

CHATTERBOX ONE

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ANSWERS

1. The life expectancy gap is 10–17 years. In some areas, including the Northern Territory, it is even higher.
2. The median age of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders is 21 years. This compares with 24 years for people living in Bangladesh and 37 years for non-Indigenous Australians.
3. True. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders have an unbroken cultural heritage that spans between 50,000 and 65,000 years. At least 10 times older than Ancient Egyptian culture.
4. Three percent of Australians identified as Aboriginal in the latest census by the Australian Bureau of Statistics.
5. False. It is estimated that in 1788, there were approximately 200–250 separate Aboriginal languages spoken across Australia.
6. This is a complex question. Widely recognised factors include a lack of access to culturally appropriate health services, dispossession from land, suppression of traditional culture, poor access to education, removal of Indigenous children from their families and racism.
7. Nine percent of Indigenous Australians have diabetes. This is three times higher than the rest of the Australian population.
8. The Close the Gap Coalition hopes to achieve health equality by 2030.

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There was around a dozen commonly spoken Aboriginal languages prior to European settlement. True or false?

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What percentage of Australians identify as Aboriginal?

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians have the world's oldest living human culture. True or false?

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What is the median age of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders?

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What is the life expectancy gap between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples and other Australians?

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By what year does the Close the Gap Coalition aim to achieve health equality?

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What factors have contributed to the Indigenous health crisis?

What percentage of Indigenous Australians have diabetes?

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1. The Close the Gap campaign was launched in 2007 by Cathy Freeman and Ian Thorpe.
2. All of them.
3. The CTG Coalition is made up of more than 35 Indigenous and non-Indigenous health and community organisations.
4. The aims of the Close the Gap Coalition include: the implementation and monitoring of a National Action Plan developed in partnership with Indigenous communities; increased Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander participation, control and delivery of health services; and ensuring adequate and long-term government funding to end this health crisis.
5. Over 150,000 people at 1,298 events across every state and territory were involved in NCTGD 2014.
6. In 2009, COAG committed \$1.58 billion in additional funding over four years toward closing the gap. This additional money ceased in 2013.
7. More than 200,000 Australians have signed the petition calling on governments to take action to Close the Gap. Sign it at www.oxfam.org.au/ctg-petition
8. We would like everyone to take the "30 for 2030 Challenge" (i.e. challenge yourself to collect 30 signatures from people you know in support of closing the gap). See the 30 for 2030 Challenge sheet supplied.

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What reforms is the Close the Gap Coalition working towards?

How many people were involved in National Close the Gap Day in 2014?

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How much additional funding did the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) agree to supply in 2009 to take the first steps towards closing the gap by 2030?

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How many people have signed the Close the Gap pledge calling for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health equality?

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What is the key action we'd like everyone involved in National Close the Gap Day to do?

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Which of these organisations belongs to the Close the Gap Coalition? Oxfam, The Fred Hollows Foundation, the National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation, the Australian Medical Association?

How many organisations make up the Close the Gap Coalition?

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What year did the Close the Gap Indigenous health equality campaign start?

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A word bank to help your reflection:

Access	Experiences	Opportunities
Awareness	Fear	Outcomes
Belonging	Funding	Recognise
Campaign	Future	Regional
Circumstances	Health	Respect
Commitment	Healthy	Responsibility
Community	Help	Role model
Confidence	Identity	Self-determination
Contribute	Impact	Services
Control	Influence	Solutions
Critical	Injustice	Support
Culture	Innovative	Sustainability
Education	Leadership	Stigma
Empowerment	Maternal	Together
Engagement	Mentors	Trust
Equality	Motivation	Understanding
Expectations	Networks	

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What are the links between culture and health? Justify your answer.

Choose a person interviewed in the video. What issues or challenges have they faced and how did they respond to them?

What thoughts, ideas or feelings did you have while watching the video?

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Choose a person interviewed in the video. What are their hopes for the future?

Name one thing you think you could do to help Close the Gap, and state why you chose it. If you need ideas, check out the 3things action guide at www.oxfam.org.au/ctgschools

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Name one of the organisations mentioned in the video. How is it helping to Close the Gap?

What is the importance of the Close the Gap campaign and what else can be achieved?

Name some of the health issues impacting the people featured in the 2015 National Close the Gap Day video.

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