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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

New Chair and Deputy Chair

Danila Dilba Health Service welcomes Braiden Abala as acting Chair and Carol Stanislaus as acting Deputy Chair to the Board.

Braiden joined the Board two years ago and steps into the new role following the resignation as a Director of former Chair Patrick Stephensen.



Braiden Abala

Braiden is the Director of Aboriginal Workforce Development at the NT Department of Health and has extensive experience in public policy, child protection and health promotion. He holds a Bachelor of Behavioural Science and Masters of Health and International Development.

Braiden says he firstly wants to acknowledge and build on the good work of existing and previous Directors and in particular thank Erin Lew Fatt and Boyd Scully for their long-standing commitment to the Board.

Braiden says he's excited about the move by Danila Dilba to provide services closer to where people live with the new clinics it is opening.

"This makes perfect sense, because we don't want sick people having to travel long distances to receive treatment. Health care closer to home means less travel time and more time to get better."

Braiden says he brings to the position strong insights around policy and programs in the NT and nationally, as well as a good understanding of the services and direction required to keep Danila Dilba strong for the next 25 years.

Braiden and Carol will remain acting in their positions until the next election by members.

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New counselling team



Sarah Haythornthwaite, Tanja Hironen, Danielle Taylor, Shelley Hampton (Absent - Paul Fong)

The Social and Emotional Wellbeing team is at full strength. Counsellors are now available at our Palmerston, Knuckey Street and Men's clinics, and the Social and Emotional Wellbeing Centre at Malak.

The focus of the program is to provide counselling and other support services to Stolen Generations members, their families and local Stolen Generations groups.

The team aims to provide culturally appropriate and innovative care managed by the Community Programs group and Team Leader Tanja Hironen.

Tanja Hironen, Team leader, Social and Emotional Wellbeing

Tanja is an Aboriginal psychologist and has family connections from the Barkly Tablelands to the Kimberley in Western Australia. Tanja holds a Master's degree in Clinical Psychology and has extensive experience working in Indigenous social and emotional wellbeing with Aboriginal Medical Services, trauma informed ways of working, government agencies and Headspace Darwin.

Shelley Hampton, Intake and Engagement Officer

Shelley was born in Darwin and grew up in Katherine and has more than 30 years experience in the public and private sectors. Shelley has a Certificate III in Community Services Work and has worked with our team for almost seven years.

Paul Fong, Provisionally Registered Psychologist (Men's Clinic)

Paul grew up in Darwin and completed all of his studies here. Paul has been with Danila Dilba for more than two years, originally with the Dare to Dream program, then to the new Clinic Based Counselling Team.

Danielle Taylor, Counsellor (Palmerston and Malak)

Danielle has been living and working in the Northern Territory for the past 18 years. Danielle started as a youth worker in Darwin then completed postgraduate study in Community Mental Health. For the past seven years Danielle has been working at headspace Darwin.

Sarah Haythornthwaite, Clinical Psychologist (Knuckey St)

Sarah comes from Western Australia where she completed her studies in Clinical Psychology 17 years ago. Sarah has worked at Wurli Wurlinjang Health Service in Katherine and Aboriginal Medical Services Alliance of the NT in Alcohol and Other Drugs and Social and Emotional Wellbeing.

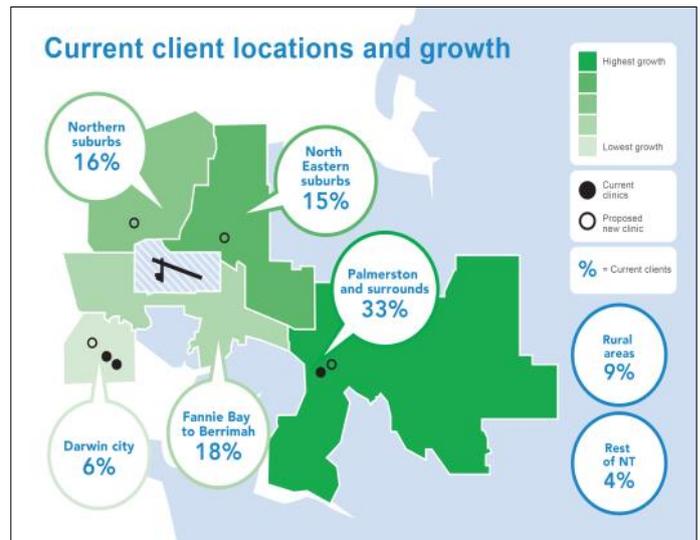
New clinics

Danila Dilba is now servicing around 80% of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population in the greater Darwin region, a population of about 16,000 people.

To meet growing demand and provide services closer to where the majority of clients now live, we are setting up new clinics. A second clinic has opened at the Palmerston Health Centre and a new clinic is under way at Malak (see below).

The graphic (right) shows most of our clients live in and around Palmerston and the northern suburbs, where most of our client growth is expected.

The number of Danila Dilba clients has grown from some 11,000 in 2013, to more than 15,000 in 2015.



Clients are also seeing us more, with visits to our clinics almost doubling from about 30,000 in 2010 to more than 58,000 in 2015.

Malak on track

Construction and fit out of the new clinic at Malak is on track and it should be up and running in June.

Malak is the first of a number of new clinics that will provide services closer to where the majority of clients now live. Existing clinics in Knuckey Street and Palmerston, as well as the Men's Clinic, will continue to operate.

Clients living in the area will be told how to make appointments at the Malak clinic closer to the opening date.

The clinic is based in the building used by the

Social and Emotional Well Being team, who are now next door at Community Programs. The adjoining Healing Room has temporarily closed to allow for the work.

The photos show:

- new roof and new ducted aircon system are installed
- data cabling, phone lines and power cables are in place
- new structural walls
- treatment rooms, offices and store rooms are half-way completed.



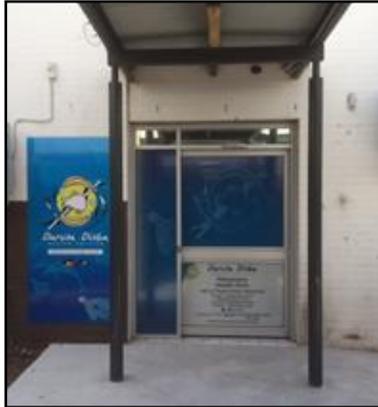
Palmerston clinic opens on Saturdays

In an effort to provide better service to our clients, the new Health Clinic at our Palmerston Health Centre will be open from 8am–12:30pm on Saturdays from 2 April.

The new hours are mainly for people who work or can't make it during the week, but also to help meet growing demand at the clinic since it opened last October.

Appointments are required except for emergencies, so please make sure you book by calling 8931 5711.

Remember that if you have chest pain, injuries or need an ambulance, please phone 000.



The clinic entrance

Palmerston Health Centre



Recognising Indigenous knowledge

Danila Dilba recognises and values the skills and knowledge of our Indigenous staff and their crucial role in our organisation. Indigenous staff ensure that our services are culturally appropriate and that clients feel culturally safe in our care.

More than 50 of Danila Dilba's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander staff came together to discuss the issue at a workshop led by our Human Resources Project Officer Nicole Jenkins (pictured).

The workshop is part of a project that will capture, highlight and promote the valuable skills and community and cultural knowledge Indigenous people bring to the workplace.

One of the main outcomes of the project will be to update position descriptions to reflect the value of Danila Dilba's Indigenous staff.



Nicole Jenkins

Nicole previously worked at Australian Red Cross where her work with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander staff was instrumental in winning the coveted Australian Human Resources Institute Indigenous Employment Award in 2014.

New Deputy Chair

Local Darwin woman Carol Stanislaus is Danila Dilba Health Service's new Acting Deputy Chairperson.

Carol joined our Board two years ago and works with the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet. Carol's worked in the tourism, local government and justice sectors and holds a Bachelor of Applied Science in Aboriginal Community Management and Development.

As a Board member and client of Danila Dilba for many years, Carol says her passion in Indigenous health is to work towards closing the gap in life expectancy, reduce infant mortality and under weight babies, reduce chronic preventable diseases, and to provide quality educational programs on healthy lifestyle and wellbeing choices.

"I want Danila Dilba to be a leader in providing the highest quality primary health care to



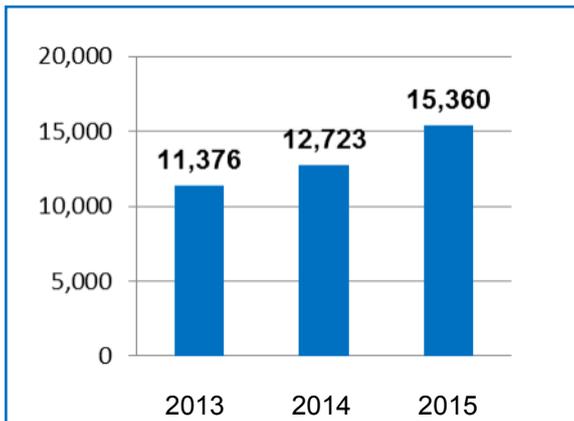
Carol Stanislaus

our people, and I praise CEO Olga Havnen for her tireless work in making Danila Dilba one of if not the best Aboriginal community owned and controlled health organisation in the country."

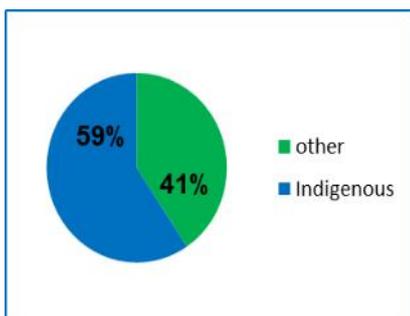
"I will work strategically with my fellow Board members, CEO and Executive Management Team to ensure the relevant policies and procedures are in place as per our corporate governance framework, strategic and business plans," she said.

Danila Dilba at a glance...

Number of clients



Indigenous staff as at March 2016



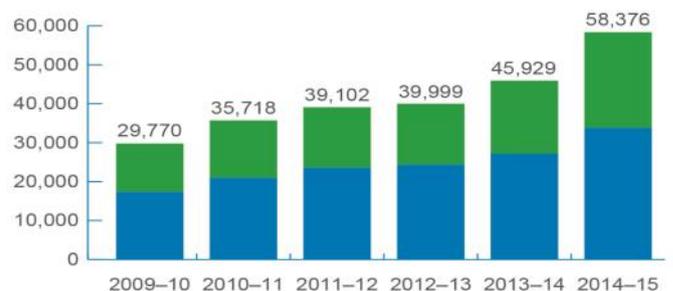
Note: This does not include GPs and Registrars, of which there are 25, with two identifying as Indigenous.

Episodes of primary care

Danila Dilba has experienced a significant growth in clients using its primary health care services over the past six years, with this chart showing episodes of care almost doubling since 2009. More than 58,000 episodes of care were delivered in 2014-15.

This chart also shows that more episodes of care were provided to women (58%) than men (42%). This suggests that more women than men are accessing Danila Dilba services, a trend that is common for most health services.

An episode of care is a unique visit to one of our clinics and each visit may involve accessing one or more services or providers.



Male	17,386	21,006	23,588	24,376	27,137	33,834
Female	12,384	14,712	15,514	15,623	18,792	24,542
Total	29,770	35,718	39,102	39,999	45,929	58,376

Planning for our future

Danila Dilba Board and management team recently held a planning workshop to identify the issues, themes and challenges for the organisation over the next five years.

The workshop is part of the planning process to develop a new strategic plan, building on the current strategic plan which comes to an end this year.

Danila Dilba will be holding a series of focus

groups and consultations to ensure all our stakeholders, including clients, funding bodies, other service agencies and the broader community, have an opportunity to contribute to the new strategic plan.

PwC Indigenous Consulting has been engaged to assist in developing the plan which is expected to be approved by the Board later in the year and launched at the AGM in November/December.

New dentist

Our Palmerston Dental Clinic and clients are all smiles with Dr Gary Nowrungsah joining our team.

Dr Nowrungsah, who has 30 years experience as a dentist, was born and raised in South Africa.

After obtaining his Bachelor of Dentistry in India, he returned to his home country where he worked in a remote South African clinic in Kwa-Zulu Natal and gained experience across all specialities of dentistry.

In 2000, Dr Nowrungsah migrated to Australia with his family. A member of the Australian Dental Association, Dr Nowrungsah had a private practice in Bairnsdale country Victoria before joining Danila Dilba at the end of last year.

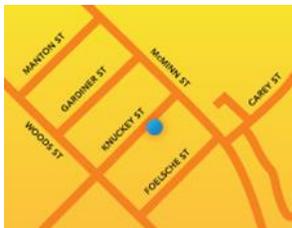


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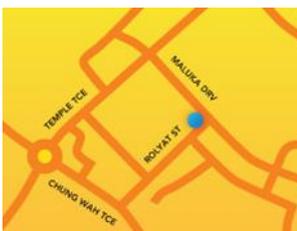
☎ 8942 5444



Men's clinic

42 McLachlan St,
Darwin NT 0800

☎ 8942 5495



Palmerston health centre

Unit 1/7 Rolyat St,
Palmerston NT 0831

☎ **Health Clinic**
8931 5711

☎ **Dental Clinic**
8931 5755

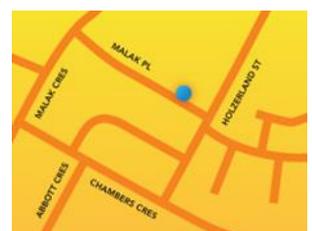
☎ **Family Centre**
8931 5700



Emotional & Social Wellbeing Centre

Unit 1/3 Malak Place
Malak NT 0812

☎ 8920 9500



Community Programs

15/1 Malak Place
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☎ 8920 9500