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INSPIRING FUTURE INDIGENOUS LEADERS

CHALLENGING THE FUTURE
“It’s not just about results, but also how you achieve those results.”
That was the advice offered by Brisbane Broncos Chief Executive Officer, Paul White, to participants on UQ Business School Executive Education’s recent Emerging Leaders Program, designed exclusively for the Institute of Urban Indigenous Health.

The five-day program, facilitated by Emeritus Professor Ken Wiltshire, explored the increased community focus on indigenous health, as well as the significant leadership challenges and opportunities it presents.

Through a series of presentations, case studies and group discussions, participants developed their personal and organisational skills to inspire teams, handle the many stakeholders and interfaces, engage in meaningful partnerships, and develop sound strategies to achieve results.

The highlight of the program was an inspiring afternoon visit to the Brisbane Broncos Leagues Club, and discussion with Paul about his thoughts and reflections on leadership. Having spent most of his career as a senior police officer in remote Queensland, Paul acknowledges that leading one of Australia’s largest sporting clubs was a big leap of faith for himself and the organisation. Early on in his time at the Club, Paul was faced with some critical decisions, “If you walk past a tough decision you can do people more damage, so as a leader you must own a decision and wear it,” he said “Being comfortable about being uncomfortable is a critical skill for all leaders.”

“Engaging the Broncos and the Institute for Urban Indigenous Health for our latest Emerging Leaders Program has been an incredible success. Paul was able to offer participants a quality, first person account of the challenges faced by a leader, while also inspiring them to embrace their decisions - both comfortable and uncomfortable.”

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