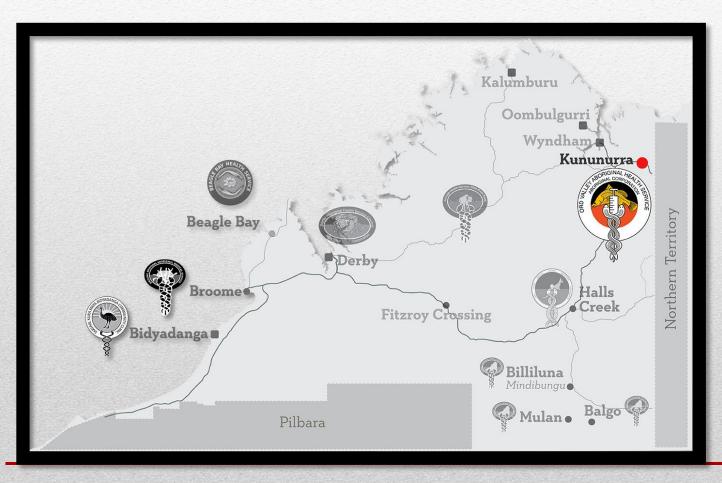
Clean Love in the Kimberley

Syphilis Outbreak Response Kununurra WA



Ord Valley Aboriginal Health Service...



Clean Love in the Kimberley...







Syphilis in Kununurra...

• Started in QLD in 2011 with a 'handful' of cases



Spread across Barkley Tablelands → 3 ways → Katherine → NSEW



April – June 2019...

- 29 new cases in the Kimberley
- 14 47 years of age
- 14 cases Female / 15 cases Male
- 3 men > 40 yrs = Median Age 30 yrs
- 1 female > 40yrs = Median Age 29yrs
- 3 pregnant at time of Dx

1. Knowing our target group.....



- Federal targets are aiming for 80% of Indigenous people to be screened
- 15 30years old's 6 monthly
- 40 + annually unless clinically indicated

Barriers to sexual health....

- complex sexual networks
- early sexual activity
- alcohol and drug use and abuse
- issues surrounding consent coercion, peer pressure, cultural obligations, sexual assault, sexual violence
- gender diversity
- -boredom
- poverty
- intergenerational trauma
- domestic violence; reproductive coercion, intimate partner violence
- welfare dependence
- 3rd and 4th generation FASD families
- poor health literacy
- by no means a complete nor exhaustive list.....

2. Accessing our target group...



Back to Country...







Gawooleng Yawoodeng Strong Women's Group...



Outreach....

- YES programme
- Clontarf Boys
- Girls Acadamy
- EKJP



3. Making Clean Love Accessible...



Have car, can travel.....



Clean love is mobile...











Syphilis POCT...









Limitations to POCT...

- Only detects T Pallidum Total Ab's
- NOT indicative of RPR or recent infection
- Hence needs formal bloods / syphilis serology attended at the same time
- UNLESS previous serology within 2 years demonstrates –ve Total Ab

4. Be seen to be screened...

Clean love's mission is to decriminalise screening whilst maintaining secret sexual health business.

Summary...

- Knowing and understanding target group
- Accessing target group
- Making culturally appropriate sexual health care accessible
- Be seen to be screened



Treponema Pallidum...



