

performance

Improving Indigenous health: ensure participation in planning and delivery

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Ensure the participation of Indigenous people in the planning and delivery of health services to achieve positive health outcomes

Key achievements

- Entered into the Yarrabah Health Framework Agreement with Yarrabah community and the Commonwealth Department of Health and Ageing. The framework aims to empower the community to manage health issues, especially the social, emotional and environmental determinants of health
- Implemented Ferret, a computer-based information and recall system that is part of the Better Health Outcomes Project. Staff at health centres in Indigenous communities use Ferret to check if clients are due or overdue for a checkup or treatment for chronic conditions such as diabetes, cardiovascular disease, respiratory conditions and cancer. An initial trial reduced the proportion of diabetics who required hospitalisation by 40 per cent
- Implemented a number of activities through the Inala Community Nutritionist-Dietitian Health Promotion program, including the Healthy Weight Program, the Healthy Lifestyle Mob, the Walkabout Walking Group and the Murri Diabetes Support Group
- Relocated the Doomadgee Community Health Team into the new primary health centre constructed by the Doomadgee Aboriginal Community Council
- Established a joint forum between the Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital, the Royal Children's Hospital and The Prince Charles Hospital to assist the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community to better understand and meet their health needs
- Conducted an Indigenous health checks and information day in the

Sunshine Coast Health Service District in partnership with the Sunshine Coast Diabetes Centre, Aboriginal and Islander Community Health Services and the North Coast Aboriginal Corporation for Community Health

Outlook

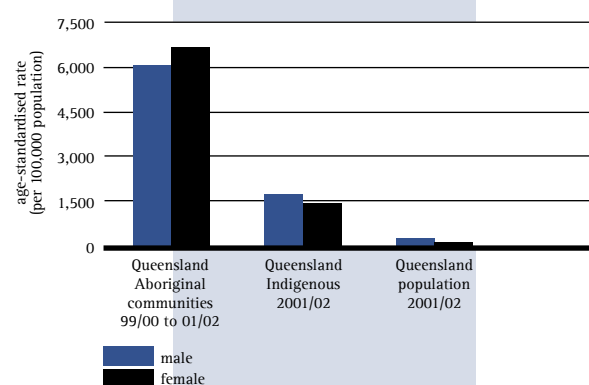
- Continue to work with partners of the Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Framework Agreement to establish Regional Health Forums. These forums will focus on developing culturally appropriate services, integrating services and addressing duplication and service gaps
- In line with the *Central Zone Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Services Development Framework 2001-2003*, establish Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Forums in all health service districts. The forums comprise community members and representatives of specific groups such as elders, youth and women. The establishment of health reference groups has increased awareness of facilities and services across the health sector
- Over the next two years, implement the Better Health Outcomes Project in approximately 60 Queensland Health sites across the State. Negotiations to determine appropriate sites in the Central and Southern Zones of Queensland Health are in progress
- Arrange visits by Indigenous elders from the Townsville region to clients of the secure mental health unit in Townsville Correctional Centre. The purpose of the visits is to educate clients about the service and to gain feedback on the custodial environment, policies, and programs available to them



Queensland Health is working in partnership with community and regional bodies through Meeting Challenges, Making Choices to achieve safe and supportive communities.

It is anticipated that recent regulations restricting availability of alcohol will reduce the assault separation rate in Cape York communities.

*Assault hospital separation rates
Queensland, financial years 1999/00 to 2001/02*



Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, CDATA96 and CDATA2001; 2001 Census Indigenous Profile.