Methodology

- International Literature Search
- Best Practice
- Study tour planned
- Tour report
- Implications for the future
Funding

- Submission to Oxfam, Australia
- Jointly funded through:

  Aboriginal Health Council of WA
  Derby Aboriginal Health Service
  South West Aboriginal Medical Service

Countries Visited

New Zealand
  Maori People

Canada
  First Nations and Inuit People

Alaska
  Alaskan Native People
ALASKA
- Governed by USA
- Legislative base
- Focus on traditional healing
- Permeation of culture
- Use of technology
CANADA

- Legislative Base
- Land titles
- Reserves
- Status and non-status criteria
- Focus on traditional healing

NEW ZEALAND

- History - Treaty of Waitangi
- Legislative base
- Advisory Groups
- Indigenous and mainstream health providers
Similarities

- Diverse Indigenous communities
- Rural and remote issues
- Access to mainstream services
- Socio economic status
- Education status
- Employment status

Differences

- Strong cultural influence at all levels
- Strong government commitment
- Imbedded legislation
- Ongoing funding commitment
Differences

- Focus of promotion and prevention
- Focus on self-maintenance
- Focus on oral health
- Consistency of programs nationally
Differences

- Elder programs

Differences

- Local foods
- Healthy diets
- Traditional medicine
- Combination of traditional and western approaches
Social determinants of health

- Child Welfare
- Education
- Employment
- Health
- Housing
- Income Support
- Mental Health

The Future

- Strong legislative commitment
- Government funding
- Evidence based practice
- Strong culture
- Focus on promotion and prevention
- Focus on children and youth
- Focus on oral health
- Chronic illness self maintenance
Existing Issues for Countries Visited

- Health Information
- Education and training
- Income support
- Isolation

Where to from here...

- Government commitment
- Sustainable program funding
- Increased $$ for oral health
- Implementation of cultural programs
- Recognition of traditional healing
Thank You