

Nganampa Health Council Anangu Health Worker Training Program Annual Report 2012

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Training continues to be delivered in a modular form at the Umuwa training centre on a regular basis throughout the year. In addition, we visit clinics to work with new Anangu Health Workers (AHWs) within the first month of them commencing and with other AHWs at least three times a year. We have had some AHWs leave the health service during the year and have already recruited to some of the consequent vacancies. We hope that those who have left will continue, in whatever roles they take on, to promote healthy lifestyle choices for Anangu in their communities.

The Program maintains accreditation as a Registered Training Organisation (RTO) in the delivery of Certificate II, III and IV in Aboriginal Primary Health Care. Cyndi Cole maintains registration as an external trainer with Australian Red Cross and delivers Senior First Aid courses under that auspice.

Along with the Australian College of Nurses we ran a 3-day course at Umuwa on Advanced First Aid and Resuscitation. Six AHWs successfully participated in this intensive and important training exercise. Those AHWs who did not complete this course will get the opportunity to do so next year.

The Program continues to maintain membership in the national network of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Registered Training Organisations and this network has been most supportive throughout the year. It allows us to keep up to date with, and contribute to, training developments and opportunities at both national and state level, and promotes networking and sharing of knowledge and resources.

Graduations

We have had one AHW complete HLT33207 Certificate III in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Primary Health Care. The graduate is Pantjiti Lewis from Pukatja community. Her graduation was celebrated at the Health Council's Annual General Meeting in November 2012.

Five Senior AHWs graduated in November 2011 with Certificate IV in Workplace Training and Assessment TAE40110. The graduates are Dianne Strangways, Mary Willis, Jennifer Summerfield, Louise Tucker and Pantjiti Lewis.

External Educator

Consultant trainer Yvonne Slater again worked with us on the APY Lands for short periods undertaking one on one training with AHWs in clinics. Yvonne has provided extra support and training on an individual basis over an intensive period of a week or two. Yvonne has a long association with the APY Lands where she worked with the Education Department both in Amata and Pukatja.

Cultural Orientation for New Staff

As an extension exercise, we run an annual two-day cultural orientation program for all new non-Anangu staff.

On the first day, staff learn about the history of the APY Lands and the various Anangu organisations operating on the Lands. Participants also learn about Good Manners Anangu way and explore how not to allow cultural differences to lead to misunderstandings. There is also an introduction to Pitjantjatjara language. Participants then travel to a camping spot outside of Fregon. The night under the stars was again filled this year with lots of laughter, good humour and a sing-a-long. The second day was spent out bush with Tjilpi Robin, Antjala Robin, Langaliki Robin, Iwana Ken and Joanne Ken travelling throughout Robin's country and learning a little about the land, bush foods and traditional life. We were fortunate once again this year to have Robin share some of his and his family's special places with us.

This year's program was developed and delivered by Pantjiti Lewis, Angkuna Tjitayi, Jennifer Summerfield, Tjilpi Robin, Iwana Ken, Antjala Robin, Joanne Ken, Langaliki Robin and Cyndi Cole.