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MAAKAJA-JJA-YAWANARI-KARI HEALTH CLINIC



Presentation for Tennant Creek Men's Health Clinic

Prevention is the Solution

Bibliography:

My name is Stan Jampijinpa Stokes, I am a Warlmarnpa/ Warrumungu man I come from Pauwua Spring community which is a Warlmarnpa Country and my homeland, which is north west from Tennant Creek but my totem lives and travel within the township area and region. I have four adult kids: 3 young man and 1 young daughter, and from them I have 3 grandsons and one granddaughter. I was born at a cattle station called Rockhampton Downs Station north east from Tennant Creek, when my mother got sick my father took all of us back to Tennant Creek in the 80's, I was schooled at this town, and on school holidays I would go back to my grandfathers and worked as a station hand at Alroy Downs Station and sometime I stay with families out bush and go out do brumby mustering. I have a diploma of Alcohol and other Drugs and Mental Health. I also have Diploma of Leadership and Management. I am currently working as a Cultural Implementation Facilitator, at Anyinginyi Health Aboriginal Corporation (AHAC), and my job is to bring programs that is culturally appropriate within this Organisation for the Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal staffs to work together and to respect each other inside their work place and outside their work place.

MAAKAJA – JJA- YAWANARI - KARI

MEN’S CLINIC

PURPOSE

The establishment and purpose of the MAAKAJA–JJA-YAWANARI-KARI, MEN’S CLINIC is to provide a culturally secure space for Wumparani men to access primary health care services that’s culturally safe and in an appropriate environment acceptable to Wumparani men of the Barkly Region. Wumparani and Torres Strait Islander men are using health services the least out of any group in Australia and Wumparani men have the worst health outcomes of any group in Australia.

Wumparani men of the Barkly Region have limited access to culturally appropriate Primary Health Care.

The MAAKAJA–YAWANARI-KARI, MEN’S CLINIC is to respect Wumparani men in their cultural values, beliefs and practices in the delivery of health care to Wumparani men.

“Wumparani Control on Our Terms – Wumparani Way”.

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Maakaja-Jja-Yawanari-Kari Men's Health Clinic

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Background

- Our research found that Wumparani Men are using health Services the least out of any group in Australia,
- Our local consultations found that Wumparani Men in the Barkly Region had limited access to culturally appropriate Primary Health Care, and
- Our consultations found the Wumparani men in the Barkly Region required a more strict gender-specific (men's business) health service.

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PROCESSES OF CONSULTATION

In developing the Wumparani Maakaja-Jja-Yawanari-Kari Men's Health Clinic protocols, the male Cultural Implementation Facilitator (Which is me) undertook the following process of consultation:

- 3 meetings were held with Elders, Traditional Owners and local Men's Advisory Group to put Wumparani Protocols for the Maakaja-Jja-Yawanari Kari Men's Health Clinic.
- Traditional Owners, Elders and local Men's Advisory Group continue to hold ongoing meeting every second Monday.
- Consultation with General Manager Barb Shaw.
- Regular update to the Anyinginyi Health Aboriginal Corporation, Chairman and Board of Directors.
- Presented to the Cultural Competency Group(CCG) meeting as appropriate, which support and strengthen our ethos of a "Culturally Responsive" organisation.
- Meeting consultation With:
 - Corporate Services Section Manager Clarissa Burgen
 - Female Cultural Implementation Facilitator Linda (LT)Turner
 - Tennant Creek Community Engagement Officer Duane Fraser
 - Staff and clients at Piliyintinji-ki Stronger Men's Centre, Team Leader and Community Support Worker (CSW).

Wumparani Protocols

Cultural protocols have been developed by Traditional Owners and the Elders from the Community to provide guidance to Anyinginyi staff, clients and different Language Groups across the Barkly Region. Cultural protocols ensure respect for Warumungu Country and the Anyinginyi Health Aboriginal Corporation is maintained and respected. These protocols pave the way for improving working relationships between staffs, Wumparani men, young and old persons in achieving better health outcomes.

People who work or enter Maakaja-Jja-Yawanari-Kari, Men's Health Clinic are to follow these Protocols at all times:

Everyone are expected to:

1. Understand the Maakaja-Jja-Yawanari-Kari, Men's Clinic Protocol's:
 - a) NO Women, Kirriji allowed in or at entry point of Maakaja-Jja-Yawanari-Kari, Men's Clinic.
 - b) Young Men are to be escorted only by their Grandfather, Brother, Cousin and Brother In-law (Punji, Kalyakalya).
 - c) Elders have requested that all clients are to be seen by a male Aboriginal Health Practitioner.
 - d) No Fighting, Yelling or Arguing.

No Alcohol or Drugs inside Maakaja-Jja-Yawanari-Kari, Men's Clinic.

Maakaja-Jja-Yawanari-Kari, Men's Clinic

STATEMENT OF RESPECT

Maakaja-Jja-Yawanari-Kari, Men's Health Clinic is yours – Respect it!

Wumparani People have the whole family to look after. Wumparani people don't just respect one individual, but respect the whole family and whole Community. Wumparani hold respect and responsibility for ALL Family members in our Community. It is the Wumparani way. Our values, culture, kinship, Country/Homeland, ceremonies, Song-lines, beliefs and practices dictates the notion of respect and how we behave in our community.

Anyinginyi Health Aboriginal Corporation provide its services including the Maakaja-Jja-Yawanari-Kari, Men's Clinic by taking a whole –of – family approach through the following:

- 1) Our Wumparani Protocols. (Warumungu Protocols).
- 2) Traditional Owners, Elders and Men's Advisory Group.
- 3) Our Wife's, Partners and ALL Women's.
- 4) Our Children's.
- 5) Other Language Groups.
- 6) Anyinginyi Health Aboriginal Corporation. Policy & Procedures.

CORPORATION POLICIES

These are the policy's that Anyinginyi has endorse to support the Men's Clinic (Maakaja-Jja-Yawanari-Kari Men's Health Clinic)

- **MAAKAJA-JJA YAWANARI-KARI CODE OF CONDUCT POLICY**

This Policy applies to all members of the public who access any of Anyinginyi Health's services and programs.
Maakaja-Jja Yawanari-Kari Men's Health Clinic is ***only*** accessible for Aboriginal men.

The policy contains the Wumpurrarni Protocols and the Statement of Respect.

- **RESTRICTED AREAS and FILES POLICY**

This policy applies to all Anyinginyi Health Aboriginal Corporation (Anyinginyi Health) employees and includes contractors, sub-contractors, volunteers and students. The Policy applies to all buildings, owned and leased or used by Anyinginyi Health to ensure personal records are kept secure in accordance with privacy legislation.

The purpose of this policy is to ensure Respect for the culturally secure space at Maakaja-Jja-Yawanari-Kari (Men's) Centre for Wumparani Men and respect for cultural differences across the organisation.

MAAKAJA – JJA-YAWANARI-KARI MEN'S CLINIC

Maakaja-Jja-Yawanari-Kari means All Land/and Ground belonging to all aboriginal men:

Warumungu Traditional owners, Elders, local men and also our different language groups clans all agreed in an options for **all Aboriginal men** to enter the Men's Clinic, to seek their Primary Health Checks.

It was really hard for the TO's and Elders to give these kind of permissions, but for these TO's and Elders they knew that all aboriginal men did not have any Men's Health Clinic to go and that have Aboriginal Beliefs and Practices in place within the Anyinginyi Health Services, without running into cultural issues, which made our Aboriginal Men to stay away from getting their Health check.

The Warumungu Traditional Owners and Elders thank: **NACCHO** with **AMSANT**, which did a very good job allowing Anyinginyi Health Aboriginal Corporation, to adopted Warumungu Protocol with Anyinginyi Policy and Procedures, which sit really well with the Maakaja-Jja-Yawanari-Kari, Men's Clinic.

Now we have all men and young men coming for their check-ups daily, it gives our aboriginal men the strength and beliefs also ownerships, so they can go for check-up without culturally issues stopping them. So they can have a healthy life.



(Photo's) Opening of the Maakaja-Jja-Yawanari-Kari, Men's Health Clinic (Next slide).



OPENING DAY FOR THE MEN'S HEALTH CLINIC: MAAKAJA-JJA-YAWANARI-KARI



Our TO's, Elders and our next Young Leaders



**Welcome to Country
Anthony Japaljarri Crafter**



Chairman Ross Jakamarra Williams



Our Community Members



Director Pat Nungala Braun



General Manager Barb Napaljarri Shaw

Photo's from our Men's Clinic Opening Day.



Chairman Jakamarra unveiling the plaque



**Our young men leading our Elders
Inside the Men's Clinic**



**Tennant Creek mayor (On the left)
was also invited opening day.
-Steve Edgington-**



**One of our greatest indigenous sportsman in Australia
Patrick Johnson or PJ sometimes we call him.
made his speech of encouragement to all of us Men**

KAMARNTA

THANK YOU