



# Enhancing the News

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## **Bridging the Gap**

In what will forever be an historic day in Australia's history, Prime Minister Kevin Rudd said 'Sorry' to the Stolen Generations and made a promise to reduce the gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.

Australia's Aboriginal populations experience poor outcomes in health, education, housing and employment. According to the Australian Bureau of Statistics there is a 17-year life expectancy gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.

Prime Minister Kevin Rudd has promised to halve the gap in the infant mortality rate, and halve the gap between reading, writing and literacy, between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people within the next 10 years. He also made the commitment to get every Indigenous four-year-old in remote Australia into preschool.

EnhanceTV has a range of resources that will help to examine the economic and social disadvantage Indigenous Australians face. [Behind the News Specials: Indigenous Initiatives](#) covers a wide range of Indigenous issues, and [Australian Biography: Joan Winch](#) tells the story of a lady who has made an extraordinary contribution to Aboriginal health. ([Study guide](#) available)

[Start Strong](#) reveals the disadvantage Indigenous populations face and looks at how some communities are managing these problems. The sequel, [Grow Strong](#), focuses on the embedded problems in society that lead to poor health outcomes for Aboriginals. [Australia By Numbers: S.A. Mid North 5724 - We Of Little Voice](#) conveys the plight and concerns of the Aboriginal people from communities in northern South Australia, and [Keep Safe](#) offers an insight into how some communities are managing the inequality.

[Message Stick: Caring Culture](#) investigates Indigenous aged care and the disparities that exists for Indigenous people who will never live to access their superannuation due to life expectancy levels. [Birth Rites](#) reveals the gap between existing services available to Indigenous women and their ideal birthing environment. ([Study guide](#) available)

[60 Minutes](#) contains the story, 'A class of their own...seven years on', which discovers that alcoholism, bashings and sexual abuse against children are destroying the Darling River town of Wilcannia. [Insight: National Emergency](#) discusses the "National Emergency" in the Northern Territory, involving the sexual abuse of Indigenous children in remote communities. [Difference of Opinion: The Way Ahead for Aboriginal Australians](#) addresses the Aboriginal debate and asks if there is a new and more hopeful vision for the world's oldest continuous culture?

For other related resources visit our [Indigenous Health](#) and [Stolen Generations & Reconciliation](#) themes, both of which can be found in the [Themes section](#) in the online store.

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