

RRTP WRAP

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RURAL AND REMOTE TRAINING PROJECT



POSITIVE OUTCOMES FOR QUEENSLAND

The Rural and Remote Training Project (RRTP) provides appropriate, flexible and needs based training in a culturally sensitive environment to build the capacity and sustainability of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander aged care workforce.



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HAPPY START TO FESTIVE SEASON FOR THE RRTP TEAM

The RRTP Team (pictured) have had a fantastic start to the 2019-20 period with 200 days of training days completed and over 170 unique students to date.

WELCOME TRACY



The team would like to formally welcome Tracy Ferguson (pictured) to the RRTP delivery team and our extended network after relocating from Mackay recently to embark on her lifelong passion for remote training in the aged care sector. Tracy brings a wealth of industry and cultural experience to the team and has taken to the role like a duck to water. Tracy has taken over training responsibilities on Palm Island, Mornington Island, Mount Isa and Bamaga.





WORKSHOP MODEL TESTED AT INDIGENOUS WELLBEING CENTRE | BUNDABERG

Fifteen IWC support staff from the home care areas at Bundaberg and Gayndah recently received training from Suzana Borlovan (pictured) from RRTP in an innovative 2-day "workshop" model. The topics included the new Aged Care Quality Standards, and mental health of older people, which were both very engaging for all participants.

IWC Home Care Manager, Lynne Shanahan said "The content gave our workers insights and understanding of mental Health and older people, enabling quality and compassionate support for our clients, and reinforced the value of social connection that we offer being so important to provide a sense of belonging. The new Aged Care Quality Standards were examined from a home support perspective and what that means for us supporting clients in their homes respectfully maximizing their independence and choice. Suzana's approach was relevant and engaging."

RRTP offer flexible training to services who may already have an adequately trained workforce, with current employees holding the relevant qualifications to complete their roles. RRTP encourages a lifelong learning model for our participants and the feedback from our IWC workshop was very positive. The in-service training approach allows our teachers to address acute and relevant industry needs in a face-to-face and work based environment.



Happy campers at IWC Bundaberg

STUDENT FEATURE

Sandy Boyd Hostel
Palm Island



Name: Gabriel Geesu
Country: Palm Island
Current Role: Personal Carer

RRTP Study: Completed Induction to Ageing Skill Set in 2019 and working to complete the Certificate III in Individual Support.

Goal: To graduate with my Certificate III and look towards further studies to become a nurse.

Highlight studying with RRTP: Being able to study, learn and work at the same time with my colleagues.

About Sandy Boyd Hostel: Sandy Boyd Aged Care Hostel is a place for elders to live and be looked after on Palm Island. Elders living at Sandy Boyd have low care needs and need help with activities of daily living. Most residents living at Sandy Boyd Aged Care can walk or move about independently but sometimes they need a bit more help with activities such as showering, dressing and may need aids like wheelchairs or walkers to move about. Sandy Boyd is funded as an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Flexible Aged Care Service.





TEACHER FEATURE

Name: Mary Steedman
Originally from: Malta and Melbourne
RRTP History: March 2019 - Current
In Mary's Words:

Hi Everyone,
 My name is Mary Steedman and I have been with the Rural Remote Training project since March this year and I love it! My background is in Nursing with 40 years of clinical, community nursing and Case Management. I am teaching in a number of communities; Woorabinda, Napranum, Mapoon and Thursday Island and learning about the different communities and customs of each. It is a great opportunity for me to impart my experience and knowledge in the area of Nursing, especially aged care.
 I am very passionate about delivering good quality care to our aged care sector, so I focus a lot on the practical side of my delivery. Self awareness, respect of culture is another important aspect of my delivery when working in our remote communities. It is a lovely feeling when the students engage in discussions and I see their faces light up.
 It is a wonderful opportunity and I feel very privileged to work with our rural and remote communities.

UP-SKILLING OUR TEACHERS WITH CUTTING EDGE DEMENTIA TECHNOLOGY

VIRTUAL REALITY TRAINING SESSION

Dementia is quickly becoming one of the aged care sectors key education focus areas with the disease on the steady rise across Australia and the World. Our RRTP teachers participated in Dementia Australia's "Enabling EDIE" immersive dementia experience at the TAFE Queensland campus in Cairns this November that enabled participants to see the world through the eyes of a person living with dementia. Utilising high quality virtual reality technology, the workshop enhances teachers knowledge of dementia whilst exploring enablement strategies to support a person with dementia to live more confidently.



BYNOE PARTNERSHIP IN FULL SWING

MORNINGTON ISLAND SUCCESS

RRTP teacher Suzana Borlovan and BYNOE Program Support Officer Lisa Laurin made a great start with six local Mornington Island students commencing the Induction to Ageing Skill Set in late October (pictured). The students will aim to complete the program in the near future as a pathway to future studies and employment on Community the ultimate goal.

