

About the Project

StillAware is the only not-for-profit organisation in Australia dedicated to raising awareness of stillbirth and is working alongside the Pilbara Aboriginal Voice (PAV) to surface knowledge that can guide us towards important understandings around preparing to carry and birth baby safely. This project exists because stats identify high rates of stillbirth in Aboriginal communities. Currently research is showing that Aboriginal woman experience stillbirth at 2-3 times the rate as non-Aboriginal women.

A Department of Health grant rewarded StillAware a project grant that covers six regions across Australia starting with the Pilbara region. As the project team travels through each region, opportunity will be given for each region to find their own translation of the project and allow their own ways of identifying. Gurlu Gurlu Wangka translates to Yarns about Children in the Ngarluma language, the base location for the Pilbara region. The aim of the project is to develop education and awareness resources with and for Aboriginal people, on ways to reduce risk of Stillbirth while pregnant.

About the Presenter



Associate Professor Jane Warland is a midwife who holds a joint position between Curtin University School of Nursing and King Edward Memorial Hospital. Since suffering the unexplained full-term stillbirth of her daughter Emma nearly 30 years ago, she has been a passionate researcher into preventative and modifiable risk factors for stillbirth as well as promoting public and maternity care provider awareness of stillbirth.

Jane is the Grant holder for a project funded by the Commonwealth Department of Health called “Winds of Change | New old ways for caring” The grant focusses on co-designing a suite of Stillbirth Education and awareness resources with and for Aboriginal people. The project has started in the West Pilbara and will engage with five other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities across the lands now called Australia.



Winds of Change

New Old Ways for Caring

Gurlu Gurlu Wangka

Day one: 20 th October 2022	Day two: 21 st October 2022
Title: Working with women and families to keep Safe in Pregnancy	Title: Working with bereaved families following Stillbirth
<p>Jane will present Still Aware’s InUtero workshop. In this interactive workshop she will cover understanding causes, and risk factors for stillbirth, she will also provide information about how to talk to women about stillbirth risk, as well as outlining some of the recent research on risk factors for stillbirth.</p> <p>To read more about InUtero 10.1016/j.nedt.2019.104298</p>	<p>Jane will turn to sharing what she has learned from nearly 30 years working with families impacted by stillbirth. This will include recent research “hot of the press” from the ‘Birthing in grief’ study which was the first in the world to explore parents’ experiences of labouring when they know their baby will be stillborn.</p>
<p>Venue: Welcome Lotteries House, 7 Morse Court, Karratha (catering provided, BYO food if you have any special dietary requirements).</p> <p>Time: Arrive by 7:45am Start @ 8:00am Finish by 4:00pm</p> <p>Contact: Jasmine Smith (08) 91447639 Executive Assistant to Liam Avery Operations Manager.</p>	