Dietitians read up on Deadly Science this NAIDOC Week - Media release

Sharing stories and inspiring a love of science is today's focus of Dietitians Australia's NAIDOC week webinar series.

Corey Tutt – Kamilaroi man, founder of Deadly Science and 2020 NSW Young Australian of the Year – will have a yarn with dietitians about the importance of sharing science knowledge to the continued healing of Country.

"Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples were the First Scientists of our nation, and it's so important that we support the next generation to continue healing of Country," said Corey.

"Science is all around us – from helping protect endangered plants and wildlife to understanding where our food comes from, as well as how we can help others with their health.

"Teaching kids about how science is connected to Country opens up so many real-world possibilities for them to embrace culture to build a better future."

Corey will also share an insight into Deadly Science and the work of his team.

"We're continuing to help foster an interest in science by ensuring kids living in remote communities have access to science books and equipment like microscopes," said Corey.

"We have also been busy translating STEM resources into local language, to help further the connection between science and culture."

For those with a science background looking to make a difference, Corey shares this advice:

“We all have the power to help kids from all corners of our country follow a career in science. We need professionals working in STEM to engage with schools and share their knowledge, to show what possibilities a career in science can hold,” said Corey.

Throughout the week, dietitians have heard from an outstanding line up of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and non-Indigenous speakers who have presented on a range of topics including Dietitians Australia’s journey in reconciliation, the importance of bush tucker and the value of art in healing. Tomorrow’s webinar will cover the positive impact of community-led health programs.

Leading the discussion about our journey with reconciliation, Dietitians Australia’s Reconciliation Action Plan Working Group Chair Robyn Delbridge encouraged all dietitians to get involved.

“This week has offered a rich and diverse way for dietitians to gain a new perspective and celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples’ histories and cultures,” said Robyn.

“As the leaders in nutrition we all have a role to play in reconciliation, to ensure we are agents of change.”

Recordings of this week’s webinars will be available to watch on-demand and are complimentary for Dietitians Australia members.

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