



## Become a member

**Danila Dilba is a community controlled organisation, which means we have a Board elected by members of the Biluru (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) community in the Yilli Rreung (greater Darwin) region.**

Our Board and members are essential to guiding the services we provide to the community.

Please visit our website or phone us if you are an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person living in the Yilli Rreung region and would like a membership form.

[www.daniladilba.org.au](http://www.daniladilba.org.au)

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## Opening of new Rapid Creek Clinic

Exciting news for 2018. Our new Rapid Creek clinic is now open. The clinic is located in Rapid Creek Shopping Centre.

Danila Dilba celebrated on 16 February the opening of our new clinic by our Chairperson Carol Stanislaus. We had our Community Service teams cook up a storm on the BBQ and information stalls from our Alcohol, Tobacco and Other drugs service and the wonderful team from the Australian Nurse and Family Partnership Program (ANFPP).

What a great day it was, Jeanine McLennan gave a Welcome to Country and gave a lovely speech about the history of Danila Dilba and contribution of past board members. We had Radio Larrakia capture the special day for us. We would like to thank the Australian Government Department of Health for their support in making this clinic possible. Thank you also to NT Health Minister the Hon Natasha Fyles for attending and speaking and everyone who made this day so great. The clinic offers the following services:

- Specialist and allied health professionals
- Care coordination for clients with complex health needs
- Social and emotional wellbeing services
- Outreach services to clients.



### Rapid Creek clinic

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Milner NT 0810

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NT Health Minister the Hon. Natasha Fyles with Danila Dilba staff and our first Rapid Creek Clinic client Hannah Isabel Nawirridj and her parents.

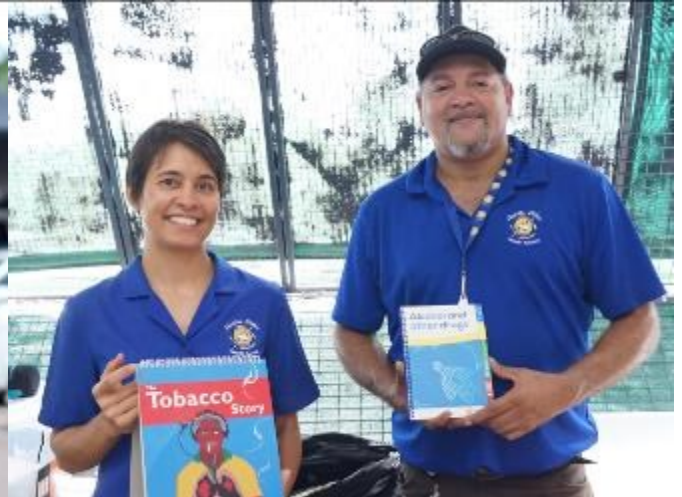


# Rapid Creek Clinic Opening Gallery

Video here: <https://youtu.be/JupuBZYSWso>



*Danila Dilba CEO, Olga Havnen and NT Health Minister the Hon, Natasha Fyles*



*Senior Tobacco Worker, Jenon Batty and Alcohol and Other Drugs, Joseph Fitz*



*Chairperson, Carol Stanislaus*



*Deadly Choices Team Leader, Tracey Thompson, Social Emotional and Wellbeing Councilor, Mathews David and Support worker, Fiona Tyson*



*Clinic Manager, Fran Baird and Customer Service Officer, Tracy Sansbury*



*Manager Community Services, Joseph Knuth*



## Hon Ken Wyatt clinic visit

The Federal Minister for Indigenous Health, the Hon Ken Wyatt visited our Knuckey Street Clinic to meet with staff and the fantastic team from the Australian Nurse Family Partnership (ANFPP) Program. Minister Wyatt praised our staff for the great work they are doing in our community and then spent time with the ANFPP team and clients.

The visit gave us an opportunity to thank the Australian Government Department of Health for its support of this program. Thank you to the Hon Ken Wyatt and his team for your visit and another massive thank you to our mums and bubs clients from the ANFPP for joining us on this day.

Video here: [https://youtu.be/zRDaEKHC\\_DY](https://youtu.be/zRDaEKHC_DY)



*Australian Nurse Family Partnership Program workers with clients and the Hon Ken Wyatt MP*

## ANFPP service for parents

The Australian Nurse family Partnership Program (ANFPP) is a new service offered by Danila Dilba, working with parents in the months leading up to the birth of their child and two years after the child's birth. Our workers provide home visits over this period and focus on strengths and solutions to help children get the best start in life. The program offers fun and engaging group sessions.

Danila Dilba is proud to have the only ANFPP outreach team who are of Aboriginal and Torres strait Islander descent. Having an all Indigenous team offers a culturally safe service for our clients. The program is sponsored by the Australian Government. If you or anybody you know is interested in finding out more about the program, contact :

PH: 8942 5342 or email [anfpp@ddhs.org.au](mailto:anfpp@ddhs.org.au)



*Nurse and Family Partnership Program team,  
Colleen Voss, Katarina Keeler, Kay Gehan and Karen Geer*



# Danila Dilba AGM

DDHS Annual General Meeting was held on 11th November, 2017 at the Michael Long Centre. The meeting adopted the minutes of the previous AGM and 2016-17 Annual Report. The NT Electoral Commission conducted the election of directors. There were four vacancies – Chairperson, Larrakia Officer and two member director positions. The outgoing Chairperson, Mr Braiden Abala thanked former directors – Mrs Gloria Corliss, Mrs Phyllis

Mitchell, Ms Kirsty Nichols for their valuable contributions to Danila Dilba during a period of continued growth and expansion. Independent non-member director Mrs Priscilla Atkins (Collins) term expired December 2017. We thank Priscilla for her service to DDHS and the important contributions she has made to the Royal Commission into youth detention and child protection.

## Our Board

### Chairperson



#### **Carol Stanislaus**

Carol is an Adviser in the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet for the Top End and Tiwi Islands region. She has worked in a variety of position in Indigenous Tourism, local government and justice throughout the Northern

Territory. Carol holds a Bachelor of Applied Science in Aboriginal Community Management and Development.



#### **Wayne Kurnoth – Larrakia Officer**

Wayne is a Larrakia man from the Fejo family group. He is currently employed as the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Union Organiser for United Voice, supporting members with

workplace issues and workers' rights across the NT. Previously, he worked as a Boiler Maker/Welder for 17 years in the shipbuilding, construction and Oil & Gas industries.



#### **Member Directors**

**Nicole Butler** is a Larrakia/Wadjigan and Eastern Arrernte descent. Nicole is currently the Assistant Commissioner for Children with the Office of the Children's Commissioner Northern Territory. She holds a Bachelor of

Social Work and has an extensive career in child and family welfare with experience in child protection, care and protection research, and program and policy development.



**Shannon Daly** (nee Grant) is employed by the Top End Health Service as the Consumer and Cultural Consultant in Royal Darwin Hospital. Shannon has 13 years active experience as an Aboriginal Health Practitioner and trained with Danila Dilba in

2001 before moving into other areas including training and lecturing.



**Vanessa Harris** is the Executive Officer of the NT Mental Health Coalition and has a Bachelor of Health Science, majoring in Management. Vanessa has worked for the Australian Government – Office for Aboriginal and Torres Strait

Islander Health, Lowitja Institute.



#### **Malcolm Hauser**

Malcolm is a Senior Project Officer within the Minerals and Energy Branch within the Northern Land Council. He has a background in Environmental and Resource Management and has also worked

with the Commonwealth Department of Health on a Senate Inquiry into the Hearing Health of Australia.



**Mark Munich** is Gunggandji and Yawuru background and he is currently in his final year of Bachelor of Laws. Mark is a Community Legal Educator with the North Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency (NAAJA) and is a former staff member of Danila Dilba.





**Timmy Duggan** is currently the Healthy Living Manager with the NT Division of the National Heart Foundation. Timmy previously played professional basketball with the Cairns Taipans, and has worked with NT Aids and Hepatitis Council, CAAPS, Malak Re-engagement Centre and Diversity Dimensions. He was recipient of the Top End NAIDOC person of the year in 2012 and has many other awards and achievements under his belt.

## Independent non-member Directors



### Dr Bronwn Rossingh

Bronwyn runs her own consulting business Accountability Notions. She has worked at CDU and in remote Aboriginal communities across the NT and WA relating to community development and finance. Bronwyn holds a PhD in Accounting and Accountability, is widely published in research papers and has delivered many conference presentations.



### David Pugh

David is the CEO of Anglicare NT and holds a Masters of Business degree. David has worked in Milngimbi and Nhulunbuy, is on the Anglicare Board, the APONT NGO Partnership Steering Group and the NT government NGO Consultative Committee.



## Youth Detention Royal Commission Response

The full report of the Royal Commission into the protection and detention of children in the Northern Territory was released in November 2017. The report showed lots of things wrong about how children were treated in care outside of their home and in detention.

Danila Dilba is playing a leading role in how Aboriginal organisations are responding to the results of the Royal Commission. Aboriginal Peak Organisations NT (APO NT) CEOs have appointed Olga Havnen (CEO, Danila Dilba Health Service) to lead the development and management of the APO NT response. Olga is a member of the Board at AMSANT. A working group has been established to support Olga, the group consists of members from a number of the peak organisations within APONT. The working group is led by Joy McLaughlin, Senior Officer Strategy Policy and Research at Danila Dilba. Joy is the best first point of contact for any further information regarding the APO NT engagement in the Royal Commission response.

### What next?

APO NT has already finalised and published a position paper in response to the final report. Currently, APO NT is developing a position in relation to the role of the Commonwealth government in responding to the Royal Commission recommendations and will be working on a strategy to pursue that position.

In anticipation of a huge amount of policy work and co-design that the NT Government will need to undertake, the working group has commenced research and policy development work related to aspects of the reformed system that we are aiming for.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss anything further regarding the APO NT response to the Royal Commission, please contact:

Joy McLaughlin E: [Joy.McLaughlin@ddhs.org.au](mailto:Joy.McLaughlin@ddhs.org.au)

## Social and Emotional Wellbeing Team

The Social and Emotional Wellbeing team at Danila Dilba offers Counselling services with a dedicated Counsellor at each of our clinics. These counsellors listen to your problems, and help you become stronger in your body and mind. We also have a team of Community Support Workers, who can visit you at home. They help work out a plan to face any problems you are having and help you to talk with our counsellors.

The Social and Emotional Wellbeing Team has grown a lot in the last year, with nearly double the amount of workers, and have seen 25% more people in the last 6 months. We have a dedicated youth counsellor who has been working with young people at Don Dale detention centre, with Drumbeat groups and Yarning Circle groups. This youth counsellor also works with young people in the wider community.

Since October last year, we have been running a Womens group at Bagot clinic, who have had excursions, cultural activities and information



sessions about issues affecting them. We have also been active at community events and in schools to let people know more about Social and Emotional Wellbeing.

If you are worried about yourself or someone in your family, come in to see one of our doctors to get more help. They can arrange for you to meet with one of our counsellors and community support workers. We are here to help.

## Legal Aid Health Checks NT Legal Aid

NT Legal Aid Commission continues to attend Danila Dilba Health Service to provide legal assistance to our clients every second Tuesday in Darwin and Palmerston clinics.

The appointments are designed to get help from a lawyer to check understanding of legal rights and responsibilities about things that may be affecting your daily life.

If you have concerns about

- Bills, loans or other financial matters
- Fines
- Family Law
- Child Protection
- Police
- Housing and tenancy

Please call:

8942 5444 Darwin Clinic

8931 5700 Palmerston Clinic

To make an appointment with a lawyer.



## Staff Profile: Dr. Sarah Giles

Dr Sarah Giles has recently been appointed to the new role of Clinical Director for Danila Dilba. Sarah has worked for Danila Dilba since 2015, starting as a doctor and moving into a Senior Medical officer role. The new role of Clinical Director was created to help re-design health service delivery and systems, and provide management of clinic managers.

Sarah is also responsible for Health Systems that are the engine room driving the delivery of our services whilst also responding to local needs. The ultimate goal is to ensure effective service delivery to clients across all our clinics.

Sarah has previously worked as a GP in Darwin and the Kimberly Region in WA, where she also ran a Public Health Unit. In the NT she was formerly on the board of the Top End Health Service, and Chairperson of the NT Health Minister Advisory Council. At Danila Dilba, she is focused on delivering the vision of our CEO and Board of Directors as outlined in the Strategic Plan. Her personal mantra is to “Know our clients, know their health, and work with them to improve health outcomes.” Sarah is passionate about building systems that build great primary health care teams. Building teams that work together well is what she hopes to do, and we appreciate her being a part of our team and the great work she does behind the scenes.



## Melioidosis Health Warning

It's that time of the year again when lots of rain means there is more chance that people will get Melioidosis. Melioidosis is caused by a germ that lives in the dirt and comes to the surface of the dirt when there is lots of water soaked into the ground. During the wet season, keep in mind the following:

- If you are walking in the mud or in puddles or when it is raining, wear covered shoes with no holes.
- If you are working with wet dirt, wear gloves to cover your hands.
- If you are using a high pressure hose or garden hose to clean the yard wear a mask over your nose.



If you do these things you won't get that sickness called Melioidosis. Melioidosis can cause fever and even death in some people, so it is important to cover up when there is lots of water and mud around. Danila Dilba Health Service Staff know a lot about Melioidosis and can talk to you about protection for you and your family if you want to find out more.



## Congratulations on 15 years of service to Maida Stewart

Maida Stewart in our Knuckey St, Clinic has just celebrated 15 years of Service with Danila Dilba this month. Danila Dilba would like to thank Maida for her outstanding contribution to the organisation over the years in her various different roles.

When Maida commenced, there was only the Knuckey St and Mens Clinic operating for two days a week.

Maida has seen the organisation grow and develop over the years, and many changes in her career path. She commenced in 2003 in the area of childhood and maternal health with a small team of four, before moving into general health care. She also worked in mobile outreach, chronic disease, and was the Clinic Co-ordinator for Knuckey St Clinic for a period of time.

Currently, Maida works in the Integrated Team Care (ITC) program based in Knuckey St as the Chronic Disease Co-ordinator. According to Maida, one of the advantages of this program is getting to know clients and their history and family connections more over a long period of time, and being able to give better care because of this.

Maida says working for Danila Dilba has been an experience with lots of difficult times, but lots of laughter as well. Being able to laugh and joke with the other staff has been a way to get through those more difficult times. Maida is related to the Wemba Wemba and Wergaia people in the Swan Hill region of Victoria, and has been living in the NT for 25 years. Well done Maida on 15 years of service, and we hope to enjoy your continued service for many years to come.



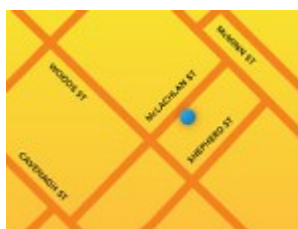
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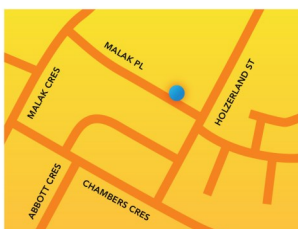
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#### Men's Clinic


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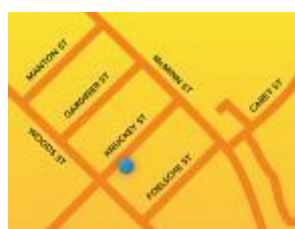
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#### Malak Clinic

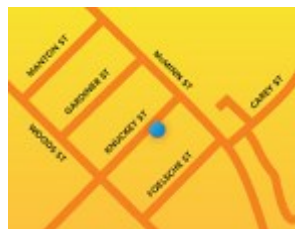
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Malak NT 0812

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#### Community Programs

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#### Darwin Clinic

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#### Palmerston Clinic

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#### Rapid Creek Clinic

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