

Gurriny Yealamucka Health Service

MEDIA STATEMENT

Friday March 4, 2022

Celebrating the Women of Yarrabah – International Women’s Day 2022

There’s no mistaking the contribution that women make in our lives and their importance in community.

To celebrate International Women’s Day 2022, Gurriny Yealamucka Health Service are publishing and saluting 31 outstanding women from the Yarrabah Community.

The ‘Women of Yarrabah’ project is an important recognition of the incredible contributions to family and community these inspiring women have made over the past 70 years.

From CEO’s through to health workers and community elders the ‘Women of Yarrabah’ will shine the spotlight strongly upon a very humble and unassuming section of the Yarrabah Community.

Each day during March Gurriny Yealamucka Health service will publish a new ‘Women of Yarrabah’ profile. Under the spotlight early was Paula Burns, an Indigenous nurse who has spent her life working with her people, creating a strong community and giving the best care possible to her mob.

Gurriny Yealamucka Health Service chief executive, Suzanne Andrews praised the contribution that community members like Paula has made to Yarrabah.

“We have so many incredible and truly inspiring women in Yarrabah. They are mothers, daughters, grand-mothers first and foremost, but for many they also many of the key workers that keep our community moving forward.

“Like women everywhere, they are mothers first and workers second. They contribute to the financial security of the family as well as running the family and in many cases, they are the glue the binds the family.

“We are so proud to bring these stories forward, to give a voice to these silent community champions. As a community we acknowledge the tremendous contribution that our women make.



GURRINY YEALAMUCKA
HEALTH SERVICE ABORIGINAL CORPORATION



Disclaimer: The contents of this email and any attachments sent from Gurriny Yealamucka Health Services Aboriginal Corporation (GYHAC) is confidential, possibly privileged and intended only for its addressee. Copying or distribution or use of this transmission or any information it contains by anyone other than the rightful addressee, is prohibited. If received in error, immediately inform the sender before deleting this message without disclosing its contents to anyone. Any views expressed in this message or its attachment(s) are those of the individual sender and not necessarily the views of GYHAC.

Gurriny Yealamucka Health Service

MEDIA STATEMENT

“As a community Yarrabah has battled a COVID outbreak. Here at Gurriny we have relied so heavily upon our Indigenous Health Care workers, many of which are women. They have been instrumental in educating our community and helping to keep our community safe.

The ‘Women of Yarrabah’ profiles can be found on the Gurriny Yealamucka Health Service website www.gyhsac.org.au/international-womens-day

Profiles already published:

Suzanne Andrews – chief executive Gurriny Yealamucka Health Service

Renee Grosso – Registered Nurse Public Health

Tamar Patterson – SEWB Manager

Paula Burns – Enrolled Nurse

Lucrecia Willett Cultural Mentor

END

For more information contact:

Peter McCullagh, Marketing & Comms Officer 0478413627 or 07 42264147



GURRINY YEALAMUCKA
HEALTH SERVICE ABORIGINAL CORPORATION



Disclaimer: The contents of this email and any attachments sent from Gurriny Yealamucka Health Services Aboriginal Corporation (GYHSAC) is confidential, possibly privileged and intended only for its addressee. Copying or distribution or use of this transmission or any information it contains by anyone other than the rightful addressee, is prohibited. If received in error, immediately inform the sender before deleting this message without disclosing its contents to anyone. Any views expressed in this message or its attachment(s) are those of the individual sender and not necessarily the views of GYHSAC.