# Australian Vaccinology Course

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# Acknowledgement of Country

**‘Protect your mob – get vaccinated’**

Samantha Williams (1988–2023; *vale*),
Wiradjuri woman from Narrandera, NSW

*NCIRS would like to recognise Samantha for her significant contribution to the community through her work in health and immunisation.*

The artwork’s design represents our communities in the centre, from our home to the wider community. The symbols around the circle represent the people, both men and women – this could be anyone from mothers to fathers to gran. It is our responsibility to keep our mob healthy. We need to educate our younger generation and communities about the importance of immunisations and how they keep us protected. The lines going out from the circle represent our journeys, jobs and relocation and the impacts we have made along the way. Many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families may relocate from one community to another. We have mob all over – but no matter where we go, the story is the same: we need to protect our mob. So the smaller circles represent herd immunity across our communities, and the people that this has an impact on – our elders, our babies and our people who cannot be immunised.

*NCIRS commissioned this artwork*



# Today's weather

## Forecast for the rest of Wednesday



Min 15 °C Max 22 °C

Possible rainfall: **0 to 5 mm**

Chance of any rain: **70%**

Fire Danger: **Moderate**

**Sydney area**

Partly cloudy. Patchy fog early this morning. Medium chance of showers. Light winds becoming easterly 15 to 25 km/h in the middle of the day.

# House keeping

Toilets – hopefully you have found them by now

There will be a box that you can put your keys into for check out

We will be presenting certificates at the end – so if you need to leave early please come and see us

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# Day 3 – Wednesday

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| 8:30 a.m. | **Session open** |
| 8:40 a.m. | **Vaccine safety** |
| 10:10 a.m. | **Principles of vaccine risk communication** |
| 10:40 a.m. | **Morning tea** |
| 11:00 a.m. | **Vaccine safety and vaccine risk communication: case study** |
| 12:30 p.m. | **Lunch** |
| 1:30 p.m. | **Vaccine safety and vaccine risk communication: case study continued** |
| 2:30 p.m. | **Vaccine risk communication: panel discussion** |
| 3:00 p.m. | **Afternoon tea** |
| 3:20 p.m. | **New and emerging topics in vaccination** |
| 4:20 p.m. | **Presentation of course certificates** |
| 4:45 p.m. | **Closing remarks** |
| 5:00 p.m. | **Course close** |