

Close the Gap for Vision by 20/20

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Introduction

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Aboriginal community controlled comprehensive PHC

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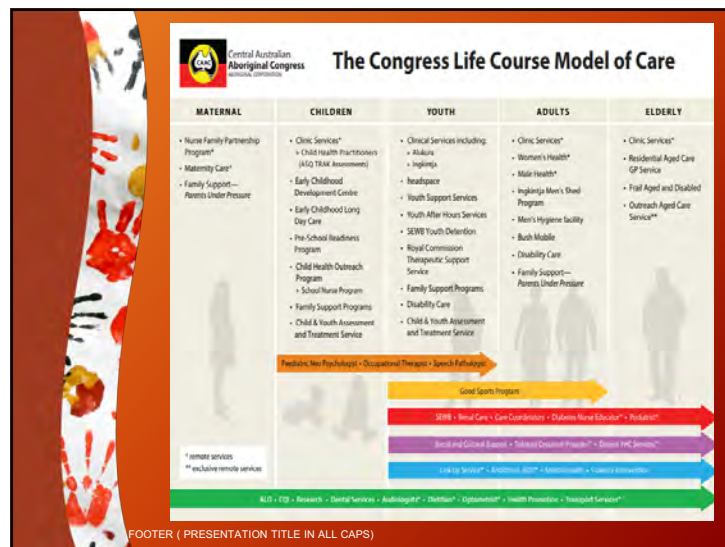
ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE

SUPCOMMITTEES		MEMBERS	
GOVERNANCE			
RISK, FINANCE & AUDIT			
CLINICS			
RESEARCH			
HEALTH SERVICES			
WOMEN'S HEALTH			

CONGRESS BOARD		GEO	
ABORIGINAL STAFF ADVISORY COMMITTEE			
GOVERNANCE SUPPORT			
CLINICAL SERVICES			
CLINICAL SERVICES			
INTEGRATED HEALTH SERVICES			
SOCIAL & EMOTIONAL WELLBEING			
CHILDREN & FAMILY SERVICES			
ALUMUNA WOMEN'S HEALTH SERVICE			
INGKINTIA HALL HEALTH SERVICE			

Congress Health Services at a Glance

24 Clinics Across the Congress Health Services Network	GP Outreach provides medical care to 1200 elderly clients in residential care	50/50 provides care to 1454 clients and over 8,000 LSC	3,571 of our town client population has a Chronic Condition
Town Client Population 10,867 + 3,518 Visitor population	Episodes of Care Town: 129,070 Remote: 40,568	883 Children under 5 across Congress Clinical Services + 611 visitors	The Bush Mobile service provides outreach to 77 clients living in outstations
Wordcare 206	175 town residents access Maternity Care with 40 residents accessing at remote sites	Which observes 1.1 more people a month in health presentation with 6 more treatment rate 10% and therapeutic services	Over 200 Children attend Early childhood programs
Remote Client Population 2,300+ 2,000 Visitor population	3296 episodes of care were provided at Ingkintia for 1371 males 1852 being members of the AC (81%)		



The struggle for health

Infant mortality 250 /1000 live births (now 10/1000)

Life Expectancy for Aboriginal men 52 years (now 63), women 54 years (now 67)

CAAC 2015

Housing / Overcrowding

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ABORIGINAL CORPORATION | INC 1921

Discussion Paper: Housing and Health
March 2018

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Central Australian Aboriginal Congress is an Aboriginal community controlled health service based in Alice Springs in the Northern Territory. Since our establishment in 1973, we have developed a comprehensive model of primary health care delivering quality, evidence-based services on a foundation of cultural appropriateness. Led by our Board, we have developed extensive expertise on approaches to health service policy and delivery that take account of the social and cultural determinants of health, including poverty, housing, and early childhood development.

Purpose of this paper

Congress has produced this paper as a contribution to the evidence base around Aboriginal housing in the Northern Territory. We acknowledge and respect the expertise of the many other organisations involved in Aboriginal housing, and especially the Aboriginal organisations providing housing, land and infrastructure services and the peak bodies that represent those sectors.

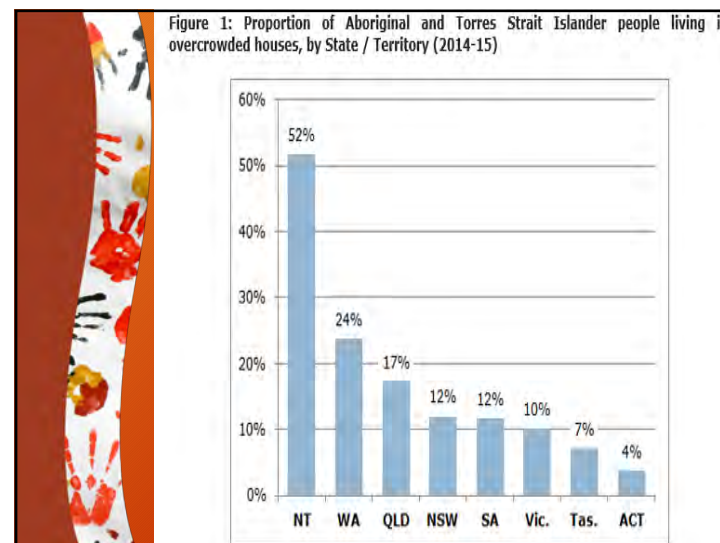
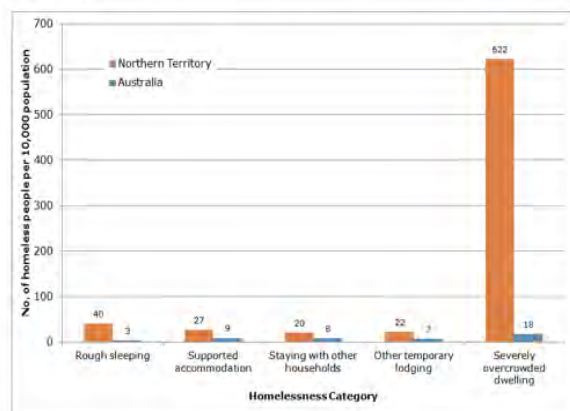
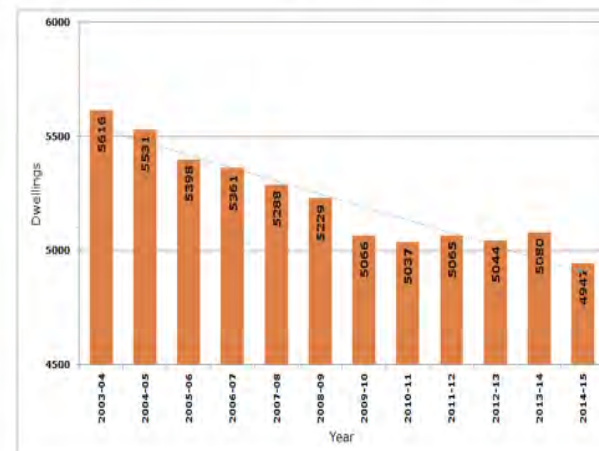


Figure 3: NT and national comparisons of people experiencing homelessness by homeless category



² Severely overcrowded houses are houses where four or more additional bedrooms are required

Figure 2: Northern Territory Public Housing Stock: Number of dwellings, 2003-04 to 2014-15



Commonwealth / NT Housing

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Darwin, NT

- NT \$1.1 billion over ten years
- In the first two years they have only spent \$62 million
- The Commonwealth have offered to match this funding over 5 years
- Commonwealth do not want to give the funding to the NTG and want Land Councils involved
- Stand off

Our Community Our Future Our Homes.

Outrageous, crazy decision: NT's housing war with Scott Morrison, Nigel Scullion amps up

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Santa Teresa legal win

27 Feb 2019

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Darwin, NT

ABC NEWS LOCATION: Darwin, NT

Santa Teresa residents win legal battle against NT Government over dilapidated housing

By Emilia Terzon and Thea Halpin
Updated 27 Feb 2019, 4:50pm

PHOTO: About 70 households at Santa Teresa have taken on the Government. (ABC News: Greg Nelson)

An Indigenous woman who has successfully sued the Northern Territory Government for leaving her living in squalor hopes the case will lead to better housing for the next generation.

RELATED STORY: NT Government reduces claims against public housing tenants
RELATED STORY: There's a town called Santa Teresa in Central Australia and it's taking on the NT Government

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Report of
UWANKARA PALYANKU KANYINTJAKU



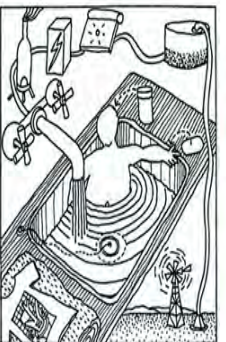

HEALTHABITAT
HEALTHY LIVING HABITAT

FOR THE INDIGENOUS + NON-INDIGENOUS PEOPLE + HEALTHCARE PRACTICES + BEST + ALL RESIDENTS

An Environmental and Public Health Review within the Program: Program of a Land
December 1997

Downloaded from: www.health.gov.au

Critical Healthy Living Practice 1 - Washing People, particularly children: Houses with a working SHOWER



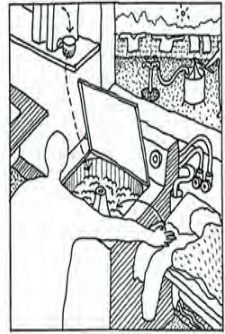
Before

37%

After

87%

Critical Healthy Living Practice 2 - Washing Clothes and Bedding : Houses with LAUNDRY SERVICES working



Before

29%

After

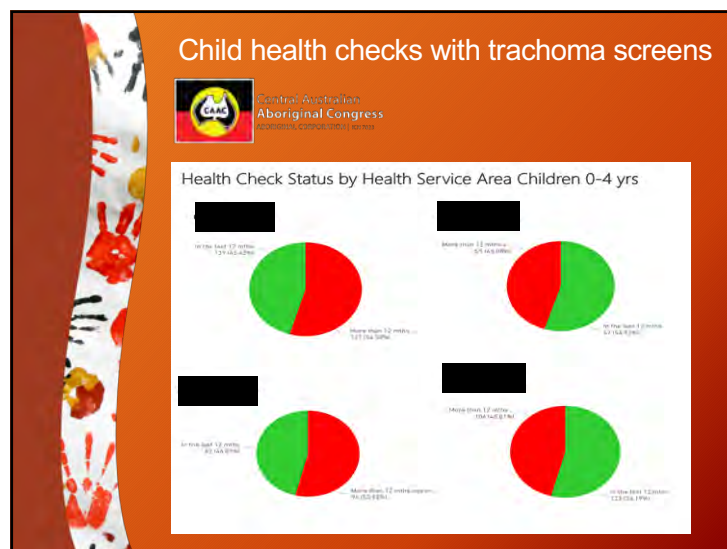
71%

Clinical Care for Eye Health

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Trachoma Screening 2018 Alice Springs

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- 1719 children 1 – 9 in Alice Springs
- 668 screened 2018
- 75% were under 5
- No children with trachoma

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Trachoma screening with CDC Remote clinics

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PROGRESS THROUGH PROGRESS

- Still present in most remote communities in Central Australia
- 3 remote communities serviced by Congress have hyper-endemic trachoma and undergoing community wide treatment.
- One remote community serviced by Congress had targeted treatment and will be re-screened this year
- One remote community does not have hyper-endemic trachoma

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Trichiasis 2018

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PROGRESS THROUGH PROGRESS

- 3378 individuals over 15 screened for trichiasis in Alice with no new cases found
- 6 cases previously diagnosed cases
- 699 people over 15 screened for trichiasis in Congress remote communities (not Ntaria / Wallace)

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Optometry Services



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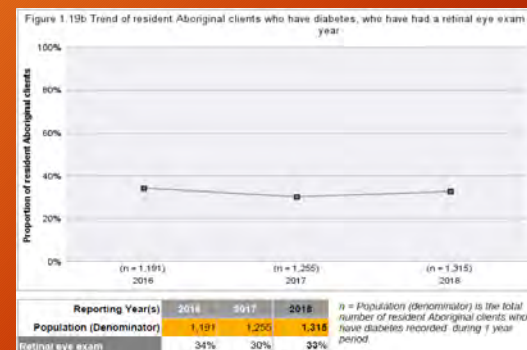
1	2019	January	February
2	Community Circuit Visits		2
3	# Clients Seen		108
4	Male		34
5	Female		74
6	Aboriginal		103
7	Non Aboriginal		5
8	# Diabetics Seen		76
9	# Non Diabetics Seen		32
10	# Ready Mades Supplied		47
11	# Prescriptions Filled		26
12	# Sunglasses Supplied		103
13	# Trichiasis present		1
14	# Trachoma Active		0
15	# Glaucoma Present		2
16	# Cataract Present		9
17	# Diabetic Retinopathy		13
18	# Other		12
19	< 2 years		72

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Not meeting the need



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ULURU STATEMENT FROM THE HEART

No person at the 2017 National Indigenous Leadership Summit, coming from all points of the continent, will write this statement from the heart.

The statement is a collective voice of the Indigenous community, reflecting the shared experiences, challenges, and aspirations of all Indigenous Australians. It is a call to action for the government and the public to address the issues facing the Indigenous community and to work towards a more just and equitable society.

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**THANK YOU,
ANY QUESTIONS?**



Ngangkari Healers

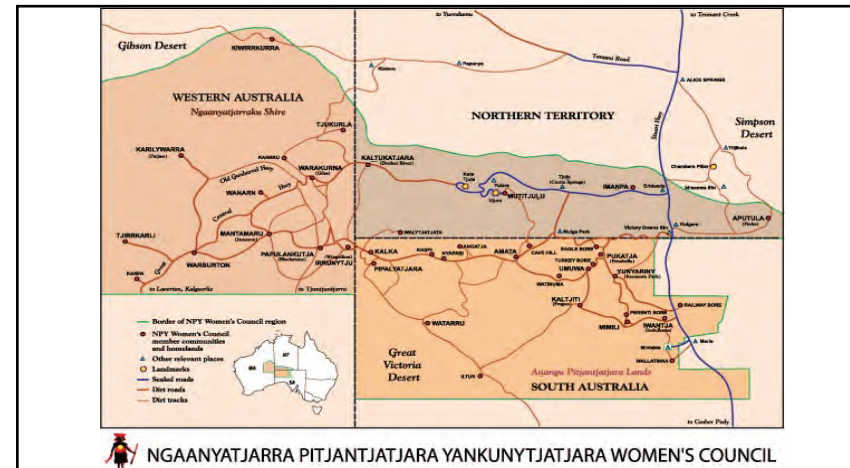


NPY Women's Council

The Council provides health, cultural and community services to over 6,000 men, women and children in our region. These services are not duplicated by any other service.

NPY Women's Council provides a forum for remote area Anangu women to share in the decision making processes that affect them and their families and to learn and share knowledge and access information. The council employs over 130 staff in these services:

- Disability Advocacy and support
- Aged Care support and Advocacy
- Carer Respite Regional Centre
- Domestic Violence service
- Youth Services
- Child Nutrition Service
- Intensive family support service
- Ngangkari Program
- Emergency Relief program
- Tjanpi Desert Weavers



Pantjiti Unkari McKenzie OAM



"Ngangkari can heal many sicknesses and problems but not all..."

Ngangkari can help people with sadness, loneliness, and homesickness. Feelings like that can be eased and helped by ngangkari treatments too."

Tinpulya Kangitja Mervyn



"Our work is to mould the shape of the body so that it can accommodate the spirit properly. In that way people are well"

"Ngangkari touch people. We touch, and that is our special art and our skill."

Naomi Kantjurinyi



"You've got to remember that this is the tradition, this is the knowledge and Law. It's something that has been held onto which came from the days before there were hospitals and other forms of doctors. We were responsible for looking after all the people. We have held onto that knowledge..."





Opening the new
emergency
department at
Alice Springs
hospital

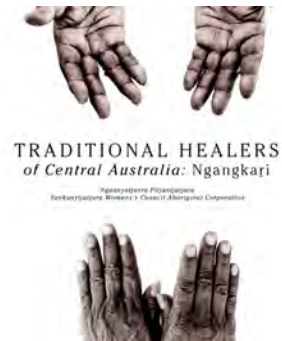


The Ngangkari Program has received national and international acclaim including:

- A Deadly Award for Published Book of the Year
- the Mark Sheldon Prize from the RANZCP
- the Sigmund Freud Award from the World Council of Psychotherapy Congress
- Dr Margaret Tobin Award for Excellence in Mental Health
- NT Chronic Disease Network Recognition Award



Our award winning book is for sale at the Tjanpi shop in the foyer or online at www.npywc.org.au/shop




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