

Anna Morse

Anna Morse is Project Manager for the Aboriginal Vision Program of Brien Holden Vision Institute (the Institute). Anna first worked as a clinical optometrist in Alice Springs (2005-2008), which included one day per week with the Central Australia/Barkly outreach ophthalmology clinics. Since 2009, Anna has worked as part of the Institute's Darwin-based team, running an outreach optometry program now servicing around 80 community health centres and Aboriginal Medical Services (AMS') across the NT, predominantly in very remote areas. This program continues to expand, with increasing coverage and eye examinations each year since 2009. Its success relies on strong partnerships with Regional Eye Health Coordinators (REHCs), Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services and remote community health centres deliver eye care services that are effective, accessible and appropriate. Other work supporting eye care systems includes education programs for REHCs and primary health care teams, participating in advisory or reference groups related to rural/remote and Indigenous eye care, and researching ways to strengthen eye care systems for remote communities. The latter particularly relates to a 5-year Vision CRC research project: "Models of vision care delivery for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities" (2010-2015), a participatory research program working with Aboriginal health services and many collaborating partners to develop, implement, evaluate and refine a set of practical tools to support improved eye care outcomes.