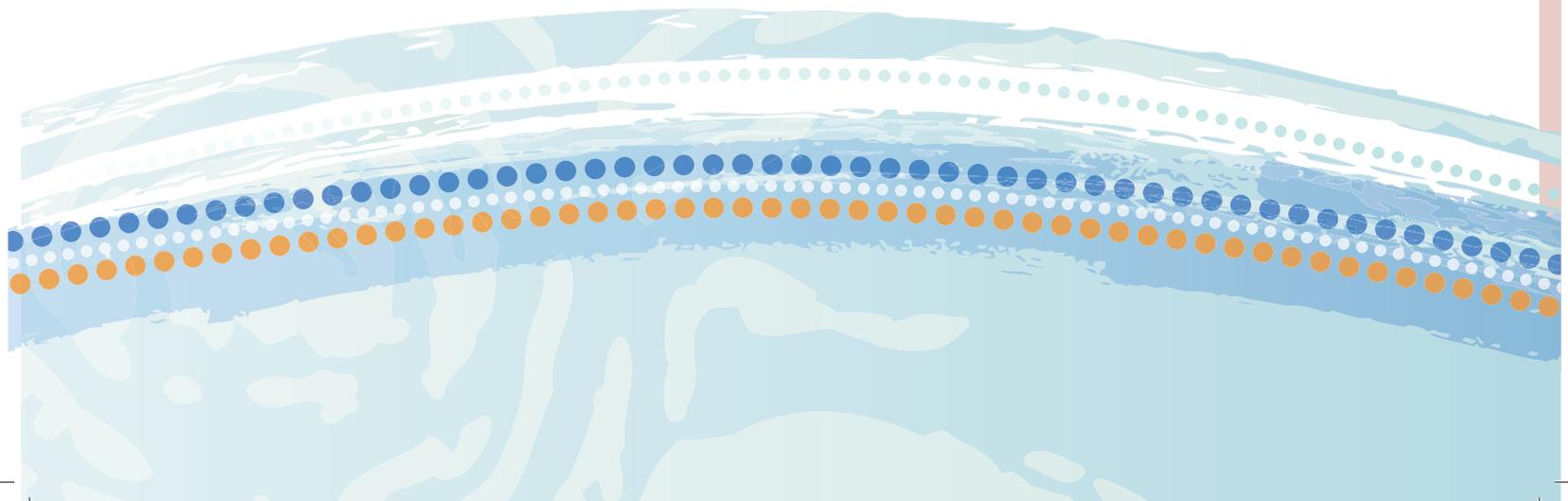


ACCHS Establishment Timeline

Below is a timeline of the 22 Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services in Western Australia



Strategic Goals



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Goal 1 Articulate, enhance and promote the ACCHSs' model of care as best practice for Aboriginal people and communities

- Work with our Members to define and document the ACCHSs' model of care
- Collect and collate data as evidence that supports the effectiveness of the ACCHSs' model of care
- Promote the ACCHSs' model of care as the best practice for Aboriginal people
- Work with ACCHSs to achieve better health outcomes for Aboriginal people

Goal 2 Lead and influence the development of Aboriginal health policy, in collaboration with Member ACCHSs

- Facilitate opportunities for community members to contribute to AHCWA's participation in relevant health policy processes
- Champion and represent the views of the ACCH Sector in the development and evaluation of policies
- Develop and maintain strategic relationships with key decision-makers
- Provide national involvement and influence in health policy and clinical standards

Goal 3 Support and strengthen our Sector, through Continuous Quality Improvement

- Support Members to obtain and/or maintain relevant accreditation (AGPAL, QIC, ISO, TAC, AHPRA etc.)
- Develop and share policies, procedures, tools and resources that enable CQI
- Support Members to address areas of improvement identified through CQI
- Facilitate opportunities for Members to share experiences, successes and ideas relevant to CQI

Goal 4

Empower and support our Members and their communities to actively participate in a sustainable model for improved Aboriginal health

- Build the capacity for community members to contribute to the strategic direction of ACCHSs and succession plan for the future
- Work with the Sector to identify locations with the greatest unmet demand for health services
- Work with the Sector to address the lack of access to the ACCHSs' model of care for identified Aboriginal communities
- Identify income streams and develop commercial opportunities for AHCWA and its Members

Goal 5

Enhance workforce capacity to improve the health, and social and emotional wellbeing of Aboriginal people in Western Australia

- Establish the current ACCH Sector workforce parameters
- Identify the workforce needs of the ACCH Sector
- Develop an Aboriginal employment strategy which is inclusive of youth engagement
- Empower the ACCH Sector to deliver culturally appropriate training
- Contribute to relevant government policies and legislation that impacts on the ACCHSs' workforce

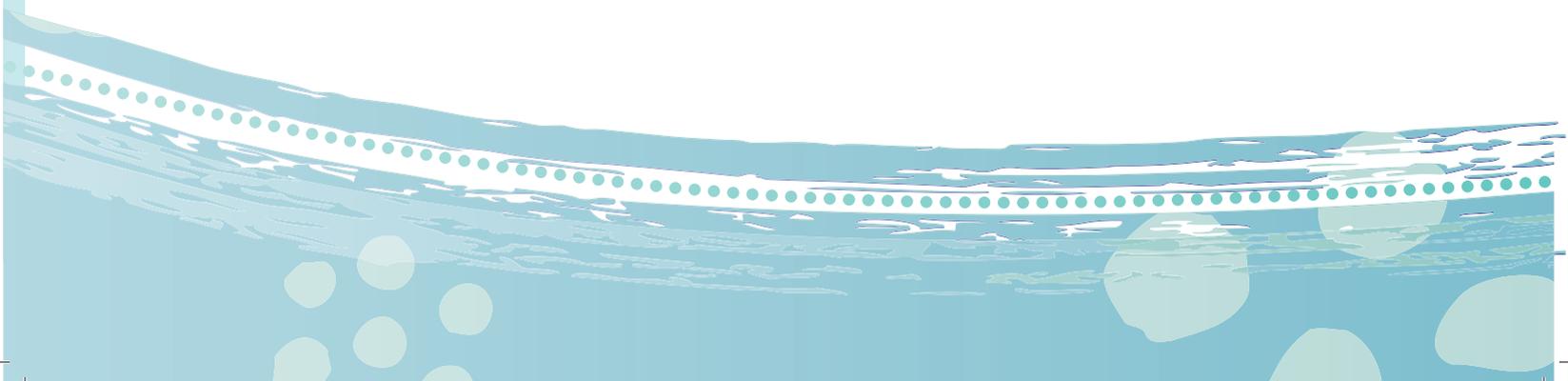
Goal 6

For AHCWA itself, build and maintain a sustainable and effective organisational model that is aligned to the needs of our Members

- Implement robust processes and systems that ensure operational effectiveness and accountability to Members
- Encourage all Members to actively contribute to our strategic objectives
- Acknowledge and adopt relevant feedback that contributes to organisational planning and development
- Embed the organisational values at all levels of the organisation
- Apply CQI principles to our business structures, governance, and other processes and systems
- Develop strategies that create business development and growth

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