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## Media Alert

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### **Ray Martin to Launch Indigenous Health Project at Menzies School of Health Research Family Fun Day Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March, 11.30 – 1.30**

Channel Nine news legend, Mr Ray Martin, will be visiting the Menzies School of Health Research in Darwin on 16<sup>th</sup> March from 11.30 – 1.30.

Mr Martin will be launching an exciting Indigenous health project – the Indigenous Ear InfoNet ([www.healthinfonet.ecu.edu.au/ears](http://www.healthinfonet.ecu.edu.au/ears))

The Infonet is a one stop shop for information about ear disease – a condition of enormous magnitude in Indigenous children.

Two out of every three Indigenous children have damage to their ear drums or hearing problems by the time they get to school, and not being able to hear clearly makes it difficult for children to learn, talk and make friends. Poor hearing can therefore seriously affect a child's development and learning in the vital early years of life.

Mr Martin will be launching the Infonet during a Fabulous Family Fun Day held at Menzies which includes kids entertainment, Captain Starlight (from the Starlight Foundation), traditional dancing, BBQ, and information about Indigenous child health.

Media outlets are invited to attend. Media/interview enquiries should be directed to **Julie Carmichael, MSHR Communications, 0429 916758**

**A copy of the program for the event is contained below:**

## Launch of the Indigenous Ear InfoNet With Mr Ray Martin

- 11.15 Event commences with face painting, magic balloons and music from Leah Flannigan
- 11.30 Arrival of Mr Martin at the Menzies School of Health Research
- 11.40 Arrival of His Honour, Mr Ted Egan AO, Administrator of the Northern Territory
- 11.45 Cultural Performance – Kembi Dancers
- 12.05 Welcome to Country – Larrakia Nation
- 12.10 Dr Ngiare Brown – Welcome to Menzies
- 12.15 His Honour, Mr Ted Egan AO, Administrator for the Northern Territory and Patron of MSHR
- 12.20 Mr Ray Martin - Launch of the Indigenous Ear Infonet
- 12.30 Cutting of the Ear InfoNet cake and photo opportunity
- 12.30 BBQ lunch served
- 12.35 Media opportunities for Mr Ray Martin and His Honour Mr Ted Egan AO
- 12.45 Captain Starlight children’s performance
- 1.15 Performance by Leah Flannigan