



ABOUT THIS REPORT

WELCOME to the Gurriny Yealamucka Health Service Aboriginal Corporation's (GYHSAC) Annual Report 2021 – 2022.

This report comprehensively summarises the performance and services delivered by GYHSAC from July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022.

This Annual Report is guided by the Strategic Plan as adopted by the Gurriny Yealamucka board.

The Strategic Plan provides the key strategies and priorities for the health service in partnership with the Yarrabah community and major stakeholders.

The focus is to **Close the Gap** through progressing quality care services that are underpinned by gold standard governance and business practices.

The theme for the 2021 – 2022 Annual Report is **Culturally Safe Care**. The past year has been a challenging one for our community and health service.

The threat of COVID was always looming large within the community. The need to urgently lift community vaccination rates was a focus, followed rapidly by a COVID outbreak in early January 2022.

Whilst COVID may have dictated the healthcare direction for much of the year, our teams have been dedicated to delivering a comprehensive range of services across the community, ensuring an ongoing high level of care for our community.

This report presents and celebrates the exceptional achievement of our community and our staff. We have combined in harmony with our community to deliver a high standard of health care, with a strong focus upon the health,

social and emotional wellbeing of our community – at all times we have focused upon the delivery of 'culturally safe care'.

The Annual Report 2021 – 2022 meets the statutory reporting requirements, and informs all GYHSAC stakeholders, including clients, staff, businesses and community, as to our activities, directions and financial management of our business in accordance with our Strategic Plan.

FEEDBACK

Please direct any feedback about this annual report to our Communications team, by email: comms@GYHSAC.org.au



Aboriginal health in Aboriginal hands, respecting and providing Culturally Safe Care

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To us, health is about so much more than simply not being sick.

It's about getting
a balance between
physical, mental,
emotional, cultural and
spiritual health.

Health and healing are interwoven, which means that one can't be separated from the other.

Dr Tamara Mackean





OUR home is on the traditional lands of the Gunggandji people at Mission Bay on the Cape Grafton Peninsula.

Yarrabah was named in 1892 on these lands just south of Cairns, when European influence began in earnest with the establishment of an Anglican Mission.

More than 110 year before Reverend Gribble established his mission, Captain James Cook had briefly anchored the Endeavour in Mission Bay in 1770. Although his diaries do not record any contact with the Gunggandji Peoples, rock paintings in the shire depict Cook's visit from a Gunggandji perspective.

The township (Mission) has a complex history, stemming from the early state administrations which forcibly relocated Aboriginal and some South Sea Islanders from different groups to Yarrabah.

As a consequence, most local residents can claim both Traditional and Historical ties to the area.

The first Aboriginal Council in Yarrabah was established in the mid-1960s, principally as an advisory body.

In 1986 Yarrabah received status as a Deed of Grants in Trust (DOGIT) community and the Yarrabah Council was established under the *Community Services (Aboriginal) Act* 1984.

Today, Yarrabah Shire lies to the east of Cairns and by road is placed approximately 60 kilometres from Cairns CBD.

Geographically, our land area is described as a long slender shape, bounded in the west by the Murray Prior Range and the Coral Sea to the east. The coastline runs from False Cape in the north around Mission Bay, past Cape Grafton and south to Palmer Point.

The Shire has an overall length of approximately 30 kilometres and is 2.5 kilometres wide in the south, but broadens out to almost 8 kilometres in the north and covers a total area of approximately 159.4 kilometres.

ABS 2021 Figures

Population 2505
Male 48.7%
Female 51.3%
Median Age 25
Private dwellings 521

GYHSAC Figures:

Registered and current patients 4182 On average each client has 9.1 touchpoints per year with Gurriny

Cairns Hinterland Hospital Health Services figures

2901 residents – (2019) 49.5% unemployment 50.9% of households have no access to internet



OUR STORY



GURRINY Yealamucka Health Services was born out of Yarrabah's desire to have a community focused and controlled Indigenous Health Service.

During the 1980s, when Yarrabah community members were fighting for self-determination, they saw the need for Aboriginal health to be in the hands and care of their own people, and the concept a community-controlled health organisation was born.

This push resulting in significant community discussion and support, led to the commissioning by the Yarrabah Aboriginal Council of a community health assessment and the development of a 5-year plan in 1989.

Several years later, (1991) the Health Committee was incorporated, and then became the Yarrabah Health Council (YHC). The Health Council attracted funding from the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission (ATSIC) whilst operating under Yarrabah Aboriginal Council (YAC).

From those early days, with one full-time and two part-time health workers, delivering its own Rheumatic Fever Project, a community-controlled health service developed.

In 2000, the Yarrabah Health Council became Gurriny Yealamucka Health Services Aboriginal Corporation. The next 5 to 6 years saw a rapid growth in Gurriny, as programs and services grew to meet the needs of the community.

In 2006 a Deed of Commitment was signed between Gurriny, Yarrabah Aboriginal Council, the Gunggandji People, the Department of Health and Ageing, and Queensland Health to progress the vision of building a new primary health care facility for the Yarrabah people.

At this time, clinical health services were being delivered primarily by Queensland Health and a local GP practice.

In 2009 Gurriny became the first community-controlled health

organisation in Australia to deliver primary health services in an Aboriginal community. Operating from the old community health building in Workshop Road, the site of the new Gurriny Clinic, this new health service employed an Indigenous Health Worker, a Clinic Practice Manager along with their first General Practitioner.

A short 12 months later, Gurriny co-located with Queensland Health into a new facility at Bukki Road.

It was inevitable that all health care services would soon be the first across to Gurriny. On July 1, 2014, the vision for a community-controlled health service was realised. This meant that Yarrabah residents could be better involved in the strategic direction and decisions for improved healthcare and how it was going to be delivered in our community. This movement also came off the back of Yarrabah having the highest rate of suicide in a short timeframe compared to anywhere else in the world at the time.

Since the successful transition, Gurriny has grown in size, services as well as facilities, to what we see today; a very successful and community focused health service. More than 110 employees spread across three campuses, employing and training more than 70 local community members.

Gurriny has established a reputation for meeting and exceeding the needs of the community whilst at all times respecting the cultural sensitivities of community. All Gurriny employees take pride in the delivery of world-class Culturally Safe Care.

OUR MISSION







WE VALUE:

Here at Gurriny Yealamucka we commit to providing **Quality of Service** with a high standard of care.

We value strong **Leadership & Innovation**, along with a total **Commitment** to our service and our community.

We believe we should always be **Accountable**, dedicated to lifting the community, reflecting their needs and protecting their right to manage their health futures.

We work as a **Team in Partnership** with our community and all stakeholders, dedicated to delivering a great service, compassionate and culturally safe, at all times in a fair and equitable manner.



culturally safe

CARE

OUR BOARD



Fr Leslie Baird - Chair
Leslie Baird is an experienced
Indigenous community development
researcher, recognised for his
extensive research on the effects
of the Aboriginal Family Wellbeing
Program.



Ailsa Lively - Director
Ailsa is currently the Chief
Executive Officer of Gindaja
Treatment & Healing
Indigenous Corporation. Ailsa
has experience in Indigenous
Community issues,
leadership and governance.



David Baird - Director
David has served as CEO for both Gurriny and also Gindaja, acquiring valuable knowledge and skills in governance, executive management and service delivery.



Katie Pope - Director
Katie is a registered tax agent and CPA. She is also an inaugural board member of Mackillop Catholic College in Mount Peter.



Kenneth Jackson - Director
Kenneth serves the
Yarrabah community as an
elected local councillor as
well as serving as a Police
Liaison Officer.



Linda Sexton - Director
Linda has served as
Board Director on Gurriny
Yealamucka Health Services
and Yarrabah Aboriginal
Corporation for Women. She
is currently employed as the
CEO of Mutkin Residential
and Community Aged Care
Indigenous Corporation.



Mikaela French - Director
Mikaela is a proud
Wagadagum (Mabuiag
Island) Torres Strait
Islander woman. Mikaela
holds a Bachelor of Laws
(Honours) degree from
the QLD University of
Technology.



Rob Giason - Director
Rob bring more than 45
years experience to Gurriny.
Rob is a Director of multiple
boards and not for profit
organisations, serving on
Ports North, charity and
development sectors such
as COUCH



Rob Schrieber - Director
Robin was involved with
Gurriny since inception.
Robin has a solid background
in management and HR
management, and is a supporter
and advocate for primary health
care service in the community.



Tamilyn Brennan - Company Secretary
Tamilyn is an experienced advisor and
senior manager, with a proven track record
in economic and community development
encompassing strategic planning,
policy and program development and
implementation.

OUR STRATEGIC PLAN

As an Aboriginal Community
Controlled Health Organisation
(ACCHO) we remain committed
to the highest levels of service
to our community, along with
seeking community feedback and
involvement in the directions and
decisions of our service.
To this end, we commit to and
review our Strategic Plan to ensure

it meets and continues to meet our

needs and aspirations.

- 1.1: Continuously improve the holistic model of care
- **1.2:** Strengthen & embed community control of our health service

To maintain sustainable, high quality, & safe clinical & wellbeing outcomes for our community

- 2.1: Evolve the sustainable Community Control model
- **2.2:** Infrastructure growth is aligned to service and workforce development
- **2.3**: Maintain professional business systems to Compliance Standards
- **2.4:** Business operations are efficient and effective
- 2.5: Implement environmentally safe practices

To build & maintain a business & Infrastructure platform to support service delivery & to enhance compliance with all relevant legislation & standards

- **3.1:** Attract and retain quality staff
- **3.2:** Develop and increase the skills of the workforce
- **3.3:** Foster career progression pathways and organisation capacity to deliver services

Ensure that Gurriny continue to build an appropriate & effective workforce

- **4.1:** Maintain effective financial management practices
- **4.2:** Generate income and attract funding

Build & ensure the long-term financial viability of Gurriny

- **5.1:** Expanding partnerships for purpose
- **5.2:** Promote and market organisation achievements

Grow & promote the organisation's reputation as an innovative Aboriginal holistic health care provider







FIRSTLY, I would like to acknowledge Almighty God, who created us all to work together to build an excellent Comprehensive Primary Health Service in Yarrabah.

Secondly, I wish to acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of Yarrabah. The Gunggandji peoples. I pay my respect to Our Elders past and present. I also would like to acknowledge the Yidinji people and the stolen generation people who also live on Gunggandji lands in Yarrabah.

The Gurriny Board continue to monitor the organisation through various Board meetings, Finance, Risk, Audit and Clinical Governance meetings.

It is an honor and privilege to serve as Chairman on Gurriny Yealamucka Health Services Board, having the trust of GYHSAC Board of Directors.

Gurriny has a well-established and a strong Board of Directors who have a variety of skills and expertise and are able to make valuable contribution in governing our health service in Yarrabah. I would like to thank the CEO, Suzanne Andrews, and senior management staff and everyone employed at Gurriny Yealamucka Health Services who are hardworking, dedicated and committed to making this a very successful comprehensive Primary Health Care service.

Once again, this year the Board and senior management team of Gurriny came together for our annual strategic planning weekend, to set the direction of Gurriny for the next 12 months.

The Strategic Intents that were set will assist us to better promote our organisation to attract further funding to invest into the development of our staff. This investment will then provide better health and social emotional wellbeing outcomes for our people.

The highpoint for this year, and potentially the past few years, was the opening of our new Workshop Road Clinic. This amazing building that was concepted, designed by the community

and constructed by HC Building and Construction Company, and will serve our community members well into the coming decades and will help grow our commitment for Culturally Safe Care here in Yarrabah.

Our new facility recognises the importance of culture to health care. We have safe yarning spaces, discrete entrances as well as locally generated and influences artwork and design incorporated within the construction.

The new building also received recognition nationally when it won several major design awards since opening.

At the 2022 NACCHO AGM and conference, Gurriny received an award from NACCHO for 30 years of health service to the community of Yarrabah.

it was an honor to join with my fellow board members and some staff who travelled to Canberra for this event.





GURRINY YEALAMUCKA is a local Gunggandji name which means "Good Healing".

Gurriny Yealamucka Health Services is located on the lands of Traditional custodians, the Gunggandji people of Yarrabah and pays its respect to the elders past and emerging.

It is because of the vision of the Elders to see a community control health service that is responsive to the desires of the Yarrabah people that Gurriny continues to strive for better health outcomes.

How has our organisation faired in 2022, how has our community Yarrabah and the people that we serve faired in 2022.

This year saw us adapt and move in a direction that best supported the people of Yarrabah through our first COVID outbreak, 1 January we reported our first positive COVID case, due to the previous work and commitment from Yarrabah Leaders Forum (YFL) our organisations were able to get in there and work together to continue to keep our community safe. Although 97% of our houses were in lockdown due to the COVID outbreak we as community worked to ensure safety was paramount.

Thanks to the commitment from the Board and the hard work of our dedicated staff at Gurriny, 2022 was about building on previous works done during COVID in 2020/21 that saw us come together pivot and adapt to Increase demand on service delivery all the while returning to business as usual.

"Through every lockdown and every challenge that comes our way, it never ceases to amaze me how our staff, volunteers, partners and our community rally together with government to support one another."

Challenges:

While trying to deliver a robust health service we continue to have connectivity disruptions, Gurriny together with other organisations and the Yarrabah Council pushed the NBN agenda with all levels of government only to hear the same rhetoric on the roll out and installation of the NBN.

A code brown is an external emergency, of which can arise due to certain building systems failures structural concerns / service failures. Such incidents can cause major disruption and inconvenience to the running of the facility and business.

Gurriny has called many code browns due to NBN connectivity disruptions and various governments at all levels have been made aware of this third world network that continues to disrupt the smooth running of our organisation.

What makes Gurriny a great place to work?

We employed 3 new key staff members to our executive team, Muhammad as new Chief Finance officer, Mandy as Director of Community and Social Services and Caleb as Director of People and Culture. It was also sad to farewell some of our deadly staff who have gone on to pursue other work elsewhere.

Our social media presence allowed Gurriny more exposure through our new and updated website to Facebook, Youtube, and Twitter.

Key learnings & achievements during

this year:

Another successful year of Young person's Health Check

Sistember programs that supported our women in community

Keeping community safe and resourced during the COVID outbreak

Gurriny continue to use social media as a platform to engage and inform community about our health service

As part of compliance, Gurriny continue to keep our ISO accreditation, a credit to the team at Gurriny. Accreditation is very important as a requirement of our funders and a way to ensure we have good business systems and processes built into the organisation.

We have executed the first year of our 3-year strategic plan and continue to have growth and success across all areas Gurriny all the while having the mindset of "Let's just get through it"

I am honoured to lead the Gurriny team and am proud of my staff who have worked so hard this year to achieve better health outcomes for our mob, but ensuring that we deliver good quality service through this COVID pandemic.

It is always important that I formally recognise and acknowledge the people of Yarrabah, thank you for having the trust and confidence in our health service & our staff.

Lastly, I want to thank the Chair and Gurriny Board of Directors for having the confidence in me as the CEO and Gurriny senior management and staff for their hard work, dedication and support over the past year.

COMMUNITY HEALTH BY THE NUMBERS

COVID vaccination levels

96.1%

Vaccination levels were high, 96.1% 1st dose, 89.4% double dosed

Total Patients

4,182

(Current and Transient) - AIHW definition.

Patient contacts

9.1 x per annum

Clinical interactions with our patients. This figure represents face-to-face, telephone and telehealth interactions.

715 Health Checks

1,060

715 Health Checks are essential to monitor and evaluate the health of our community. These are conducted annually.

RHD/ARF CLIENTS

199

Within our community we have 199 registered RHF and ARF clients. 15 have had surgical intervention.

Immunisation Rates 0-5 Years

95%

Yarrabah continues to have higher than national average vaccination levels for children 0-5 years.

BMI

42%

This figure represents percentage of clients with a BMI that is overwight or obese.

Births in Community

67

Birth is community records the number of births to community-based mothers. This figure does not reflect where the birth occurred.

Diabetes Patients

458

Diabetes continues to be an issue for Yarrabah community members.



COMMUNITY HEALTH BY THE NUMBERS

Service Delivery

Clinical appointment 22,196

Home visits 7,720

Admin contacts 1,904

Telephone contacts 1,447

Total 33,267

Patient Transport Services

Vehicles in the fleet 26

Buses

Total km travelled 800,000

In the past year, the Gurriny fleet collectively travelled a distance greater that the distance from earth to the moon and back. Each vehicle is travelling on average 590 kilometres each week.

715 Summary

Cohort	% Checked	External Averages	Comments
0 – 4 years	48%	32% National Av 28% QLD	We experienced 2% decrease, however we remain well above state and national averages
0 – 14 years	42%	30% National av. 39% QLD	A modest improvement of 1% over this time last year
15 – 24 years	48%	41% National av. 56% QLD	1% increase over last year, contributed to the success of the Young Person's Health Checks in September 2021
25 – 54 years	52%	43% National av. 56% QLD	Although below Gurriny's target of 70%, this cohort was impacted significantly by COVID and associated pandemic pressures. We remain 9% ahead of the national average
55+	69%	55% National av. n/a QLD	Our strongest cohort, unfortunately 1% decrease once again due to COVID and pandemic pressures, but ahead of state and national averages.



have questions and so Gurriny took on the task of engaging with the community, in the community. Going door-to-door, we held a community-wide event in September of 2021, yarning on every doorstep over cups of tea and answering any and all questions that community members had.

This complete pivot of the service was patterned on our previous efforts to combat the two previous public health outbreaks we faced in 2018 (Mumps) and 2019 (Acute Post-Streptococcal Glomerulonephritis).

The knowledge and wisdom we had gathered during those periods were applied on the same broad scale, lead from the front by our local Health Worker staff and aided by the nurses and doctors and in partnership with key stakeholders in Queensland Health Public Health units Yarrabah successfully saw the double-vaccination rate climb to 76% coverage by the start of 2022.

This innovative approach garnered attention in both the ACCHO sector and broader State and Federal Health departments with ongoing demonstrated leadership by Gurriny staff and management stepping up to turn the tide that would become pivotal in our outbreak management in 2022.

No sooner had we returned from the Christmas leave period than COVID-19 finally came knocking on our door. As mentioned previously we knew isolation and reduction in local transmission would be difficult if not impossible.

Our 4,000 regular patients live in some 400 houses and such a close-knit community derives strength and resilience from the closeness of family and community groups. With COVID-19 mandates meaning households needed to isolate, the usual strengths they had led their lives were broken down.

Gurriny, in partnership with Gindaja and the Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council set out to support these isolated households, delivering meals and support packages across the community.

In addition to this essential service clinical checks were performed on every household impacted by COVID-19. In the end every single household in Yarrabah was impacted by COVID-19 cases with a recorded case rate of 35% behind the complete household lockdowns.

With such high rates of infection Gurriny staff needed to remain vigilant and provide assessment, support and options to patients as they dealt with the impacts of infection on an individual, family and household scale.

Options for out-of-community hotel isolation were advocated for with State-based public health services and direct support from Gurriny SEWB and medical teams was built into this approach.

Empowering community members to make informed decisions about their health and the health of their families and community is the cornerstone of our philosophy and informs every aspect of our planning and service delivery.

It is this single factor that delivered the high double-vaccination rate we were gifted with at the beginning of the 2022 outbreak and saw very low rates of hospitalization. The severity of cases was very low with escalations to hospital for high risk patients being managed from a local context by Gurriny medical staff.

The success of the 2022 COVID-19 outbreak management has again gone on to inform our service provision into the future with changes now to our core adult health model-of-care reflecting the way we were so effective in reaching the community.

Our new "Care Zones" approach takes the outreach model of household service delivery and expands it to encapsulate broader primary care priorities along with complex chronic disease management.

Being where the community want and need us to be is the guiding principle with our dedicated local Aboriginal Health Workers working alongside nurses and doctors throughout the community where we can truly provide a community-controlled service to the people of Yarrabah.

As a service we continue to see the impact of the COVID-19 across all aspects of the service. The teamwork we have developed and demonstrated capacity to work at a high level to combat these impacts has received recognition from local, regional, state and federal health stakeholders and our ability to review our approaches and innovate continues to drive our recovery.

With hope we will see the end of this pandemic and in spite of the challenges we have highlighted in 2019 and due to the trust, the community of Yarrabah has in its health service the team at Gurriny will continue to learn and grow stronger and more effective with each year.



THIS year Gurriny is excited to announce we now have Public Health a service specialty area. Public health focuses on broader issues that impact the health of a population as opposed to focusing specifically on the individual. Development and implementation of solutions to identified issues, tend to focus on preventative measures for the population, with health equity a major objective.

Since the introduction of this service to Gurriny, our Public Health Team has been very busy! Confronted with the looming COVID-19 outbreak, we got preparations underway. Preparing for the outbreak included Gurriny staff undertaking training sessions which focused on PPE application and removal techniques (donning and doffing), how

to wear PPE correctly whilst undertake clinical tasks and mentally withstand the harsh weather environment, that would be endured whilst working in the COVID Outreach Team.

A Fit-testing program was run for the staff at Gurriny using a TSI Portacount. The TSI Portacount is an ambient particle counting device which is used to conduct Fit Testing by providing a quantitative assessment of face-seal leakage. This device and program provide a direct assessment of respirator fit by comparing the concentration of ambient dust particles outside the facepiece to the concentration of particles that have leaked into the facepiece. To ensure staff were adequately protected

from infectious disease spread by airborne particles, they had to be fit tested to an appropriate N95/P2 respirator and pass. They had to also under take specific training in application and removal.

Gurriny Staff across all department also learnt how to conduct both oral and nasal Rapid Antigen Testing. Our Health Workers, SEWB and Nursing Staff undertook further training which enabled them to become competent at conducting both polymerase chain reaction (PCR) nasal swabs and RAT out in community.





OUR STAKEHOLDERS

Tropical Public Health Services

- Communicable Disease Control
- Immunisation
- Environmental Health
- Medical Entomology (i.e. mosquito borne diseases)
- Rheumatic Health Disease
- Sexual Health (surveillance services, Northern Queensland Aboriginal & Torres Strait Island STI Action Plan)

Departmnent of Health

Yarrabah ED

Oral Health (Yarrabah)

Yarrabah Council

Gindaja

Mutkin

Local schools, daycare & kindgartens

Yarrabah Football Club

PCYC

Yarrie Bakery

Yarrabah Library

Yarrabah Housing Department

Yarrabah Rangers

Our Public Health Team worked in close collaboration with Yarrabah ED, Cairns & Hinterland Hospital Health Service (CHHHS) and the Local Disaster Management Group (LDMG), to formulate a plan which enabled us to respond to COVID-19 within the Yarrabah community in a cohesive and collective manner. The on-call GYHSAC COVID Response Team was stood up to respond to an Outbreak if it occurred during the Christmas Holiday Period. Our Team were on a call 7 days a week, between 8am-8pm Monday- Friday and 9am-5pm Saturday and Sundays.

On arrival on the first cases of COVID-19 and throughout all stages of the outbreak, our GYHSAC COVID Response Team worked cohesively with our stakeholders and together we were able to support and care for our community during these very challenging times.

COVID-19 enabled us to strengthen relationships with all our stakeholders and formulate innovative ways of working together and achieve better health outcomes for Yarrabah through a public health approach. The way in which we were able to quickly set up Flu Vaccination Teams and respond to the

April 2022 Flu outbreak, is a great example of how

strengthened relationships with our stakeholders can benefit the health of the community. Together with the Tropical Public Health First Nations Team and the Oceana Vaccination Team we were able to coordinate a response which enabled us to vaccinate hundreds of our Yarrabah community against the flu in just a couple of weeks. Maintaining these relationships has enabled us to consistently offer a COVID-19 and Flu vaccination service which meets the needs of our local population.

Public Health at Gurriny also supports our Sexual Health Program and is continually developing and maintaining newand exciting programs in partnership with stakeholders, which aim to achieve improved health outcomes for Yarrabah.

SOCIAL & EMOTIONAL WELLBEING (SEWB)

SEWB Programs

- Family Healing Service
- Family Wellbeing Service
- SEWB Men's Health and Bringing Them Home
- Youth Wellbeing Service

THE past 12 months we have been working on developing and implementing marketing and health promotion messages for the community.

Our teams are currently implementing their Team Action Plans (July 2022 to December 2022) which also includes a 6-month calendar to of health education and promotion activities and events, as well as developing health messaging to disseminate information for the community and their program cehorts.

Each program area has hosted events in the period January 2022 – June 2022 as well as supporting and contributing to other program's events/activities as well as organizational event/activities.

This has also allowed their respective program areas to gain more exposure to the community and their program cohort which has been integral in sharing information, news and updates about health and wellbeing issues.

Some of these have included:

- 1. National Sorry Day
- 2. International Women's Day
- 3. Suicide Prevention Community Action
- 4. Men's Health Breakfast
- NRL Souths Rugby League community visit

Prior to the above activities being implemented, the teams contributed

COVID Disaster Management Plan by providing support, care and assistance to those Yarrabah community members who required isolation both within Yarrabah also outside community in Cairns. teams also worked with Yarrabah-based organisations to co-ordinate food supply for the community as well as logistics in supplying those affected households with food and also referring to clinical and emotional wellbeing support for individuals and families.





AT Gurriny Yealamucka, our Sexual Health Team aims to support healthy and safe sexual experiences within the Yarrabah community, through the delivery of our sexual health services.

Our programs within our service, focus on prevention, early detection, and management of sexually transmitted infections (STIs), human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) and unintended pregnancies.

Our team understands that good sexual health is essential to both our personal and community's overall health and wellbeing.

Therefore, we are continually striving to improve our team's ability to provide a high-quality service which is reflective of our community's needs.

We do this by partnering and working in collaboration with our stakeholders, taking up opportunities to up-skill and capacity build, practicing in a non-judgmental and culturally sensitive manner which is responsive to the needs of specific population groups and setting achievable goals which align with our State and National Sexual Health Strategies.

We love to engage our community about sexual health issues and participating in related awareness days such as National Condom Day, World AIDS Day and World Hepatitis Day.

However, our most favourite event of all is our annual Young Persons Check (YPC), which is reported to be one of Gurriny's most successful and longest running programs.

Whilst COVID-19 has prevented our team from undertaking these activities in their full form over the last couple of years, we are now very excited about the prospects of getting back to into the swing of things.





THE goal of the Child and Adolescent Health Team is to deliver a community led service that facilitates optimal physical and emotional health for infants, children and young people in Yarrabah.

During the reporting period June 2021 – June 2022, the Child Health Team has focused on the following clinical areas: Childhood Immunisations, Ear Health, Childhood Development, Healthy nutrition and ARF/RHD prevention and management.

Childhood Immunisation Program:

The under 5 immunisation rate in Yarrabah is above 95% (population 555, population fully immunised 527).

Our immunisation program consists of a rigorous recall system and a flexible approach, whereby families who are unable to access the clinic can request a home visit.

Ear Health:

All Child Health Staff members are trained in otoscopy, tympanometry and audiometry.

We aim to do a hearing screen on all children under five. To help us achieve this objective we partnered with Hearing Australia to run the Healthy Hearing Assessment Program Early Ears (HAPEE).

This clinic runs monthly and is located at Workshop Street, Kindy and Day Care.

All children are referred to the audiologist.



Within the Children's
Health Team, we focus
heavily upon providing
not just the highest
standard of health care
for our community,
our focus is and will
always be on providing
the highest standard of
culturally safe care for
all community members.



The Child Health Team has a strong partnership with the QLD Health Child Development Service. This service is critical for providing formal developmental assessments that help identify any developmental concerns that are not typical for the age of the child.

To ensure appropriate children are seen at the clinic the Child Health Team, Child Development Service and our visiting Pediatrician have quarterly case conferences.

The aim of this collaboration is to ensure children have all the support they need to support their development by the time they start school.

Acute Rheumatic Fever and Rheumatic Heart Disease:

Skin sores are a leading cause of Acute Rheumatic Fever. To prevent ARF the Child Health Team formed a partnership with MooGoo Skin Care and launched the 'Heathy Skin, Healthy Heart' campaign.

In addition to promoting healthy skin. The Child Health team is responsible for managing all cases of Acute Rheumatic Fever and Rheumatic Heart Disease for children aged 0 - 16 years. In February QLD Health invited Child Health Team Leader and a Child Health Worker to present at the annual Cardiac Symposium in November 2022.

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Under 5 immunisation rate

95%

School based Health Checks

96



THE Care Coordination Team (CCT) have been hard at work this past year, adapting to many changes, showing great resilience and cooperation.

Sadly, we have had two of our treasured health workers, Adelaide Sands retire and Teresa Neal go on long service leave, as well as nurse Jennifer Nisbet who has been the team leader of the care coordination team for majority of this past year; they have and will continue to be sorely missed for their expertise, commitment and hard work!

This year the COVID-19 Pandemic and crisis continued. During the outbreak in early 2022, the CCT were committed to assisting and lending a helping hand to any and all service areas across GYHSAC's health delivery.

Including the outreach teams for COVID testing, education and vaccination, as well as supporting treatment plans and facilitating follow-ups.

All the while, maintaining essential services like screening in both clinics and carrying out 715 Health Checks and assisting telehealth appointments.

During the past year, members of the CCT were called upon to become the 'front-line faces' for Gurriny. Our messaging to community was anchored by our CCT members, with all members featuring prominently on social media, media releases and poster campaigns displayed throughout community.

The Integrated Team Care Program has also seen enhanced client engagement and systematic changes, increasing the services to the community's most clinically vulnerable.

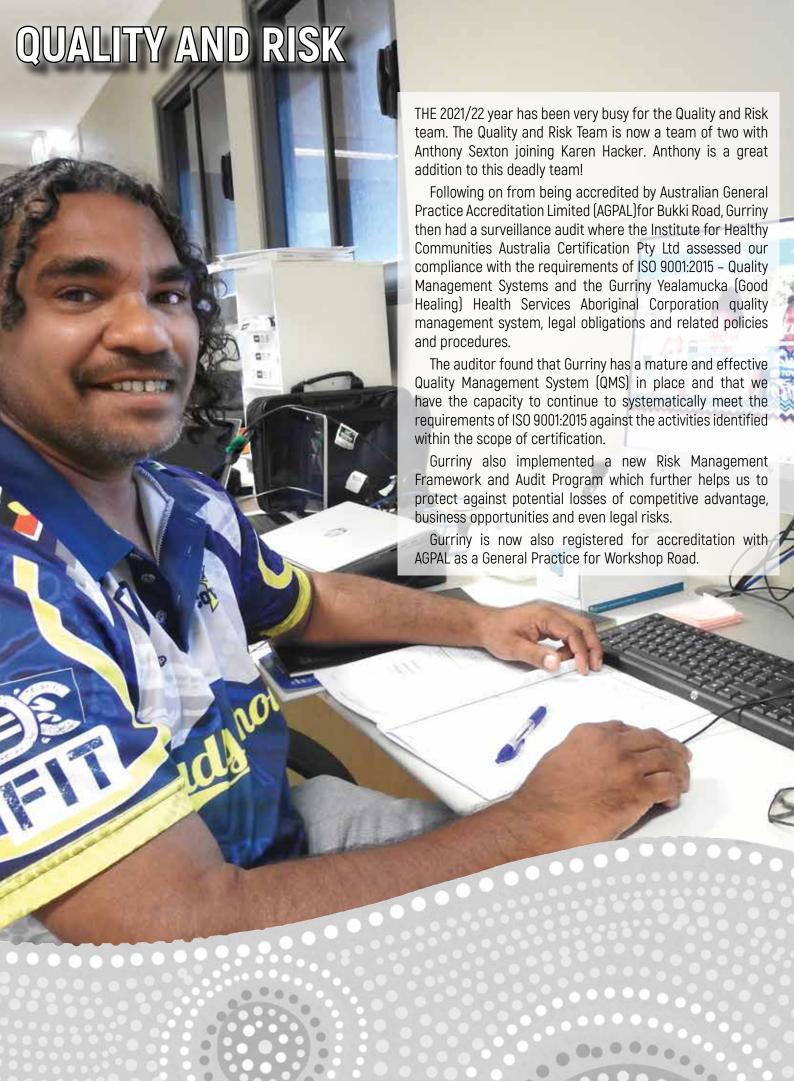
We have seen approval for increased funding towards this program, meaning greater opportunity for care delivery in the community.

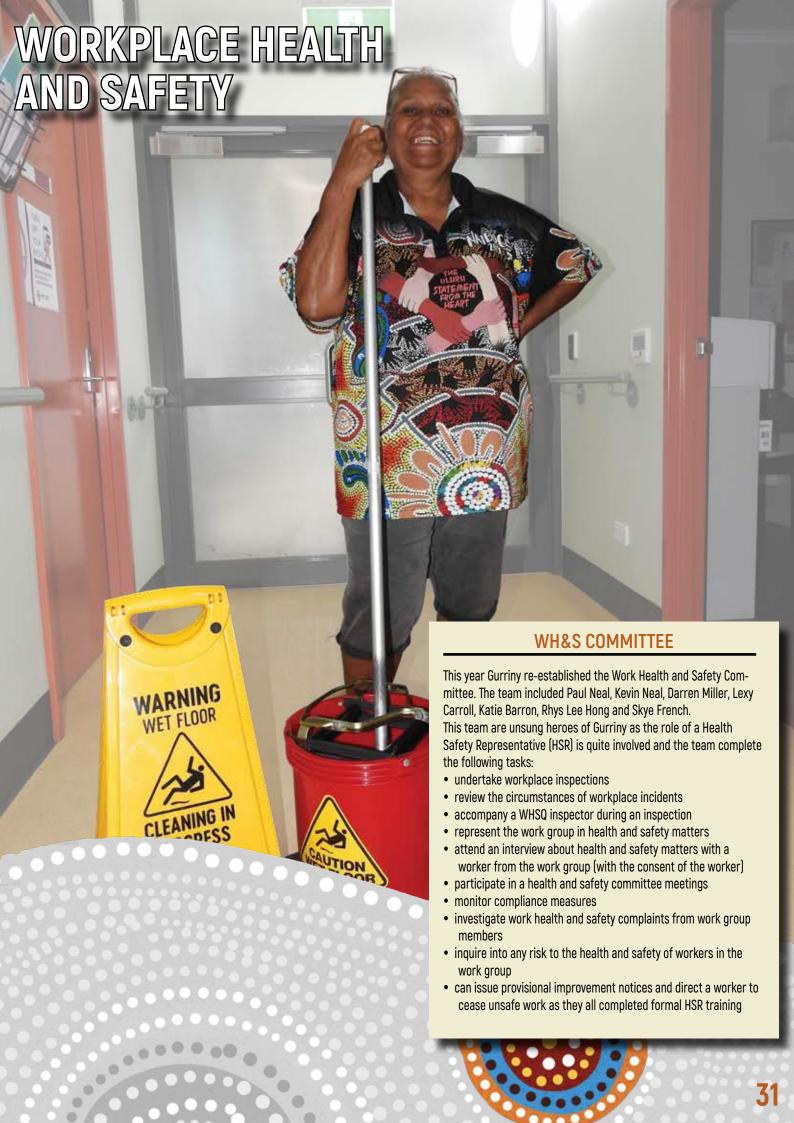
The team of External Services Liaison Officers have been a major help in coordinating and booking appointments for clients across services like GP appointments, visiting specialist/allied health clinics, Telehealth, Cairns Hospital appointments and other Cairns based appointments. Working collaboratively with the care coordination team, offering administrative coordination and expertise has been invaluable, so we thank you!

With the new outreach teams developed for the year to come, we are excited to see what further positive changes can be made!











EACH year our amazing team work very hard to provide, sustain and maintain services to support all our Gurriny sites. Our services are spread over 4 campuses: Bukki Rd Clinic, Workshop Rd Clinic, Youth Hub and Noble Drive Men's Space.

Workshop Road has now been completed with the new redevelopment and has been nominated for a number of awards, and recently proved successful winning the Far North Queensland Regional Project of the Year Award and the People's Choice Award.. This is exciting news!

Some of the areas we look after are safety checks, audits and compliance, repairs and maintenance, cleaning services and external yard general maintenance, courtesy transportation for patients to all our local clinic sites which provides access to medical treatment and pharmaceutical supplies/medications, courtesy transport for clients to Cairns for specialist medical appointments, and finally management of all Gurriny external building areas which include Bukki Rd, Noble Dr and Workshop Street

Providing access to health services is a very important part of delivering health services to our people. Something that is always evident within our team at Gurriny is that our trained and skilled staff are always deadly at making sure that all necessary requirements are met as we are guided by our current operational plan.

COVID19 coupled with the onset of influenza has bought our team increased work load however as always noted, these challenges were met with excellent team work which is where our strength lies.

We as always, welcome any feedback that helps us to improve our service. Please ask any of our staff for a form and they will be only too happy to assist you to access them.

SERVING COMMUNITY

Vehicles in fleet 26
Buses in fleet 3

Kilometres travelled

Patient transfers

800,000 4 635



The quality of Gurriny Yealamucka's health and wellbeing services is a function of the skill, commitment and passion of its people: attributes showcased this year by the COVID-19 public health emergency and Gurriny's leadership with 'local solutions to keep Yarrabah safe'. Our collective effort to nurture these and other workforce attributes, is a key driver behind the achievement of our vision to build a stronger and healthier community.

Our workforce is growing. As demand for quality services increases, so too will the community's expectations of a well-trained and culturally competent workforce. The tightening job market and increased competition for health professionals needs a localised response that includes the development of qualification pathways for existing employees. Work experience, vocational placements, and trainee programs will continue building employment opportunity as well as career progression pathways, thereby improving employee retention and building a more responsive workforce.

How we put our vision, mission and values into practice matters and each month, the Employee of the Month Award invites our people to reflect on the achievements of their peers and how they align to our vales: Quality of Service, Leadership & Innovation, Commitment, Accountability, Teamwork & Partnerships. The Award recognises achievement and provides a values 'touchpoint' that ensures the things that matter most to us are always front of mind.

OUR YEAR IN REVIEW

This year:

- Nearly 100 employees operating across 4 locations including 34 new employees
- 10 employees, including 4 Trainees have either completed or are nearing completion of Certificate 3 or 4 Level qualifications in Indigenous Health
- By our engagement with schools, TAFE and universities, we have hosted 7 students participating in either worker experience or vocational placements programs
- 4 young members of the community benefited from health industry exposure as 'Youth Recruiters' in support the annual Young Persons Checks program
- A peer-nominated, values-based 'Employee of the Month' Award was introduced to recognise the achievements of our staff who embody our Values in the performance of their duties.



THE Youth Hub operates and support the youth that attend the youth hub each day.

We are delivering a number of in house-activities such as Yarn-up, use of our computers to do resumes etc., movies, games, and just engaging the youth in basic household skills - Preparing and cooking meals, cleaning, laundry etc.

The youth team have supported internal Gurriny events, programs and activities, we are doing Well-Being checks on our youth daily, should there be any medical concerns we encourage engagement either through our referral pathways or self-referral.

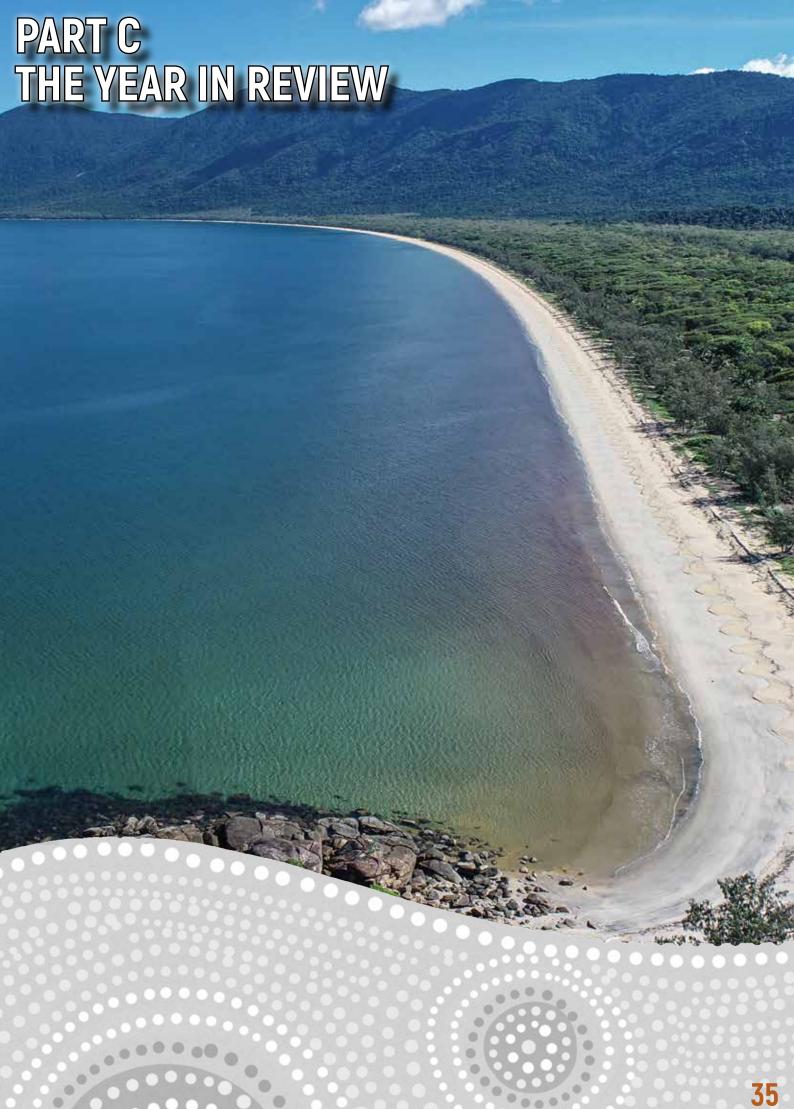
We also network with external programs that deliver services to the youth in their respective areas. We have met & consulted with the Youth Justice team at Gindaja Treatment and Healing centre, we have a MOU with the Primary School campus supporting the RSAS program for the use of the Youth Leisure Centre so that they can deliver their parenting programs, we also work in partnership with Yarrabah Seahawks Rugby league Juniors and Seniors supporting their events and activities.

We will continue to support the youth that engage in our programs and activities, we are very big on encouraging

school attendance by implementing some Youth Hub rules - No School no "Hub Bub ". We also incentivize our youth if they have been to school all week, with Frappe Friday's.

We endeavour to encourage youth that are disengaged and bring them into the space, we will continue to encourage school attendance, respect for self and each other, but more importantly we promote and ensure that we have a Safe Space for our youth to come to.











IN June 2022 MooGoo Skin Care formed a partnership with GYHSAC to increase community access to quality skin products and to highlight the link between skin sores and rheumatic fever.

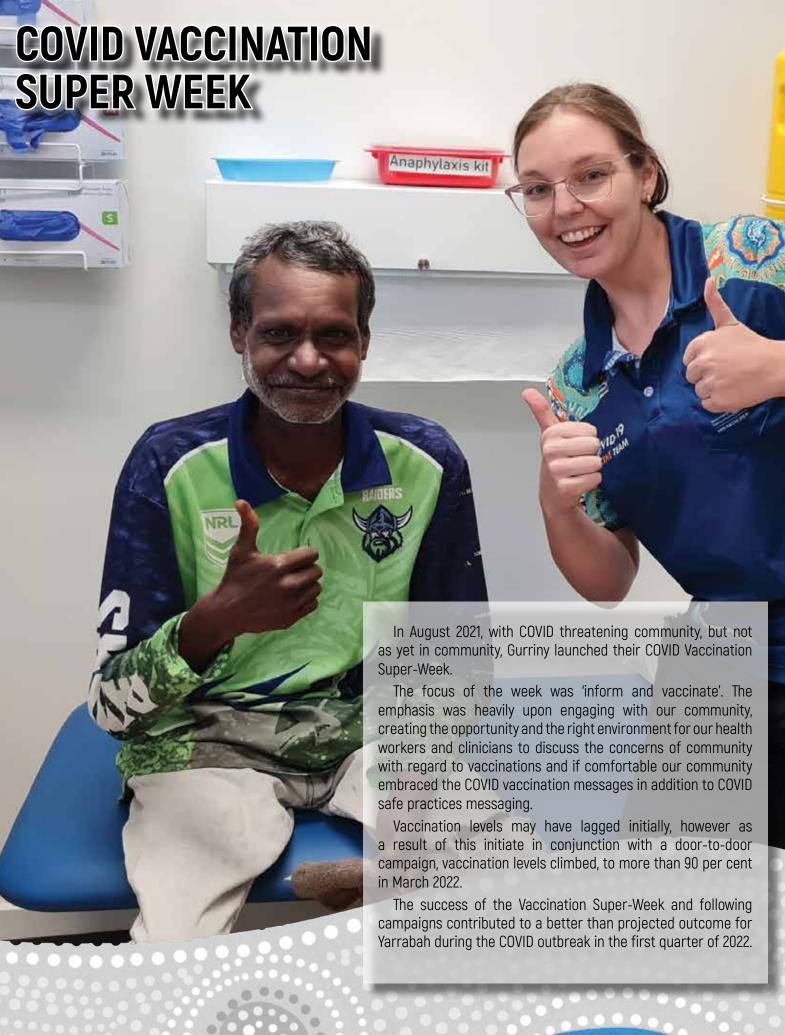
To launch this partnership the Child Health Team coordinated a Healthy Skin, Healthy Heart Pool Party. The aim of this event was to raise awareness about the importance of skin health for the prevention of Rheumatic Heart Disease.

This was a whole of organisation event and we received funding from the RHD Action Plan, RHD Registry and Tropical Public Health Service. We also partnered with the Yarrabah

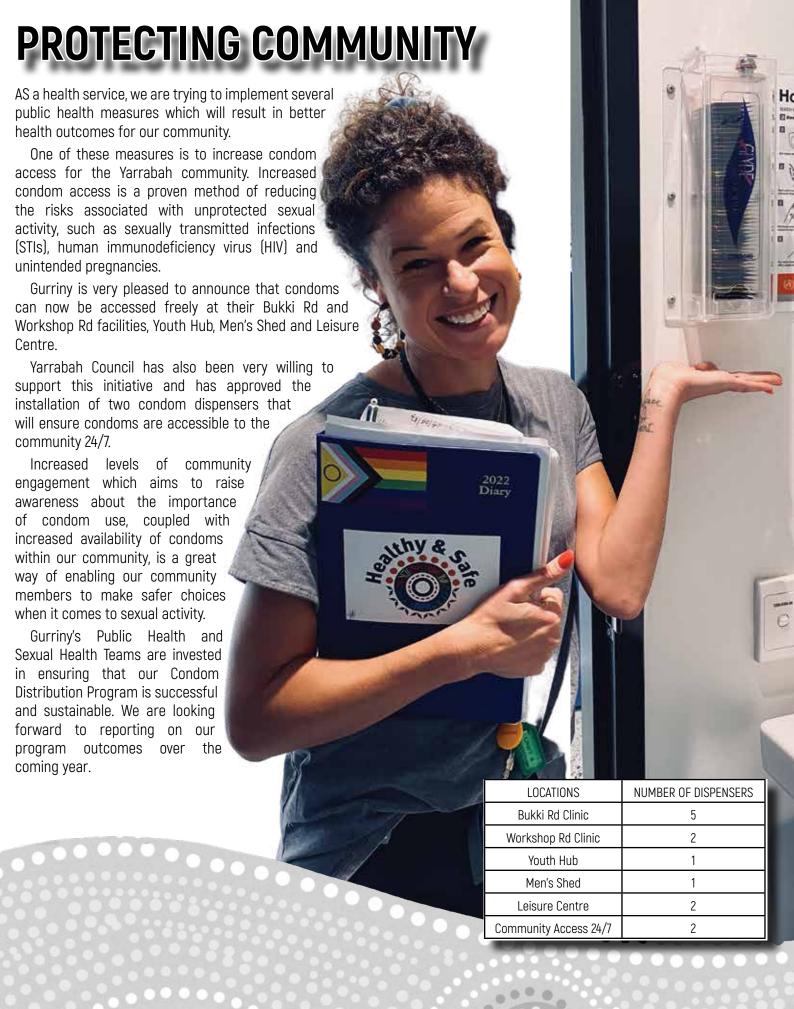
Council to ensure the pool was ready for the event.

A total of 290 people attended, the guests were mainly children and young people. The Queensland Health Paediatric Cardiology team attended which highlighted the strong relationship GYHSAC has with this service.

The ongoing promotion and distribution of the MooGoo Skin products is now being undertaken by the GYHSAC Public Health Team. Although we are yet to do an evaluation to assess a reduction in skin sores, family members using the product have reported that they have noticed a reduction in skin sores.







WORKSHOP ROAD OPENING

IN November 2021, the new purpose-built Workshop Road Clinic was officially opened. More than 200 community members, Elders, staff and invited guests gathered for the muchanticipated opening.

Funding for the new facility was provided by the Federal Government. North Queensland based Senator Susan McDonald was in quarantine and unable to attend the official but sent a personal message delivered by Yarrabah Mayor, Ross Andrews,

The day consisted of traditional dancing, Smoking Ceremony along with a blessing of the building

Coburn Architecture and People Oriented Design (POD) worked with the Traditional Owners, staff and Gurriny Board Members worked together to create a community health centre that not only meets the needs of workers and community but also blends into the natural environment and reflects the traditions and culture of the community.

AWARD WINNING DESIGN

In June, our new Workshop Rd Clinic was awarded the major design award in the the Australian Institute of Architects' Far North Queensland Regional Architecture Awards 2022.

Judges praised award-winning architects for their culturally inclusive and environmentally sensitive designs.

The Far North Queensland Awards come at the close of Reconciliation Week 2022, a national event where Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians to come together to reflect on their shared histories and futures.

Gurriny Yealamucka Health & Wellbeing Centre by POD (People Oriented Design) with Coburn Architecture was awarded a commendation in the Commercial Architecture category, the Far North Queensland Regional Project of the Year Award and the People's Choice Award.





AS a community, Yarrabah was impacted greatly during the COVID outbreak in early 2022.

More than 95 per cent of all households recorded positive cases, and more than 25 per cent of the population registering a positive swab during the outbreak.

Vaccination levels were high with 16+ vaccinations levels reaching more than 95 per cent 1st dose and 88 per cent double dosed by mid-March.

This high level of vaccination played an important part in reducing the impact of COVID on our community however the economic, health, social and emotional impact was dire.

By mid-April, (towards the end of the outbreak) more than 380 households had registered positive cases. More than 50 per cent of recorded cases were aged 0-29 years, with females bearing the brunt of recorded infections (55% of recorded infections).

Throughout the outbreak and since, the teams from Gurriny, Tropical Public Health and Oceania have continued to promote the COVID vaccination message alongside other general measures such as testing, social distancing and hand hygiene.

Cases by age group	Female	Male	All	Per Cent
0-4 years	21	22	44	5.4%
5-11 years	32	28	61	7.5%
12-15 years	21	26	47	5.8%
16-19 years	41	27	72	8.8%
20-29 years	110	75	188	23.1%
30-39 years	75	59	135	16.6%
40-49 years	60	47	107	13.1%
50-59 years	51	41	94	11.5%
60-69 years	19	22	41	5.0%
70+	19	7	26	3.2%
Age and sex unknown			0	0.0%
Total	449	354	815	100%

Messaging has proved difficult due to a mixture of reasons: Community members have COVID message fatigue,

combined with a feeling that COVID is not the risk it was though to be.

This minimizing of the perceived risk is an unfortunate result of the success we experienced as a community due to our increased vaccination levels leading into and during the outbreak, combined with the excellent work of our health workers and clinicians during the outbreak.

Although the threat of COVID is easing, there still exists significant underlying issues that will continue to impact adversely upon the health of our community.

- Overcrowded housing (4000 residents and 400 houses),
- A large number of houses in poor condition with major defects plumbing, electrical and ventilation, (the Healthy Housing Project is addressing this issue),
- Poor telecommunication infrastructure in community, creating difficulty in delivery of messaging as well as contact tracing
- Inability to socially distance with a degree of success.

Moving forward, Gurriny continues to petition for a better telecommunication infrastructure in community as well as working with Tropical Public Health on the current Healthy Housing Project currently rolled out in community.



TO celebrate the good work our community was doing keeping up with their COVID-19 vaccinations, in partnership with QAIHC, Gurriny ran the 'Get Vaccinated Get Rewarded' program.

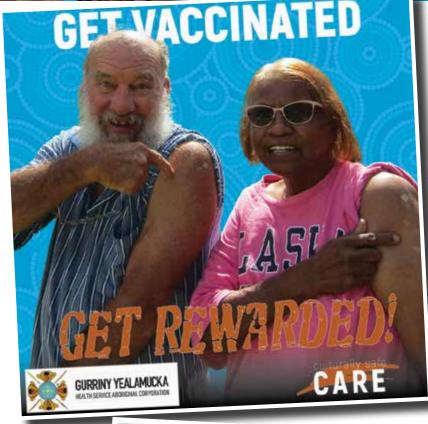
The aim of the program was to encourage community to continue to uptake the recommended doses of COVID-19 vaccines and ran from the 1st of April 2022 to the 30th of June 2022.

Vouchers to the value of \$30 were given out for every COVID-19 vaccination that was given to our community members throughout the duration of this project.

These vouchers could then be spent at the local supermarket, bakery and petrol station. With the support of our surge workforce, the Oceana vaccination team helped us to deliver 272 COVID vaccines throughout this program which injected almost \$8,160 back into the local businesses.

GET VACCINATED GET REWARDED

Location of COVID-19 vaccination event	No. of COVID-19 Vaccination events	Community Voucher \$
Outreach	221	\$6,630
Clinic	51	\$1,530
TOTAL	272	\$8,160







PRIOR to Yarrabah's first COVID-19 outbreak commencing in February this year, increasing COVID-19 vaccination rates was our priority. We were able to successfully achieve a high level of vaccination coverage prior to the outbreak, by increasing access to COVID-19 vaccinations within our community.

Walk-in vaccinations were available at both our Bukki Road and Workshop Road clinics, pop-up clinics at Wugu and local community events. However, the secret to our success was through our local Aboriginal Health Worker and Community Liaison Officer led outreach service. Our outreach service ran 5-6 days a week through November and December. We ventured out into every corner of community offering vaccines, yarning with our mob, whilst enjoying the summer heat, warm breezes, stunning surroundings and team spirit.

Through cohesive team work and trusting relationships, local knowledge and perseverance, we were able to ensure most of our eligible community members had full COVID-19 vaccination coverage...a success we are most proud of.





Be A Nurse

As I look all around me, And see how life has changed. All my younger hope and dreams, Have all be rearranged. I used to want to be a hero Fly around just doing good. Learning as I got older To do the things I should. I never wanted to be famous, Or own big fancy cars, Or set foot on the moon, And study all the stars. I did not seek out power, To tell others what to do. But if I could be anyone, I'd want to be like you. Helping little children And some older people too. If I could go back in time, I know what I would do. I would not look for diamonds. Or lots of money in a purse, I would be the best of heroes. I would become a nurse. Edwin C J Hofert

Our heroes at Gurriny are many of our nurses and midwives. In May this year we took the time to celebrate and salute their efforts. Today's true 'superheroes' do not wear capes, they work tirelessly to protect the health and emotional wellbeing of our community.

WOMEN OF YARRABAH



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INTERNATIONAL Women's Day 2022, turned into a celebration of the Women of Yarrabah

Throughout the month we profiled the significant contribution of our women to Gurriny and Yarrabah.

In total 12 employees and community members were profiled on our website and social media channels.

This campaign proved to be a tremendous success, not just within community, but we also achieved wider recognition for Yarrabah when Gurriny Youth and Wellbeing Manager,

A recognition of the important contribution our women make to our community

Lucresia Willett was named as one of the norths five influential women in the Cairns Post.

We congratulate the women we profiled this year and due to the success of the 2022 campaign, we will add another 12 new profiles in 2023.

This year we profiled, Adelaide Sands, Ailsa Liverly, Belita Kynuna, Carol Warta, Gwen Schieber, Paula Burns, Renee Grosso, Simone Arnol, Suzanne Andrews, Tamar Patterson and Tayla Smith.



NATIONAL SORRY DAY 2022

THIS year, our National Sorry Day event was held on the Wednesday May 25 in respect to sorry business in the community on May 26.

On this day, the Yarrabah community remembered and acknowledged the mistreatment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who were forcibly removed from their families and communities and scattered throughout Australia.

The National Sorry Day was well received by the community, with the majority of those marking and remembering this day were male. It was a powerful day for all who paused to remember those who were forcibly removed.

At the National Sorry Day event, guest speakers spoke of the history of

Yarrabah and the stolen generation, and how it has affected the

lives of many community members.

National Sorry Day is of particular importance tom Yarrabah as 80% of our community are from families of the stolen generation. The platform was opened for speakers to speak about what National Sorry Day means to them as an individual.

Most speakers came from families of the Stolen Generation, and spoke of the deep trauma it had on their lives growing up in Yarrabah.

To commemorate the day community members were given a Native Hibiscus to symbolise the scattering of the Stolen Generation and their resilience to the eugenic policies of Australia.

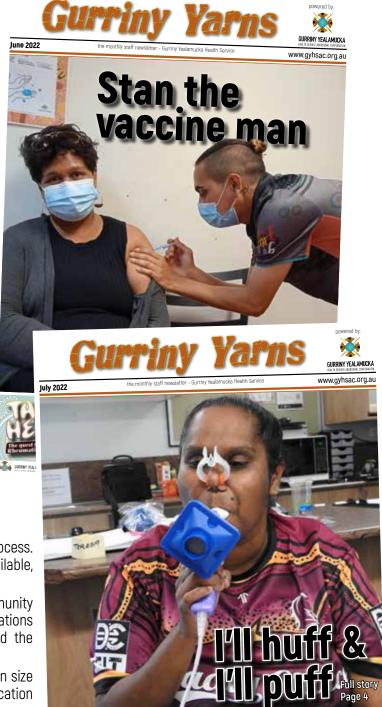












A sore throat could be a sign of

which if left untreated could lead to Acute Rheumatic Fever (ARF) or

Rheumatic Heart Disease (RHD)

infection,

SORE THROAT?

COMMUNICATING and messaging into community is no easy process. During the pandemic there were only two reliable platforms available, Social Media (Facebook) and word of mouth.

Both platforms have significant weaknesses. With no community radio station, no newspaper and a less than reliable telecommunications system, Gurriny needed to develop a better platform to build the communications channels into community.

Gurriny Yarns was the outcome. This publication quickly grew in size and circulation, proving to be a reliable and effective communication tool.

Packed with community news and photos, in addition to health messaging, Gurriny Yarns has proved to be of benefit to Gurriny and of tremendous interest to community.

Growing quickly from 12 pages in April, the latest editions were 32+ pages and 400 copies distributed throughout community.

The focus of the publication is to reflect community's voice, presenting stories of interest to community as well as essential health messaging. The goal was to communicate in a manner and format that community felt ownership over and valued its place in their week.

NATIONAL AND DIGITAL SPOTLIGHT ON YARRABAH

ONE upside to COVID was the opportunity to shine the spotlight firmly upon many of the issues we encounter on a weekly basis in Yarrabah, an opportunity to control the story, rather than being the story.

Throughout the past 12 months, Yarrabah, the works of Gurriny and the challenges of our community have been to topic of many media reports published and broadcast throughout Australia.

This increased interest in Yarrabah, as a result of COVID has allowed us to build strong relationships with all local and national media.

Front page stories in the Weekend Australian highlighting the appalling state of housing and over-crowding in Yarrabah, through to National ABC Radio programs highlighting the importance of 'Birthing in Country', Yarrabah and Gurriny is now featuring strongly in news and a current affairs stories around this nation.

2022 has seen a growth in the use of digital platforms to spread the Gurriny message.

Our digital channels target local community, the broader community with ties to Yarrabah, along with key stakeholders and influencers.

Our Facebook platform has gown 40% since January 2022 with now more than 1800 followers. LinkedIn is seen as an important channel to connect with the professional sector and influencers, whilst Twitter is critical in our broadcast of essential messaging to the media, and influencers.

In the period January to June, 2022 we authored and distributed more than 100 media releases, responded to more than 40 media enquiries from journalists and posted in excess of 400 times on our digital channels.

We established a YouTube Channel in 2022 to further build the profile of Yarrabah and Gurriny. This channel currently hosts an extensive library of video and news stories.

DIGITAL PROFILE 1/1/22 - 30/6/22

FaceBook Reach 33,355

FB Page Visits 7,891

FaceBook Likes 1,725

Page Views - Web 21,256

Unique Page Views 12,890





Indigenous health service slams social media scam after drop in child vaccination uptake









WITHIN the Yarrabah community, women are seen as the lifegivers and the caretakers of life. Their importance cannot be understated nor ignored.

Unfortunately, the results of the many social issues our community battles on a daily basis, can easily impact upon the social and emotional wellbeing of our women, mothers and daughters in community.

In November Gurriny ran their First Women's Gathering. More than 130 women gathered united within by the theme, Together We Can, United We Stand.

Throughout the day, they shared their stories and messages of encouragement, supported each other and were inspired by the stories of six incredible community women.

Topics for discussion included the empowering of women, mental health issues and coping strategies, as well as recognition of the contribution of women to our local community.

It was an important event for our Family Wellbeing team. The strategy was clear, we needed to have local voices, lifting our local women and speaking directly to them regarding the issues we encounter each and every day.

The feedback was astounding, and reinforced the need for events that empower our women, creating opportunities to build stronger networks and share their successes as well as their challenges.



It reminded me of our old people, our ancestors, and how they gathered, especially our women when hunting and gathering with the younger women, teaching them, encouraging them, and most of all empowering them.





IN October and November 2021 The Queensland government's Breastscreening van returned to Yarrabah.

In order to take some of the embarrassment away from the event Gurriny ran a high tea to coincide with the days that the van was at Gurriny. This allowed women to come and have a cup of tea and a yarn while waiting for their Susu Check.

Over 86 women attended the event with everyone enjoying the refreshments while they waited.

If breast cancer is found early, when it is small, it is easier to treat. Finding and treating it early means that up to 9 out of 10 women survive.

The Susu Checks are safe, private and free.

Thank you to Melissa Marshall from ED who loaned us the high tea trays and teapots.









Once again, we threw open our doors during NAIDOC Week '21 and ran our Gurrinmy NAIDOC Open Day.

Our teams contributed to Gurriny's NAIDOC Open Day by providing activities as well as food for the community. Their activity saw them provide an opportunity to show community some ways to alleviate stress by making tools for themselves.

They assisted community members to make their own stress balls using easily accessible items and demonstrated how to use these to assist in the management of stress for themselves, their family and friends.

The Youth Wellbeing team also contributed to catering for the event and provided a nourishing meal which was shared with the community.

The Social & Emotional Wellbeing (SEWB) teams understand the importance of these community events and how they

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Country is more than a place, it is inherent to our identity - we must Heal Country!

provide and important a venue to share information and health education information.

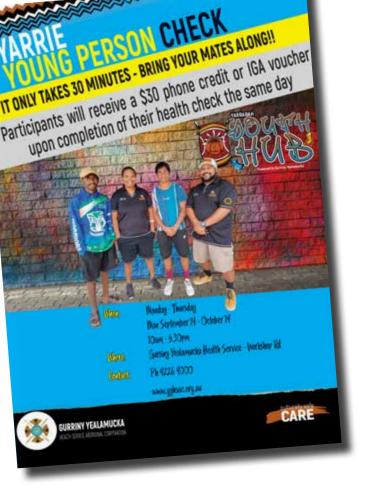
As such, throughout the day, staff continually provided messaging and information to the community in relation to self-care, how to access social and emotional wellbeing services, what services the teams provided and who the team members were that provided these services.

Information regarding the suite of Gurriny services was also provided to community as well as highlighting access points for these services so community had knowledge about connecting to the many services and programs delivered by Gurriny.

The event was also an opportunity for the teams to build their engagement skills and further develop their relationships with community members.







YOUNG PERSON'S **HEALTH CHECKS**

were more engaged in talking about their health which is a huge win as this sets this group up for greater involvement in their health over their lifetime

In 2021 the COVID Pandemic impacted the delivery on the Young Person Health Check due to the Isolation requirements. This reduced our ability to deliver face to face services.

Gurriny still delivered the YPC using a COVID safe process. Appointments were done through a booking system and staggered throughout the day. The numbers that were screened were decreased from previous years, but the program was successful using COVID safe screening and appointment protocols.

There were 187 health check conducted during the promotional period.

Key to our success was the use of peer mentors /recruiters. These mentors engaged with the youth in a one on one basis, providing support for them and encouraging them to engage in the health check.

One of the most powerful aspects of the YPC has been the engagement of young people in their health care, and the regular hosting of this event has broken down some of the barriers that prevent young people from engaging in health assessment and healthy lifestyles.

THE Young Person Health Check (YPC) targets youths 15 to 24 years and initially was a screening tool for STI's. Over time. Gurriny expanded the program to check for chronic disease risk markers and in 2016 markers for depression. This expansion is aligned directly with our concerns that in Yarrabah we need to screen earlier and invest in targeted prevention programs for the younger population.

On the chronic disease front, the YPC has enabled us to detect a few cases of anaemia, nutritional deficiency, and most commonly cholesterol. In the over 20 age group, there was a incidence of obesity and early elevation of BP. In this age group we have noted a strong desire to be engaged in their health care and a willingness to take on board health messages re healthy eating, regular exercise and smoking cessation.

15-19 year old were there for the fun of it, but 20-24 year old

Health Checks Performed 187

Target age group

15 - 24





CHILDREN'S health checks are an important part of growing up strong, healthy and deadly.

The Child Health Team have been visiting Yarrabah State School this year to undertake school based health checks. The team have worked in collaboration with the school leadership team, RSAS, Clontarf and Queensland Health Dental Service to bring this program to students at school.

Bringing the clinic to the school goes a long way to breaking down the

barriers between our service and the community. It is a great opportunity to work collaboratively with the school to improve health outcomes for children in the community.

The Child Health Team members attending the school visits included Health Workers, Nurse and GP.

The team visited the school for a total of 15 days over terms 1, 2 and 3 to target different year levels.

In total 96 students were assessed.

resulting in 9 additional follow-up appointments in clinic and 70 Child 715 Health Assessments were completed.

The School Based Health Checks proved to be particularly successful. For many of the year 3 and above students, this health check was their first contact with a clinician in almost 5 years.

Health issues identified and addressed included skin sores, bicillin prophylaxis follow ups, physical health and growth (puberty related), as well anemia follow ups.

GYHSACs Child Health Team Leader Maddie Dodd and Howard Mundraby





THE Yarrabah Youth Forum 2021 like every year, is based around the Youth Team and community youth coming together and start to form a concept of the night.

The Theme of each Youth Forum is creatively worded to intertwine the Themes of our NAIDOC and Youth Week Slogans that creates a Youth empowering Phase, "Yarrie Style".

The 2021 Theme was "Healing the Community, Strengthen our spirit"

The night was all about the theme and celebrating the Youth of Yarrabah. The night MC gig was shared from the Youth team and speakers from other networking organisations.

Addresses from the Yarrabah Mayor, Ross Andrews, Gurriny CEO, Suzanne Andrews along with Gurriny Board Chair, Les Baird spoke on the theme of the night while each shared their own journeys to their success and future ambitions.

The night saw many youths enter the event with tables fitted to accompany the importance of our youths, seating an overall of 120 participants engaging in the Forum while enjoying a night of youthful activities, great company and a wonderful arrange of catering of roast meals and desserts. Youths age 15-25 years old are invited to the forum each year.

The Forum engaged with many organisations that spoke and presented in empowering form to give our Youths inspiration and be a part of their community decision making.

Yarrabah Leaders Forum Ruth Fagan and Ngema Andrews spoke on the pillar or the YLF and followed up with a practical activity that had the youths and special guest engage in discussions and writing issues and solutions on each pillar of the Yarrabah Leaders Forum structure.

Shennae Neal spoke on the

empowerment and strength of staying active and healthy with a powerful presentation on her Motiv-8 Nation exercise and motivational business. The night was support not only with speakers, other organisations helped to engage tables activities and showed support in attendance and socialized with our Youths.

Prizes and incentives for the night were of plenty, with prizes donated by local businesses and Gurriny we saw many youths walk out happy winners, for those who didn't win the Youth Forum still insist that no one leaves empty hand with each participant getting a Youth Forum shirt specific to that event, a great serving of food and fun in a safe environment concludes a great event that will continue to uplift our Youth and celebrate our future leaders.





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Annual Financial Report For year Ended 30 June, 2022

Directors' report

The directors present their report together with the financial statements of Gurriny Yealamucka (Good Healing) Health Services Aboriginal Corporation (the "Corporation") for the financial year ended 30 June 2022 and the auditor's report thereon.

Operating and financial review

The net deficit from ordinary activities after tax amounted to \$520,918 (2021: surplus \$3,986,335).

State of affairs

There were no significant changes in the Corporation's state of affairs during the financial year.

Principal activities

The principal activities of the Corporation during the course of the financial year were the provision of health care services to indigenous persons in the Yarrabah community. On 1 July 2014 the responsibility to deliver Primary Health Care Services in the Yarrabah community was officially handed over to the Corporation by Queensland Health.

There were no significant changes in the nature of the activities of the Corporation during the year.

Events subsequent to reporting date

There has not arisen in the interval between the end of the financial year and the date of this report any item, transaction or event of a material and unusual nature likely, in the opinion of the directors of the Corporation, to affect significantly the operations of the Corporation, the results of those operations, or the state of affairs of the Corporation, in future financial years.

Likely developments

The directors envisage that the Corporation will continue its existing operations, subject to the receipt of future funding from government and other sources.

Environmental regulation

The Corporation's operations are not subject to any significant environmental regulations under either Commonwealth or State legislation. However, the board believes that the Corporation has adequate systems in place for the management of its environmental requirements and is not aware of any breach of those environmental requirements as they apply to the Corporation.

Distributions

The Corporation's constitution precludes it from distributing any surpluses to members. Accordingly, no distributions were paid, recommended or declared by the Corporation during the year.

Directors

The directors of the Corporation at any time during or since the end of the financial year are:

Name and qualifications	Experience and special responsibilities
Leslie Baird	Chairperson – elected 2 December 2022
David Baird	Director – elected 5 December 2019
Robin Giason	Independent Director – 1 December 2014
Ailsa Lively	Director – elected 20 October 2020
Linda Sexton	Director – elected 22 November 2011
Robin Schrieber	Director – appointed 18 November 2021
Kenneth Jackson Jr.	Director – elected 19 October 2021
Katie Pope	Independent Director – appointed 28 January 2022
Mikaela French	Independent Director – appointed 9 June 2021
Julianna Cuda	Director – appointed 23 May 2018, resigned 31 August 2021
Justin Sheldrake	Independent Director – appointed 19 December 2019, resigned 20 July 2021
Ross Maloney	Director – term ended 19 October 2021
Sandra Houghton	Director – term ended 19 October 2021

Secretary

Tamilyn Brennen was appointed to the position of secretary on 14 June 2016.

Directors' meetings

The number of directors' meetings and number of meetings attended by each of the directors of the Corporation during the financial year are:

Director	No of meetings attended	No of meetings held*	
Leslie Baird	12	12	
David Baird	12	12	
Robin Giason	12	12	
Alisa Lively	11	12	
Linda Sexton	8	12	
Robin Schrieber	7	7	
Kenneth Jackson Jr.	6	6	
Katie Pope	5	5	
Mikaela French	9	12	
Julianna Cuda	1	1	
Justin Sheldrake	1	1	
Ross Maloney	2	2	
Sandra Houghton	3	3	

^{*}Reflects the number of meetings held during the time the director held office during the year.

Proceedings on behalf of the Corporation

During the year, no person has made application for leave in respect of the Corporation under section 169-5 of the Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006 (the "Act").

During the year, no person has brought or intervened in proceedings on behalf of the Corporation with leave under section 169-5 of the Act.

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Auditor's independence declaration

At no time during the financial year ended 30 June 2022 was an officer of the Corporation the auditor, a partner in the audit firm, or a director of the audit company that undertook the audit of the Corporation for that financial year.

The lead auditor's independence declaration is set out on the following page and forms part of the directors' report for the financial year ended 30 June 2022.

This report is made out in accordance with a resolution of the directors:

Director

8/11/2022

Date



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Auditor's Independence Declaration

To the directors of Gurriny Yealamucka (Good Healing) Health Services Aboriginal Corporation

In accordance with the requirements of section 339-50 of the *Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act* 2006, as lead auditor for the audit of Gurriny Yealamucka (Good Healing) Health Services Aboriginal Corporation for the year ended 30 June 2022, I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been:

- a No contraventions of the auditor independence requirements as set out in the Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006 in relation to the audit; and
- b No contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

Grant Thornton Audit Pty Ltd Chartered Accountants

Grant Tho coton

H A Wilkes

Partner - Audit & Assurance

Cairns, 8th Nov 2022

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Statement of comprehensive income

For the year ended 30 June 2022

	2022	2021
	\$	
Income		
Revenue and income	11,794,753	14,399,331
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Expenses		
Advertising	7,249	8,700
Audit fees	25,000	26,750
Cleaning	26,208	27,676
Clinic supplies	109,419	154,412
Computer support and equipment hire	247,201	206,410
Conference fees	4,693	11,051
Consulting and professional fees	777,589	700,076
Donations	7,856	5,200
Electricity and water	70,205	51,659
Employee expenses	8,144,989	7,511,089
FBT expense	8,679	12,916
Grant funds transferred	166,830	
Grants repaid	389,329	250,34
Hire of equipment and facilities	69,693	104,917
Insurance	75,355	52,239
Licenses and permits	106,030	55,384
Meeting expenses	389	1,407
Motor vehicle expenses	305,306	330,274
Printing and stationery	47,030	56,386
Program expenses	905,300	339,007
Repairs and maintenance	65,978	23,785
Telephone and fax	47,770	40,364
Training	41,448	39,860
Travel and accommodation	147,335	98,746
Sundry expenses	123,859	142,079
	11,920,740	10,250,733
Results from operating activities	(125,987)	4,148,598
Finance income	1,460	2,426
Finance costs	(6,100)	(4,173
Net finance income (costs)	(4,640)	(1,747
Results from operating activities	(130,627)	4,146,851
Depreciation and amortisation expenses	(,,	.,
Property, plant and equipment	(252,787)	(179,499
Right-of-use assets	(137,504)	(71,017
Net surplus before tax	(520,918)	3,896,335
Income tax expense	(020,010)	-,,
Net surplus	(520,918)	3,896,335
Other comprehensive income	(522,510)	-,,
Total comprehensive income	(520,918)	3,896,335

Statement of financial position

As at 30 June 2022

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	2022 \$	2021 \$
Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	6,663,207	7,423,204
Trade and other receivables	135,185	67,626
Current assets	6,798,392	7,490,830
Property, plant and equipment	3,905,627	1,544,541
Work in progress	-	2,242,303
Right-of-use assets	68,291	114,345
Non-current assets	3,973,918	3,901,189
Total assets	10,772,310	11,392,019
Liabilities		
Trade and other payables	3,613,257	3,729,293
Loans and borrowings	82,852	68,835
Employee benefits	196,462	138,802
Current liabilities	3,892,571	3,936,930
Loans and borrowings	8,342	36,224
Employee benefits	101,139	127,689
Non-current liabilities	109,481	163,913
Total liabilities	4,002,052	4,100,843
Net assets	6,770,258	7,291,176
Equity		
Retained surplus	6,770,258	7,291,176
Total equity	6,770,258	7,291,176
Total equity	0,770,230	7,201,170

Statement of changes in equity

For the year ended 30 June 2022

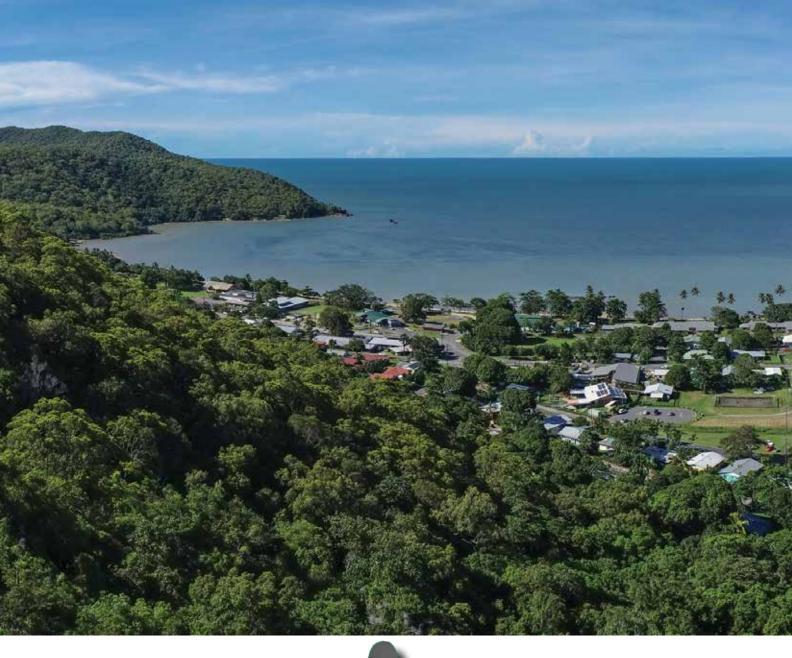
Retained surplus

	2022 \$	2021 \$
Balance at 1 July 2021	7,291,176	3,394,841
Total comprehensive income		
Net surplus/(deficit)	(520,918)	3,896,335
Total other comprehensive income	-	
Total comprehensive income	(520,918)	3,896,335
Balance at 30 June 2022	6,770,258	7,291,176

Statement of cash flows

For the year ended 30 June 2022

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	2022 \$	2021 \$
ash flows from operating activities		
ash receipts from grants and customers	13,149,181	15,094,014
ash paid to suppliers and employees	(13,426,690)	(11,049,303)
ash generated from operating activities	(277,509)	4,044,711
terest received	1,460	2,426
terest paid	(6,100)	(4,173)
et cash from/(used in) operating activities	(282,149)	4,042,964
ash flows from investing activities		
equisition of property, plant and equipment	(372,533)	(2,459,978)
et cash from/(used in) investing activities	(372,533)	(2,459,978)
ash flows from financing activities		
roceeds from borrowings		3,659
ayment of lease liabilities	(105,315)	(55,736)
et cash from/(used in) financing activities	(105,315)	(52,077)
et increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(759,997)	1,530,909
ash and cash equivalents at 1 July 2021	7,423,204	5,892,295
ash and cash equivalents at 30 June 2022	6,663,207	7,423,204











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