Pauline Wicks

Pauline Wicks is a Wiradjuri woman from Wellington, in central-west NSW. She has been involved in health for over 40 years. She completed her enrolled nurse training and took up a full-time position at Wellington Hospital, where she remained for almost 30 years. After leaving Wellington Hospital, Pauline transitioned to the Wellington Aboriginal Corporation Health Service and took on the role of clinic nurse. She remained in this position until 2005, when she changed roles within the organisation to become the Regional Eye Health Coordinator for the central-western area of NSW. This role involves coordinating eye clinics for more than 1000 Aboriginal clients in 20 communities across NSW. In 2009, Pauline received a Cert IV in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Primary Health at the Aboriginal College, Little Bay, Sydney. The eye skill set was an elective topic for this certificate and this training has assisted Pauline to be more effective in her current role. As the Regional Eye Health Coordinator, Pauline networks in partnership with the Brien Holden Vision Institute, Vision CRC, optometrists, ophthalmologists and Aboriginal health workers when conducting eye health clinics. She has also been a presenter at many conferences and education programs. A priority in Pauline’s role is to ensure her clients receive any follow-up care that they require once they’ve seen the ophthalmologist. By providing eye care services to the communities she services, Pauline believes this is her way of helping to close the gap.