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Service Expansion in Far North QLD

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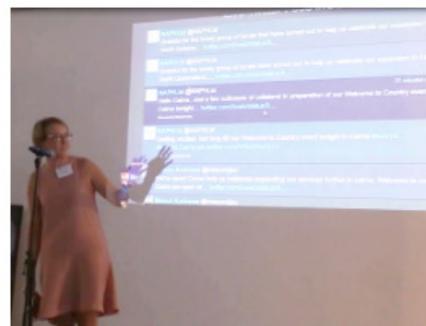
Northern Australia Primary Health Limited (NAPHL) is pleased to announce that we are expanding our service offerings in Far North Queensland.

A welcome to Country Ceremony was held in our soon to be established office in Cairns CBD on Thursday 3 May.

The event was an opportunity for a formal Welcome to Country by the traditional owners of the land we are meeting on and to come together and share with the Cairns community, our vision for a healthier future for all Australians.

It was an opportunity for NAPHL to talk to local community, stakeholders and service providers to ensure we tailor our approach to service delivery in line with local cultural and community need.

Key stakeholders from the Far North Queensland region attended the Welcome to Country delivered by Gudju Gudju and celebrated with NAPHL Board and staff in the new office space.



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NAPHL currently delivers Integrated Team Care (ITC) Indigenous health services in the region led by Elizabeth Ellis, Senior Regional Liaison and Loretta Rigby, Indigenous Health Project Officer also based in Cairns. These services will continue to be delivered in the region with the team moving into the new office space.

NAPHL is pleased to be providing other services for the community inclusive of Mental Health under the Stepped Care model, private practice, NDIS and other Allied Health services such a physiotherapy and occupational therapy.

NAPHL is also expanding the interface with acute care services and other digitally based health services.

The Cairns office will be a hub for Indigenous health workers, psychologists, social workers, care coordinators and other allied health professionals. The space will provide for a welcoming environment for all members of the Cairns community to access health care services.

NAPHL CEO Julie Sturgess announced to attendees that the service expansion initially included the successful Integrated Team Care Programme as well as mental health and wellbeing services.

“With the establishment of this office...we’re expanding on the good work already occurring. Partnerships are key to how we achieve all of this,” Julie said.

Chair of the Board, Dr Kevin Arlett reassured local partners and providers that NAPHL already has a long history of service provision in North Queensland, including five office locations and widespread outreach and telehealth services across the region.

“I look forward to seeing this space transform into a welcoming environment for the Cairns community providing consumers with access to Indigenous health workers, psychologists, social workers, care coordinators, allied health professionals and so many more highly skilled health professionals,” Kevin said.

The new office - located at 19 Aplin Street Cairns City - is expected to open on 1 July 2018.



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