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MEMBERS NEWSLETTER





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Board Communique

from the Chairperson, Thierra Clanton

Kaya Members,

The Derbarl Yerrigan Health Service Board are committed to transparency, open communication and good governance. Here's some updates, and key focus points for 2025.

Board Updates

AGM 2024

The DYHSAC Annual General Meeting was held in November of 2024, where we were delighted to welcome two new Member Directors to the Board, Joslyn Tass-Eades and Jasmine Eades.

Joslyn brings a wealth of knowledge, experience and commitment to Derbarl, she has several years of experience on multiple boards for the Noongar community.

Jasmine is a dedicated Noongar health professional with a significant public and Aboriginal health background. Both new appointees will bring valuable expertise to our board.



We also farewelled Professors Sandra Eades and Dan McCaulley from the board and would like to express our gratitude for their service to Derbarl Yerrigan and the Noongar Community over the years.

Board Structure

Following the 2024 AGM, the new board voted on the position of Deputy Chairperson, to which Katiska Davis was elected. Thierra Clanton continues as Chairperson of the DYHSAC Board.

Member information workshops

To ensure transparency, accountability and good governance the Board have committed to reintroducing quarterly member information workshops in 2025, kicking off on the 22nd March 2025.

Refreshing our Rulebook

In 2024, the Board sought to review the DYHSAC Rulebook to ensure it complies with current legal requirements, is more user-friendly and will streamline voting process. Two member consultations meetings were held in 2024, however, due to scheduling conflicts, these workshops were paused. The board have engaged a Communications and Engagement specialist to develop an engagement strategy to guide future community and member information workshops.

Rule book review workshops will commence again in 2025, at each of the DYHSAC clinics.

Recognising Achievements

We congratulate our acting CEO, Dr Daniel Hunt on being recognised as Indigenous Doctor of the Year at the 2024 Indigenous Doctor's Association Awards. Dr Dan has been with Derbarl for over 8 years and worked with our community as a Dentist, GP and Deputy Medical Director. Congrats Dr Dan on this acknowledgement of the fantastic work you do.

A Welcome Return

Derbarl are pleased to welcome the return of the Heart Health Program at our service, thanks

to the advocacy of the community for pushing for the return of the program, and to the Heart Foundation for supporting Heart Health at Derbarl. Heart Health provides a much-needed support in managing heart disease in a culturally safe way.

Derbarl 50-year acknowledgement

In December 2024, Derbarl's 50-years of service was acknowledged at the National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation Conference in Canberra.

CEO Recruitment

The DYHSAC Board is in the initial stages of recruitment for a new CEO. After a tender process, an external executive recruitment agency has been engaged to assist us in facilitating the recruitment process.

Thierra

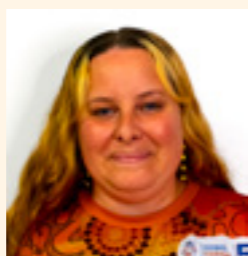
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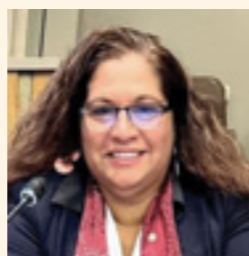
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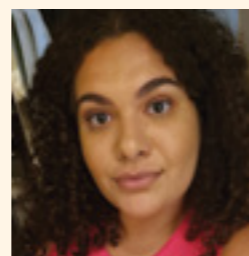
Deputy Chair
Katiska Davis



Member Director
Kaya Carson



Member Director
Joslyn Tass-Eades



Member Director
Jasmine Eades

Staff Summit Awards

Service Awards

5 Years

Richelle Douglas
Lily Hiew
Debalina Gon
Chaudhury
Borut Klopčič
Cherylee Wallam

15 Years

Michelle Little
Susan Prosser

20 Years

Shelley Thorne

10 Years

Esther Staniland
John Dickie
Pooja Bharti
Kelly Hart
Himadri Ellepola
Ingeborg Shea
Josephus De Jong
Margo Richardson
Cecilia Cox



Aunty Joan Winch Award

Kira Kenney

Innovation & Quality Award

Dr Lakhbinder Kang

Rookie Award

Lacey Harrison

Customer Service Award

Hope Ugle-Hayward

Living Derbarl Vision Award

Marion Davies

Inspirational Award

Samantha Foster

CEO Awards

Dr Ingeborg Shea
Kellie Kickett
Anisha Mouvery
Cowan Bonson
Abhilash Karunakaran



Other Awards



NAACHO 50 Years Commemoration

Derbarl received a beautiful glass plaque commemorating our health service's 50 years of operation from NAACHO.

The Award will be displayed at East Perth Clinic.

Indigenous Doctor of the Year

Acting CEO Dr Daniel Hunt was awarded "Indigenous Doctor of the Year" at the 2024 Indigenous Doctor's Association Awards. Congratulations Dr Dan!

Indigenous Emerging Business Outstanding Impact Award

Our Health Promotions Coordinator, Corey Jacobs, was also awarded the Indigenous Emerging Business Outstanding Impact Award at the 2024 Indigenous Emerging Business Forum Gala Event, in recognition of his impactful work for his community, in particular his tireless voluntary commitment to the NAIDOC Perth committee.



Tracey Brand

Tracey Brand stepped down as CEO of Derbarl on the 22nd November 2024. For almost 5 years Tracey successfully steered Derbarl, providing excellent leadership and corporate governance.

We farewelled Tracey at the East Perth Clinic on the 5th November 2024 and celebrating the great work Tracey has done at Derbarl.

We thank Tracey for all her hard work and dedication over her time as CEO, and wish her all the best with the next steps in her career.



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CONTACT YOUR NEAREST DERBARL CLINIC TO SEE IF
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2024 Highlights

September

September was a very busy month for Derbarl, with teams attending conferences, delivering presentations on our deadly work, hosting visitors, community events and most importantly continuing to enable and provide clinical care to almost 2,000 patients per week across Derbarl.

Women's Health Day

Our Health Promotions and Maternal Child Health teams delivered another terrific Women's Health Day, which received great feedback. The strong attendance and yarning showed women are taking ownership of their health and engaging with services and supports available.



2024 Women's Health Day Event



Branai Ugle and Michelle Little are participants of the program, training with Mar Mooditj and moving towards the next cohort of Derbarl's Aboriginal Health Practitioners.

First Nations Health Worker Traineeships

We were excited to host Assistant Minister for Indigenous Health, Ged Kearney, in our East Perth clinic. She met Branai's experience with the First Nations Health Worker Traineeship Program. We thank the federal government for investing in our workforce through the program, which is building our Aboriginal Health Practitioner (AHP) capacity and upskilling our workers.



NAATSIHWP conference

Two of our board directors, Kaya Carson and Katiska Davis, also joined the meeting with the Assistant Minister. There were some key discussions about Derbarl's 24-strong Aboriginal Health Practitioner workforce, the critical role of AHPs in our model of care, our partnership with Marr Mooditj training in providing clinical placements for AHP students, and the need for a graduate AHP program to strengthen and complement trainees into the workforce.

Conferences and Presentations

Over 300 Aboriginal Health Practitioners (AHPs) and Aboriginal Health Workers (AHWs) from across the country descended on Whadjuk Noongar Boodjar for the National Association of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Workers and Practitioners (NAATSIHWP) conference.



Derbarl's SEWB team worked in the Wellbeing Room at the NAATSIHWP conference.

The conference theme was 'Reaping the Rewards of Resilience'. Derbarl was proud to have a strong representation of our Aboriginal Health Practitioners and Social Emotional Wellbeing (SEWB) workers attend the conference. Their moorditj presentations highlighted our impactful and inspiring work for our mob to close the gap in health inequality.

Our SEWB workers and trainees also worked alongside the deadly Abstar consulting team in the Wellbeing Room at the conference, a great opportunity to work alongside a team of experienced Aboriginal psychologists in a wellbeing room to provide culturally safe yarning, care, and 'straight' talking, while forming many new connections and friends.

Kellie and Mary from the Culture Care Connect team also attended the national Culture Care Connect gathering in Queensland and gave a presentation on their work.

Derbarl's Medical Director and Sexual Health AHP presented at the NACCHO Blood Born Virus and Sexual Health workshop on our model, which is gaining great recognition as a national best practice approach.

Derbarl also presented to the board of the Stan Perron Charitable Foundation, 12 months following the Perron Foundation granting Derbarl three years of funding at \$508K per year to build our paediatrics model of care.

The funding from the Perron Foundation, along with funding support from the WA Department of Health, Telethon Kids Institute and the Telethon Trust, has provided Derbarl with the tools and resources to achieve:

- **Over 93% patient attendance rates**
- **Case managed 300 children in 1000 consults**
- **25 paediatric clients supported to access NDIS**
- **Fortnightly under 8s drop-in speech & occupational therapy groups**
- **Completion of several in-home culturally safe autism assessments for older kids who may have taken years to be diagnosed, or who possibly may not have been diagnosed at all**
- **Investment in staff upskilling**
- **Reducing lengthy wait times for our children to receive assessment and management plans. Wait times to see our paediatricians currently is 6 months (compared to 2-4 yr+ with the Child Development Service)**

Derbarl provided input into the NAACHO proposal for ACCHO-led health services delivery in custodial settings — sharing challenges, opportunities, our model of care and funding requirements that need to be considered in the proposal. Derbarl is finalising a model and budget for primary health care and an after-care bundled model for Banksia Youth Detention and will be having ongoing discussions.

NDIS

Derbarl met with NDIS Deputy CEO, Jeanine Mahomet, where we emphasised the need for ACCHOs to be block-funded to provide patients with culturally safe and responsive access to allied health services, and advocated for a sustainable model for our paediatrics service.

Our NDIS worker in the paediatrics team attended the national gathering of the Aboriginal Disability Support Network, to network with other workers and provide a testimonial on her work and passion in this space.

Finally, Derbarl also received a very generous donation of \$5,000 from the Yinhawangka People, which will be used to support our Cancer Support Group.

October

Derbarl was invited to attend the First Nations Cancer Plan consultation in Canberra, where we again amplified the needs of Aboriginal patients in urban areas who require access to greater support services and culturally safe care. Derbarl currently has over 700 cancer patients.

Health of the Nation report

RACGP launched the Health of the Nation report, which found that the most satisfied GPs are working in our sector. This is the only annual report providing insights into general practice care based on a nationwide survey of GPs and GPs in training.

At Derbarl, our GPs are core to our multi-disciplinary team approach, and we are immensely proud of all 28 of our moorditj GPs, and the positive impact they have on the health and wellbeing of our patients and community.

Midland NAIDOC

Derbarl was proud to continue our sponsorship of the Midland NAIDOC event. It was another great event honouring our moorditj Elders and their wisdom, knowledge, enduring culture, and spirit!

It was great to yarn with mob who visited the Derbarl promotional stands, and to take care of our Elders who came for a cuppa and some tucker in the Derbarl Elder's tent.



Midland NAIDOC performance stage.



Midland NAIDOC Elder's Tent sponsored by Derbarl.



Elder's Yarning NAIDOC Event

Derbarl received NIAA funding to host a NAIDOC Elder's Yarning Event at the Burswood on Swan. The event was about celebrating our mooritj Elders, who keep the fire burning. Our knowledge holders pass their knowledge down to the next generation to keep our enduring culture, knowledge, identity, and spirit strong as we are Blak, Loud and Proud.

Guest speakers Aunty Marian Kickett and Laurence Riley spoke on the importance of NAIDOC, for Aboriginal people to be recognised and to celebrate the unwavering strength and resilience of our ancestors, Elders, families, and communities. The day brought plenty of yarning, laughing, and many great stories.



Derbarl's NAIDOC Elder's Yarning Event.

November

Acting CEO

On the 11th November, we welcomed Dr Daniel Hunt as acting Chief Executive Officer while recruitment for the position is finalised.

Derbarl AGM

The Derbarl Annual General Meeting was held on the 23rd November. Prior to the AGM, Professor Daniel McAullay stood down as Board Chair and accepted the position of Deputy Chair. Thierra Clanton was appointed by the board as our new Chair. At the AGM, Kaya Carson and Katiska Davis's directorships were ratified, and Jasmine Eades and Joslyn Eades-Tass were elected as new Member Directors. Congratulations to all.

Staff Summit

Derbarl also held its end of year Staff Summit, which is an opportunity for the business and clinical services to share the work they are doing. The inaugural Aboriginal Staff Advisory

Committee Cultural Induction session was also held. Congratulations to all staff who received awards and were recognised for their service to Derbarl. We're very proud of the team here and their efforts on behalf of our mob.

Pacific Region Indigenous Doctors Conference

Dr Daniel and Dr Corey were the patrons of the Ngalla Bidi program, serving as the aunts and uncles to Indigenous medical students and junior doctors at the Pacific Region Indigenous Doctors Conference held in Adelaide this year.

RACGP Training Framework

Derbarl met with the Chair and President of RACGP Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health to discuss the launch of both the RACGP Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultural Health Training framework and the National Guide to Preventative Healthcare for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People (4th edition).

2025 Highlights

Midland Clinic Update

We're pleased to share that great progress is being made on the redevelopment of our new Midland clinic at 11 The Avenue. The project remains on track for completion, with planning, construction, and the move-in scheduled for Quarter 4, 2025.

Over the past few months, our Project Manager and Construction team have been working hard to finalise the design, secure the necessary Council approvals, and complete the demolition of the building's interior.

In the coming months, we will focus on the Cultural Immersion component of the project, ensuring the clinic reflects our community's identity and spirit. At the same time, working with the clinical teams for the final specifications and construction will begin to bring our vision to life.

We look forward to keeping you updated as we create a welcoming space for our community.



Heart Health Program

Derbarl was pleased to welcome the Heart Foundation to the launch of our Heart Health Program.

The program provides a culturally safe environment to yarn about heart health and receive direct help in managing heart disease through group physical activities with an exercise physiologist, education and individual Heart Health Management Plans.

Deputy Chair Katiska Davies and member director Jasmine Eades, attended the launch along with representatives of the Heart Foundation.

Patients shared their stories and spoke of the great success of the program so far, and Heart Foundation CEO David Lloyd expressed the organisation's support for the initiative and on the need for similar programs around the country.

The launch was a thrilling success, and we look forward to providing our patient with comprehensive cardiovascular health management.

Health Promotions



Back to School Healthy Skin Clinic

The 'Back to School Healthy Skin Clinic' was held recently in the East Perth clinic, which provided skin checks for our kids so they would be fit and ready to return to school.

There were a range of fun and educational activities for the kids to enjoy while they waited for a skin check, including slime making, doll-washing and a demonstration of why sun-screen is so important to protect skin.



World Diabetes Day

On World Diabetes Day 2024 (November 14th) the Health Promotion team collaborated with Diabetes WA and the Moorditj Djena NMH team to set up a stall in the Murray Street Mall.

The day was dedicated to raising awareness about diabetes, with our our Chronic Disease Management team and Pharmacist available to engage in discussions with attendees. Diabetes WA also brought along their mascot, Gary Goanna, which was a highlight for the children, and he even stopped by for a photo!



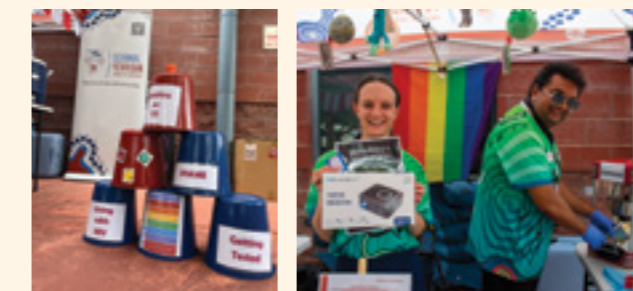
Sexual Health Week 2025



The Sexual Health Team hosted educational carnival games to celebrate Sexual Health Week. This year, the focus was "#BreakingTheStigma" around sexual health, and the team loved yarning with clients and answering questions.

A survey was conducted on the day which showed that only 13% of respondents wouldn't feel comfortable asking for an STI check, and that 70% felt more comfortable after speaking with our sexual health team!

67% of participants learned something new after visiting the stall, however 53% of participants were either unsure, preferred not to say, or have never had an STI check before. This highlights the importance and ongoing need for open dialogue and access to sexual health information and testing.



Wugen Wal-Yan

The Wugen Wal-Yan (Tackling Indigenous Smoking) team has been busy, delivering health promotions around the city including at the Kiara College Health expo, Moorditj Markets, the AFLW Fremantle game, and a Touch Rugby event with the Stars Foundation.

The team has brought back their Nighthoops program in Kwinana, collaborating with the Stephen Michael Foundation, creating fun and safe spaces for young people.

Some other highlights include:

Wugen Wal-Yan and Baseball WA

TIS has been sponsoring and attending the Wugen Wal-yan Indigenous Rounds, hosted by Baseball WA. The event is an opportunity to engage with the community and share our health promotion messages through the lens of baseball!

The event was a great success, and the team has created some incredible baseball-inspired health promotion content that resonates with both players and fans alike. It's been an amazing way to blend passion for sport with the mission of tackling smoking in Indigenous communities.

AFL Indigenous All Stars Game

In February, the TIS team had the incredible opportunity to attend the AFL Indigenous All Stars game. This event was a massive highlight, with the TIS/DYHS digital ads displayed at the ground!

It was an amazing opportunity to showcase our commitment to health promotion to a vast audience.



The game was broadcast live, getting our message out to more people than ever before:

- **Live Stream on Kayo: 760,000 viewers**
- **TV Channel Fox Footy via Foxtel: 1.3 million viewers**
- **In person at the game: 38,000 people**

With each event, we're building momentum, raising awareness, and spreading the important message of Indigenous health and smoking prevention.



Mother Starter Kits

The team has been running a Mother Start Kit giveaway to help new mothers with their journey and to make sure they are smoke and vape free for baby.

Other Promotions

The team also produced some new deadly stickers for promotions at their regular school visits and community events.

Wugen Wal-Yan also hosted the Australian Council on Smoking and Health (ACOSH) strategy leadership meeting for ACOSH leadership and Tackling Indigenous Smoking teams to meet at a national level.

In recognition of the team's recent successes in the Tackling Indigenous Smoking space, Wugen Wal-Yan was invited to deliver and Smoking and Vaping Educational Session to the teams down at the South West Aboriginal Service.



SEWB

Youth Paintball

Derbarl Yerrigan, in partnership with Headspace and the City of Gosnells, hosted a paintballing excursion for young people. This initiative aims to create a dynamic and engaging environment where young participants can build relationships, learn valuable life skills, and gain awareness of local health services.

The paintballing activity is designed to foster teamwork, resilience, and problem-solving skills while encouraging an active and healthy lifestyle. The program provides the opportunity to strengthen connections, promote existing programs, and further engage young people in the community.



Seniors Day

The Elder's Yarning Group celebrated Senior's Day at Burswood Park. The SEWB team organised a BBQ lunch, games and walks to the new lookout path. The event was supported by Lotterywest and Bunnings.

At the event we also recognised three Derbarl lifetime members: Marion Davies, Jane Jones and Arthur Prosser.



DERBARL YERRIGAN HEALTH SERVICE

Heart Health PROGRAM

The Heart Health Program is a culturally safe environment to yarn about heart health and receive direct help in managing heart disease.

Visit GP to get a referral for a Health Assessment and Management Plan.

The Program includes:

- Yarning session
- Group physical activities
- Exercise for Heart Health with Exercise Physiologist
- Education for patients and caregivers
- Individual Heart Health Management Plan
- Sessions run by Aboriginal Health Practitioner, with support from Nurse Practitioner and GP

Every Tuesday
10:00am-1:30pm
Derbarl Yerrigan
East Perth Clinic





MEMBERSHIP

Derbarl Yerrigan is an Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Service and has provided medical services to the Perth Metro Area for over 50 years.

Our Members represent community, and shape the organisation through consultation meetings and election of the Board of Directors.

If you are interesting in becoming an DYHS Member, head to our website for more information, or ask at our clinic receptions for the Application Pack. Membership criteria is outlined in the application.

To Apply

Scan the QR Code or go to dyhs.org.au/about-us/membership

If you have any enquiries please contact the Company Secretary to discuss or email governance@dyhs.org.au



DERBARL YERRIGAN HEALTH SERVICE ABORIGINAL CORPORATION

ICN:8718

Application for Membership

(In line with the DYHSAC Rule Book 14 September 2022)

Membership Contact Information

Full Name			
Other Names			
Address			
Suburb	State	Post Code	
Date of Birth			
Phone Number			
Email Address			
<input type="checkbox"/> I consent to receiving correspondence via Email [please tick ✓]			

To be successful in your application for membership of Derbarl Yerrigan Health Service Aboriginal Corporation, you are required to satisfy the membership criteria set out below. *If you are unable to meet the requirements below, your application will not be successful and returned as incomplete or requesting further information.*

Membership Criteria

	Tick (✓) once completed
1. Provide Membership Contact Information in the table above.	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Be 18 years of age, show one form of identification a. provide a copy of your birth certificate; or b. provide a copy of your drivers license; or c. provide alternative identification (see membership criteria appendix)	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Provide copy of Confirmation of Aboriginality document	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Declare you will abide by the Rule Book, Code of Conduct (attached at Schedule 2 to the Rule Book) and act in the best interests of the Corporation.	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Confirm you are not an employee of the Corporation or have been an employee of the Corporation in the 2 years prior to applying for membership.	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Declare you reside across traditional Noongar Country.	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Provide reasons for wishing to become a member.	<input type="checkbox"/>



The **Elder Care Program** helps Aboriginal People aged 50+ access funding for:

- Personal Care
- Nursing
- Allied health and therapy services
- Meal preparation and diet
- Domestic assistance
- Home maintenance
- Minor home modification
- Goods, equipment, and assistive technology
- Respite
- Transport
- Social Support



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