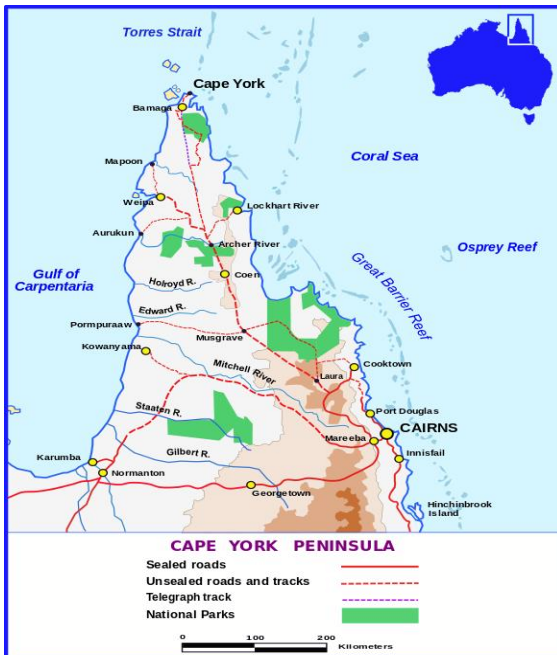


Extreme sexual health - Cape York. The tale so far...

Lisa Hall, CNC Men's, Women's & Sexual Health
 Louise Daniel, Clinical Nurse, Kowanyama
 Primary Health Care Clinic



Flight times

- Cairns to Kowanyama 2 hrs
- Cairns to Aurukun 2.5 hrs
- Cairns to Coen 5.5 hrs

Drive times

- Weipa to Aurukun 2.5-3.5 hrs
- Kowanyama to Pormpuraaw 2 hrs
- Cairns to Weipa 10 hrs
- Cairns to Kowanyama 9 hrs

Our Program..

- 10 remote communities
- 2 Regional centres
- CNC & AHW
- Population (communities) 7,694.
- 288,000 square kms.



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That's a whole lot of space!



Sexual Health & Indigenous culture.

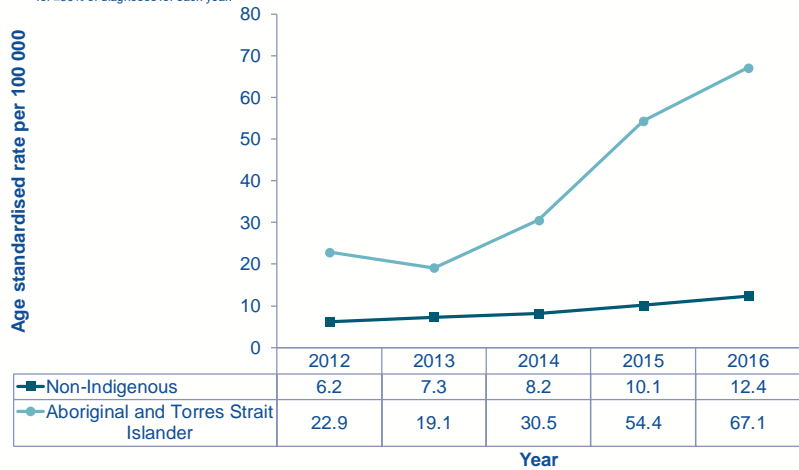
- Men's & Women's business
- Shame (opportunistic screening)
- Importance of family
- Respect for elders & culture (Condoms/Health Promotion/Timing).
- Kinship/Tribal differences – talking to the right people



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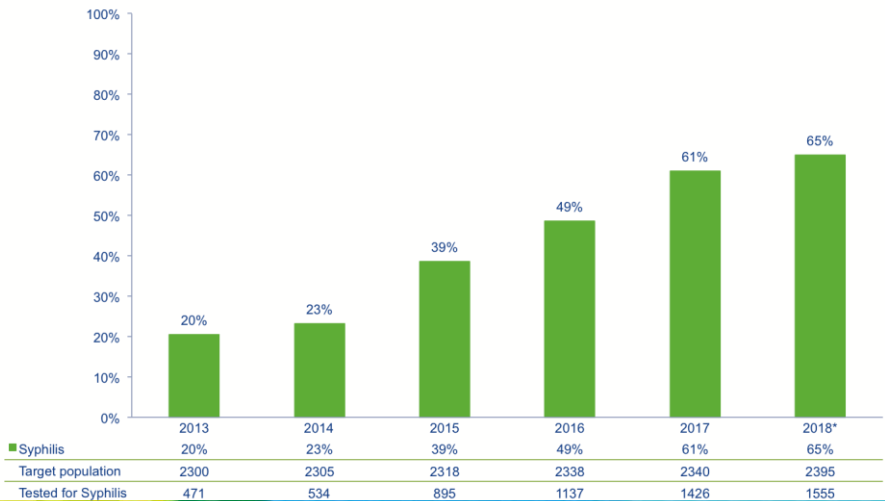
Infectious syphilis notification rate per 100 000, 2012–2016,
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status

- Source: Australian National Notifiable Diseases Surveillance System. Includes all jurisdictions, as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status was reported
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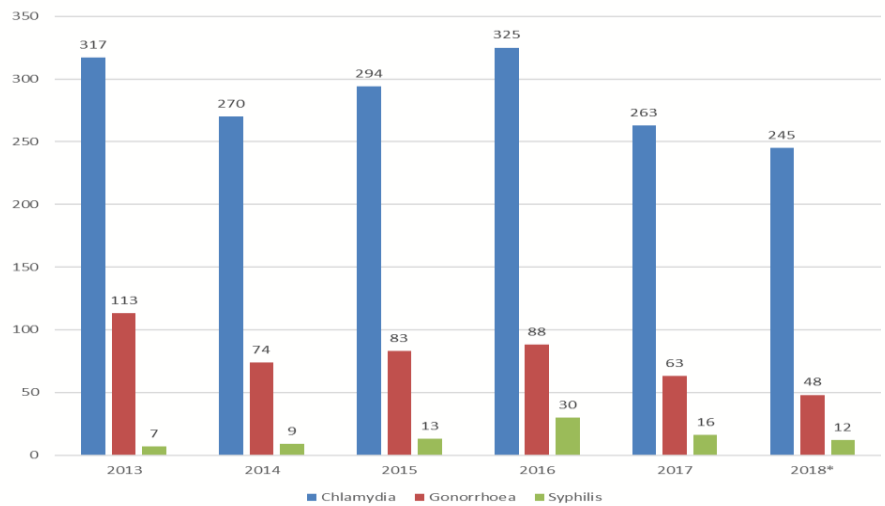
Cape York 15-39 year olds screened for syphilis 2013-2018 (*Jan-Sept 2018)



Data from Forer population database

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Cape York YTD STI notifications
2013 – 2018* (till Sept 2018.)



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Keeping the strands connected..

Unravelling

- 50% staff turnover
- Communication
- Community awareness
- System breakdown
- Weather
- Cultural (transience)
- transport

Strengthening

- Clinician education
- Service provider Partnerships
- Consistent clinical messaging
- Supportive senior management
- Communication with our programs' team.
- Community partnerships
- Peer educators
- Small communities is an advantage.
- Supportive clinic environment



Goals of North Qld Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander STI Action Plan 2016-2021

1. Eliminate congenital syphilis in A&TSI babies by December 2017
2. Control syphilis outbreaks by 2020
3. Reduce the prevalence of syphilis, chlamydia and gonorrhoea among A&TSI people





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