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Aboriginal kidney care together -
improving outcomes now

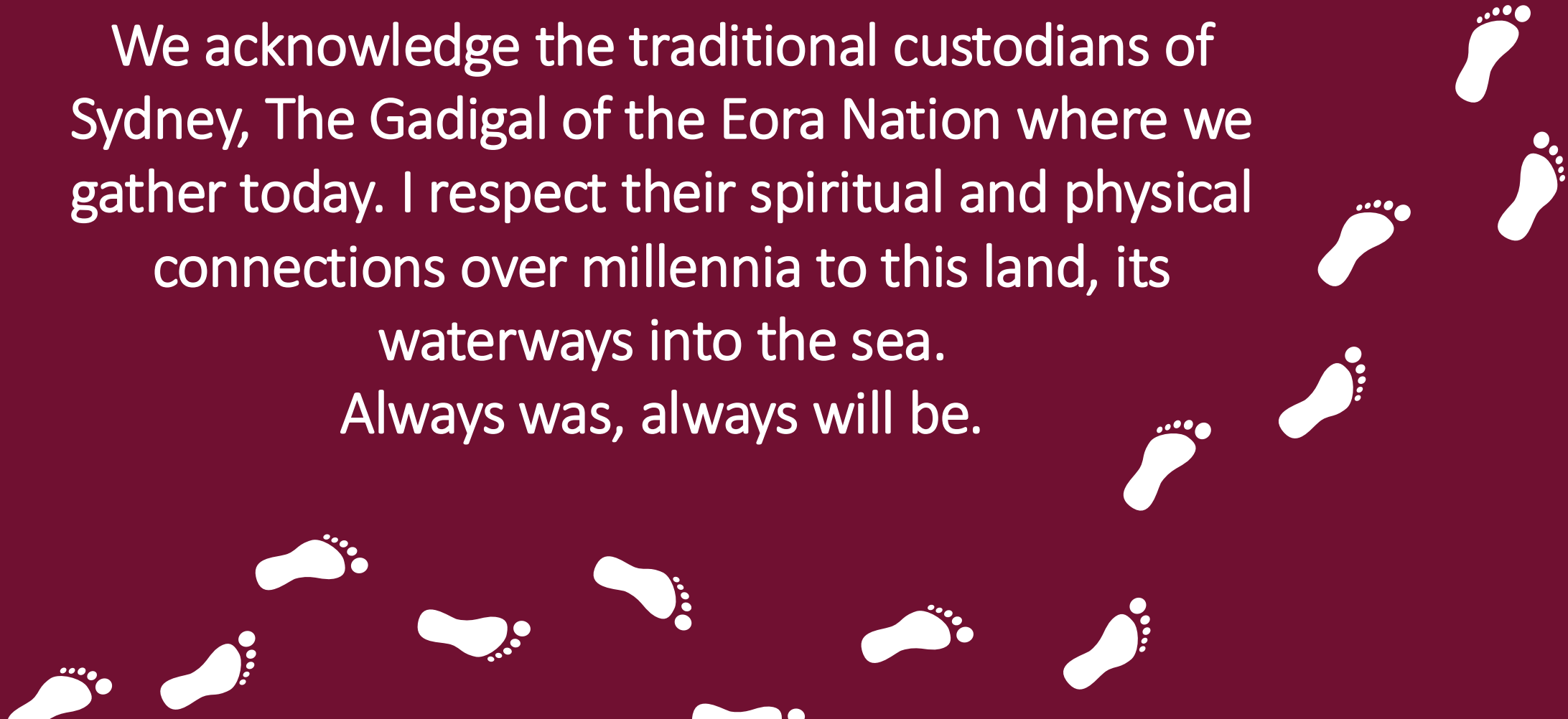


Decolonising First Nations Kidney Healthcare: This is what it looks and feels like

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Sydney Australia 2022

Acknowledgment

We acknowledge the traditional custodians of Sydney, The Gadigal of the Eora Nation where we gather today. I respect their spiritual and physical connections over millennia to this land, its waterways into the sea. Always was, always will be.



AKction: Aboriginal Kidney Care Together- Improving Outcomes Now



Aim: To improve the experiences and outcomes of kidney care for and with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander patients, families and community members and kidney health services in South Australia

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AKAction 1 extended into AKAction 2

AKAction 1

HTSA/ MRFF funding

2019-2022

- Community Consultations
- Patient journey mapping
- Stakeholder workshops
- Networking - local, NT, international
- New national clinical guidelines



Building relationships & trust

- Aboriginal patients & families • Kidney health professionals
- Researchers • Health services, systems, managers, & decision makers



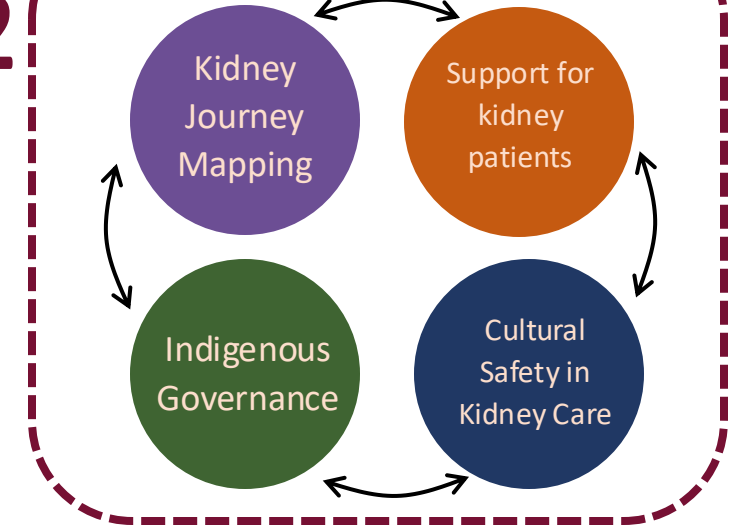
**AKAction
Reference
Team**

Methods

Decolonising research, working together in a Brave Space

- Yarning • Dadirri (deep listening) • Ganma (knowledge sharing) • participatory action research • Restructuring hierarchies • Aboriginal patients experts positioned as chief investigators

Four sub studies



AKAction 2 5 Year NHMRC Ideas Grant Funding

End goals

Patients & families

Better kidney care, dialysis, transplantation, access, education, prevention

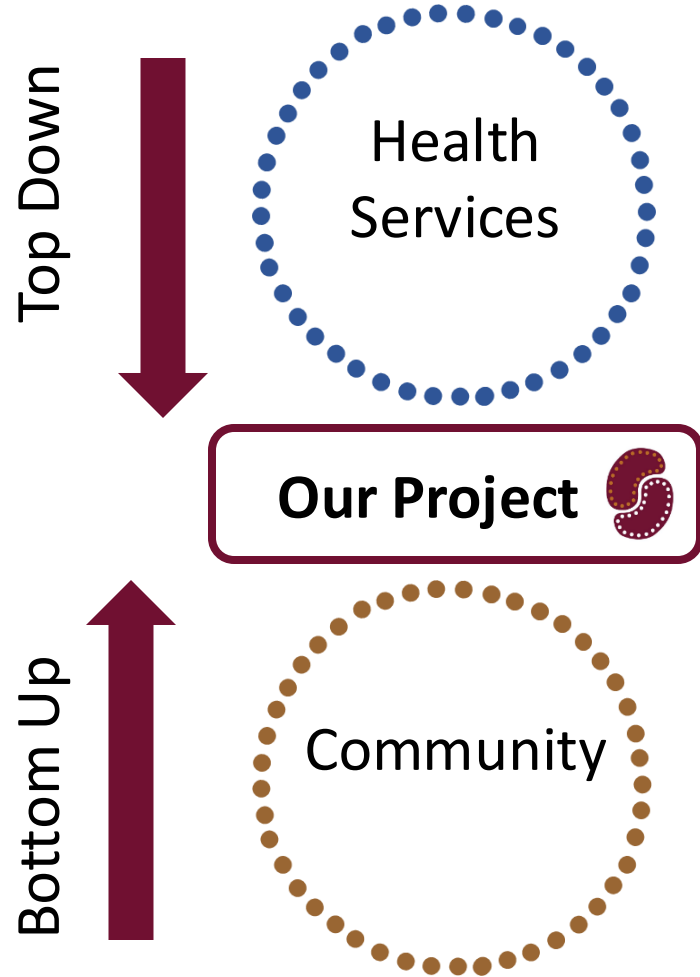
Health professionals

Cultural safety, training, effective partnership, Indigenous workforce

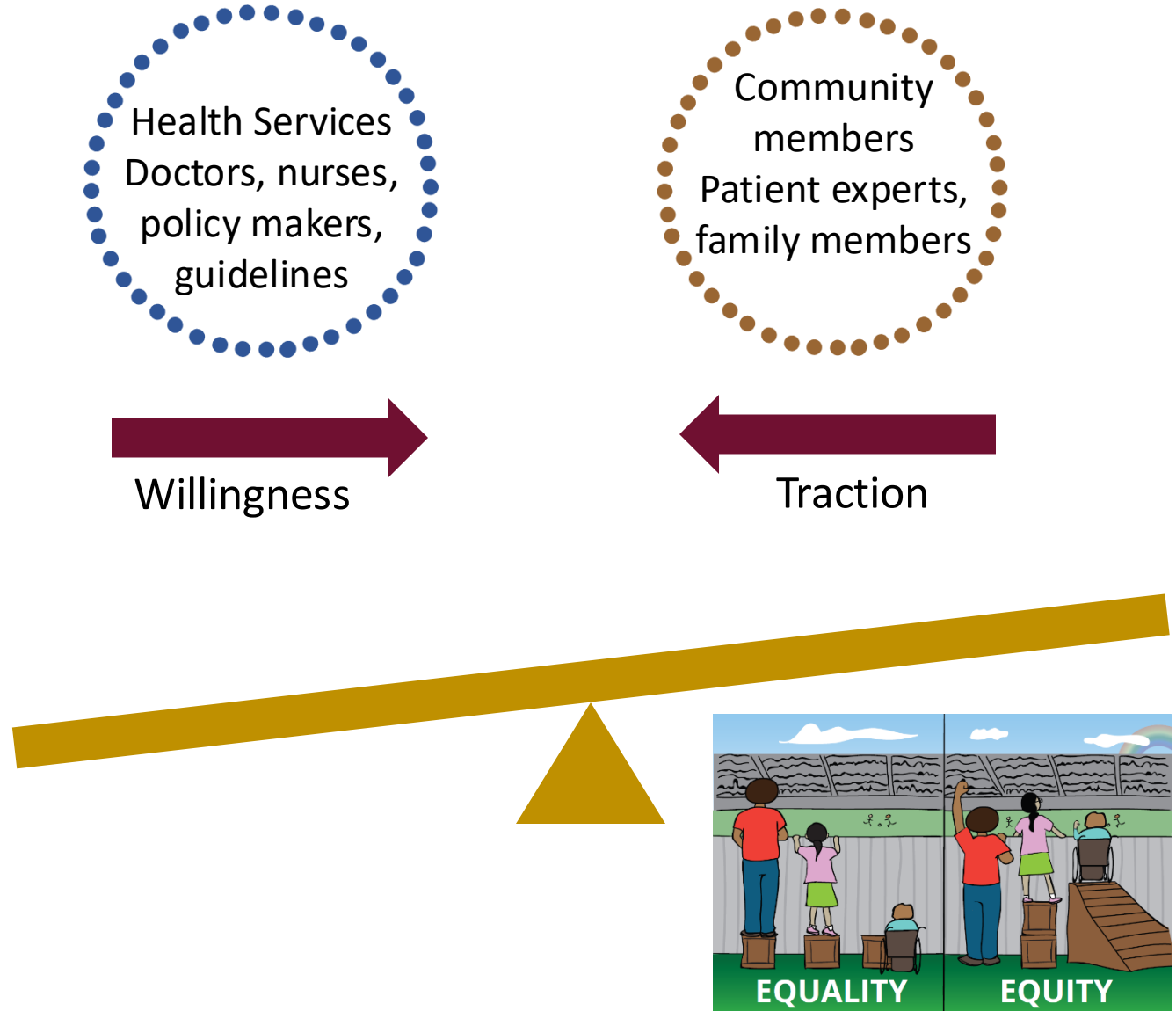
Health services & systems

Improved coordination
Guidelines & standards informed by community
Reducing racism

Colonised Systems



De-colonising Processes



The Whirly Whirly Story

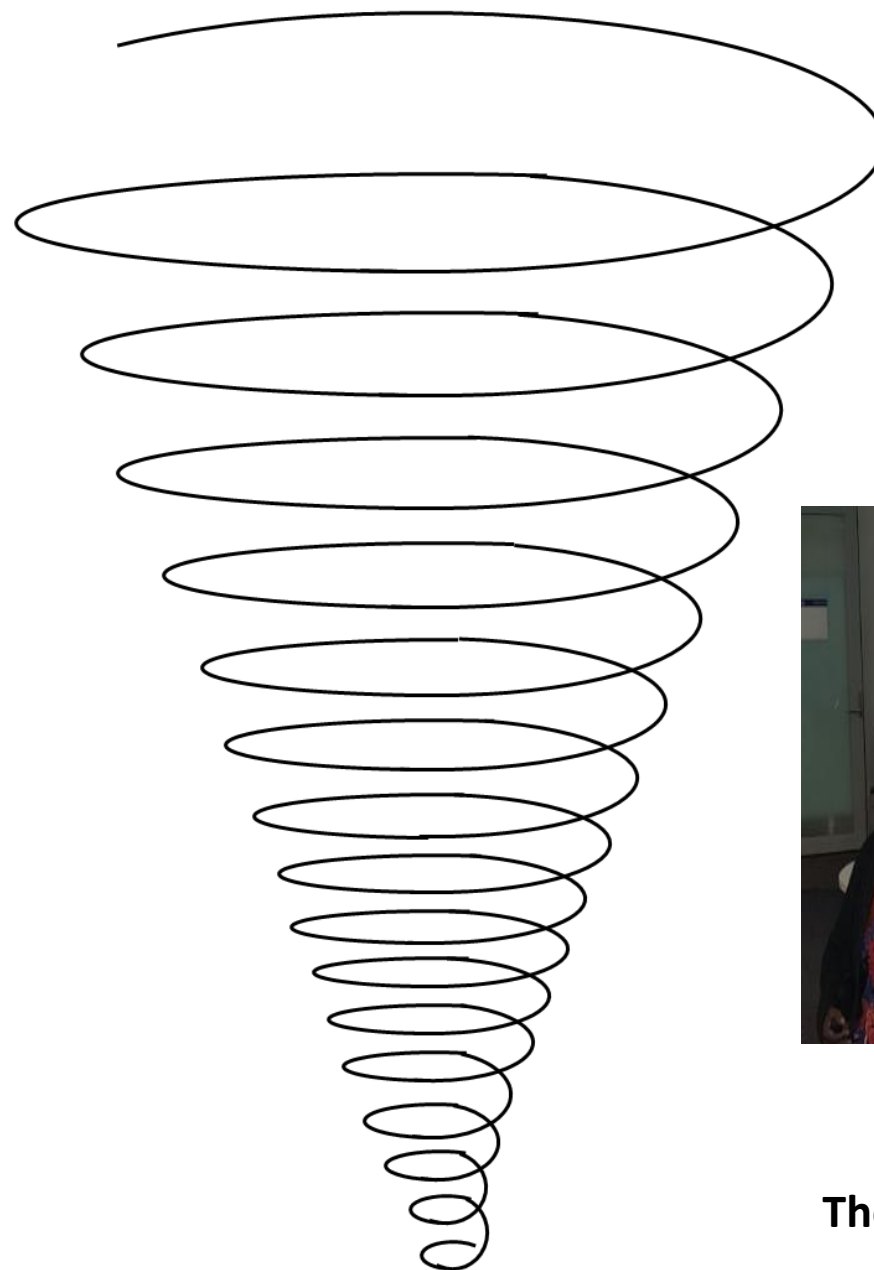




AKtion1
2018-2022
MRFF Ideas Grant



AKtion2
2022-2026
NHMRC Ideas Grant

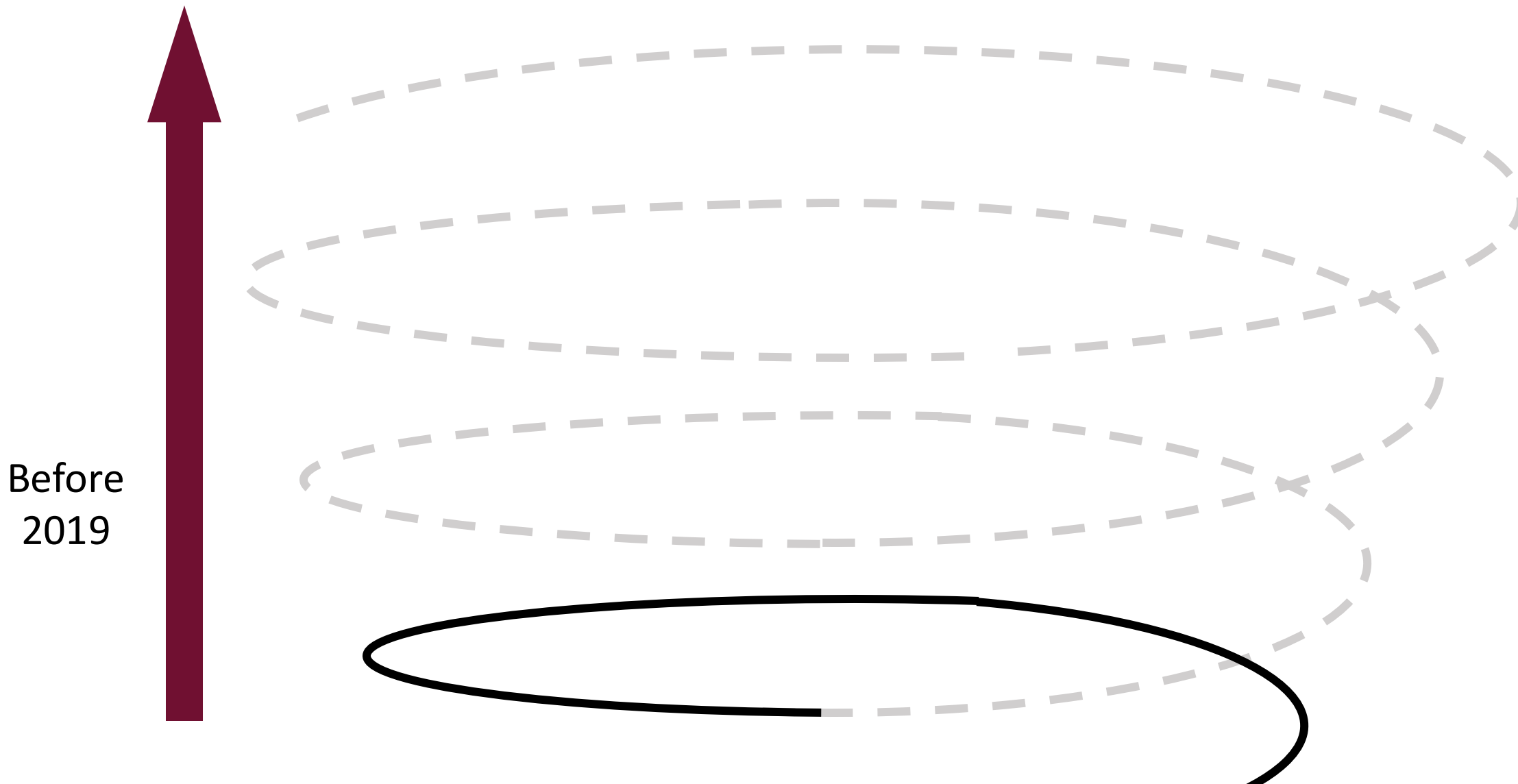


Deep Collaborations



The Aktion Reference Team

Some long term relationships were formed before AKtion1



Decolonising Re-Searching How we work together



Decolonising Re-Searching

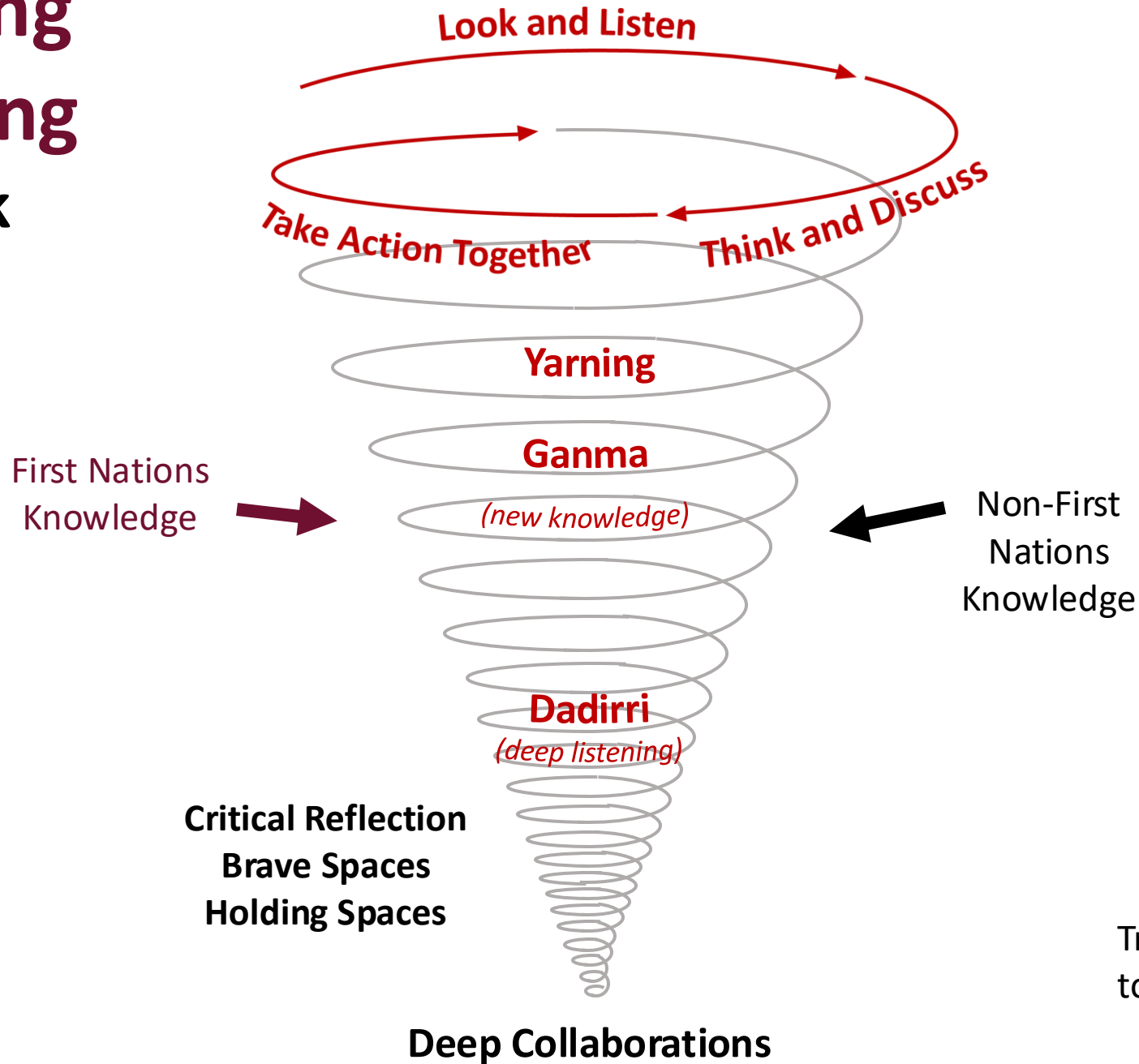
How we work
together

Western
structures

Time

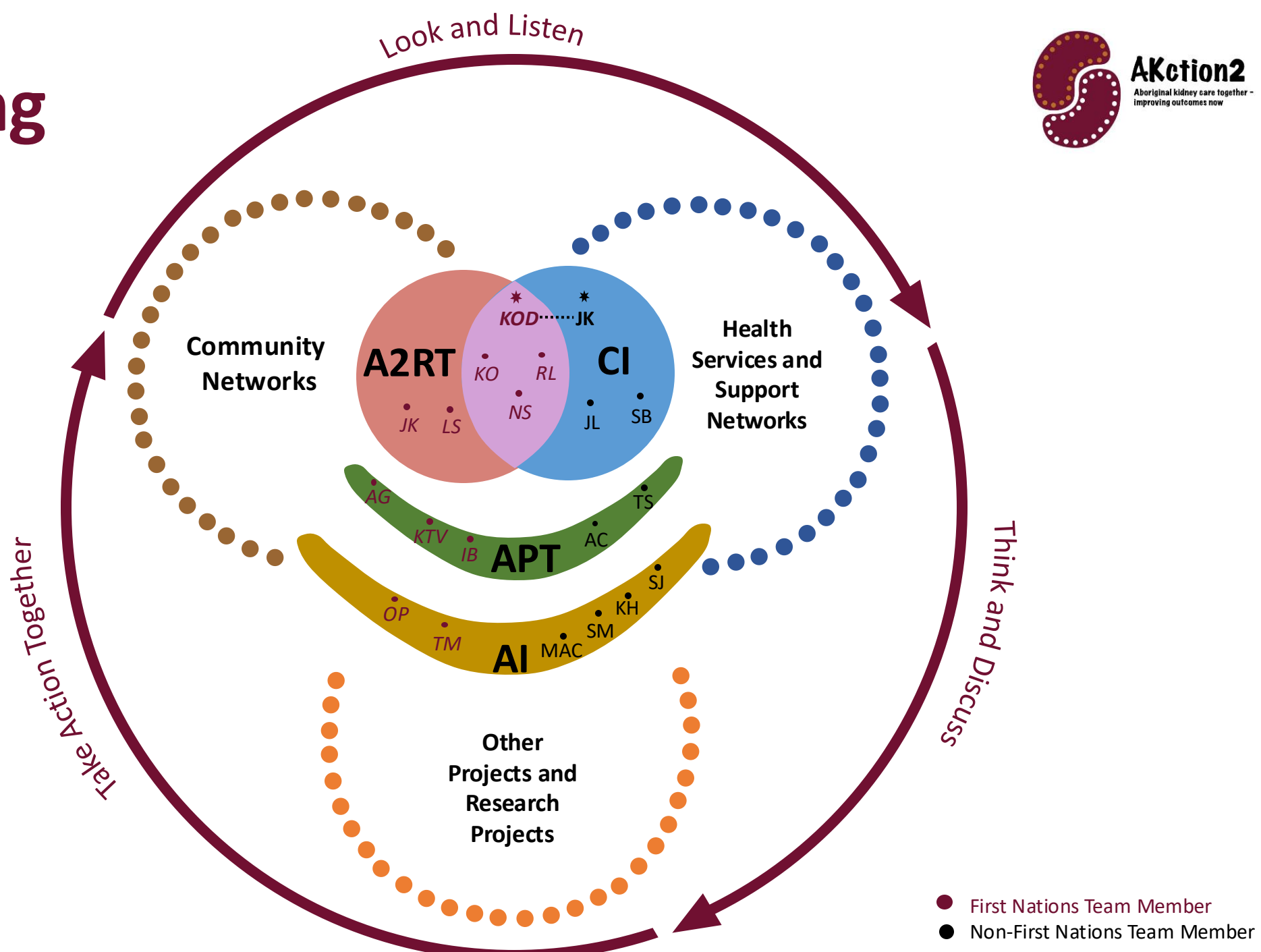


The next Referendum



Trust and relationships need
to be built and rebuilt

Decolonising Re-Search Challenging Colonial Hierarchies



A2RT: AKtion2 Reference Team
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AI: Associate Investigators
APT: AKtion2 Project Team

Collaborative Achievements

- CARI (Caring for Australian and New Zealanders with kidney impairment) Guidelines
- Croakey stories
 - 3 sponsored articles, op ed, twitter take over
- HealthInfoNet review of kidney health
- Cultural Bias Report- with Lowitja Institute and NIKTT
- Health Journey Mapping Resource- with Lowitja Institute
- Two Australia and New Zealand Public Health Peer Reviewed Papers



