



## PERSONAL

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## EDUCATION

Bachelor of Nursing (Advanced Studies),  
2018 - 2021



Holly is a proud Booroobergonal woman of the Dharug nation, which is where her strong interest in Aboriginal affairs stems from, particularly in the health sector. Following the completion of her Indigenous internship in 2018, Holly is now a Consultant at ARTD after completing her Bachelor of Nursing (Advanced Studies) at the University of Sydney in 2021.



*As an Aboriginal woman, connecting with and hearing the voice of community is always at the core of my heart and work. By working with community, we integrate everyone's perspectives for the best possible outcome.*

## HOLLY KOVAC CONSULTANT



### STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT AND FACILITATION

Holly is particularly passionate about demonstrating her interpersonal skills. She takes pride in connecting and engaging with community stakeholders through interviews and making sure everyone has a voice during consultation through her facilitation of focus groups and workshops.

- » **Evaluation of the Indigenous STEM Girls Academy** (NIAA, 2021 in progress): this evaluation will inform how the Academy could be further targeted, refined or scaled to achieve greater impact in the future through engaging Academy stakeholders and participants.
- » **Evaluation of the APPRISE Targeted responses to empower First Nations led research on COVID-19 program** (APPRISE, 2021 in progress): This review evaluated whether the objectives of the grant program were being met and assessed progress against the desired program impacts through interviews with grant recipients and unsuccessful applicants.
- » **Future Directions Evaluation Administration and Aboriginal Engagement** (Department of Communities and Justice, 2020 in progress): This long term evaluation of the housing initiatives involves organising community consultations across 5 sites in NSW, applying Indigenous data sovereignty principles by ensuring communities receive their data for review and are kept up to date on the evaluation's progress.
- » **Evaluation of Close the Gap for Vision Roadmap** (Indigenous Eye Health, 2020-21): IEH engaged ARTD to evaluate the regional implementation of the Roadmap across Australia. The evaluation design was co-designed with stakeholders across the eye health pathway and held 6 major focus groups around NSW.

### CAPACITY BUILDING AND POLICY DEVELOPMENT

- » **Sustaining Aboriginal Tenancies Pilot Data & Delivery Capacity Building** (Aboriginal Housing Office, 2021): Worked closely with the Aboriginal Resource Unit and Aboriginal Housing Office to develop the pilot's program and costing model.
- » **Lowitja Research Project** (Abcare, 2021 in progress): Supporting Abcare with their Lowitja Research Grant to undertake their "Bimiirr Darrundayu: Improving wellbeing in Aboriginal children in Out of Home Care" project and assisting with developing the program model.
- » **Bungree Youth Frontiers Tender Support** (Bungree Aboriginal Association, 2021): Supported Bungree to tender for DCJ funding through the Youth Frontiers program.
- » **Aboriginal Evidence Building Partnerships** (Their Futures Matter, 2018-20): Worked closely with Kinchela Boys Home Aboriginal Corporation and Illawarra Aboriginal Corporation to build their capacity to collect, monitor and demonstrate outcomes. This has included developing program logics, outcomes matrices, surveys and interview guides, data monitoring systems, casework tools and service provision guidelines. (Winner: **Award for Excellence in Indigenous Evaluation**, Australian Evaluation Society 2019.)