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Youth mental health services (Australia-wide) and linkages to social and emotional wellbeing.

Tony Lee
Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Strategy Director
Headspace, Melbourne

Tony will discuss what is happening in the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander “space” in **headspace**.

So what is **headspace**? **headspace**, the National Youth Mental Health Foundation, is a world-first initiative providing youth-centric early intervention services to young Australians aged 12-25. It is funded by the Australian Government and was established in 2006.

headspace has helped some 72,000 young people across Australia since 2006 through its 40 Centres and **eheadspace**, an online and telephone mental health support service.

Tony Lee is a Yawuru man from Broome, WA. He has been working with **headspace** National Office, Melbourne since December 2011 and is the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Strategy Director. Tony’s main role is to provide strategic advice and to develop initiatives to increase the participation and engagement of young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders aged 12-25 years in **headspace**’s youth mental health programmes and services.

Tony’s career in Indigenous affairs spans more than 35 years including as first Aboriginal person to be appointed as a member of the then newly formed National Native Title Tribunal following the Mabo High Court decision, a position he held for 9 years. He has worked in many senior positions in the State and Commonwealth public services in Indigenous affairs as well as senior advisor to a number of WA government ministers. His work in Indigenous affairs has been across a range of portfolio areas including health, education, employment, training, land management, governance, community development and management, mediation and conflict resolution. Tony has also operated his own successful private consulting business for many years.

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