



**GINDAJA TREATMENT AND HEALING  
INDIGENOUS CORPORATION**

**2019 – 2020  
Annual Report**





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# HISTORY

The need for an alcohol and drug service was identified by the Anglican Church of Yarrabah and the Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council, in the late 1970's/early 1980's.

The original Yarrabah Rehab was located on Stanley Street, near the current Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council administration building.

The current location of the Centre was approved by the then Yarrabah Community Council and the Traditional Owners 'the Gunggandji People' at Juyuga. During this time the

Gindaja Committee sought the support of Douglas House and was later incorporated as a separate organisation under the Aboriginal Corporations Act, under the name of Yarrabah Substance Misuse Aboriginal Corporation (YSMAC).

In 2002, the Centre changed its name to the Gindaja Substance Misuse Aboriginal Corporation.

Gindaja Treatment and Healing Centre has come a long way since these early days thanks to the dedicated work of many community members and volunteers, the Gindaja Board of Directors, the various funding bodies that have supported our mission and vision, and of course the deadly staff who have been so committed over the years to making Gindaja 'safe and healthy place for our people to come'.

The service now has a streamlined professional approach and more programs than ever available to clients. The Residential Recovery Centre, located in the peaceful surrounds of Back Beach Road, Yarrabah, accommodates up to 19 clients for a rehabilitation period of up to 12 weeks (3 months).

Gindaja's Learning and Wellbeing Centre, located in the heart of the mission, provides non-residential day programs, case management and health education/promotion to all those in the community who seek out support for AOD issues.

Gindaja offers a holistic approach to the education, treatment, recovery and healing for individuals, families and community from the destructive impact that alcohol and drug dependency has inflicted on our mob. This includes ongoing support and aftercare.



# OUR ROLE

Gindaja’s role in the community is to provide specialist alcohol and drug rehabilitation and related services.

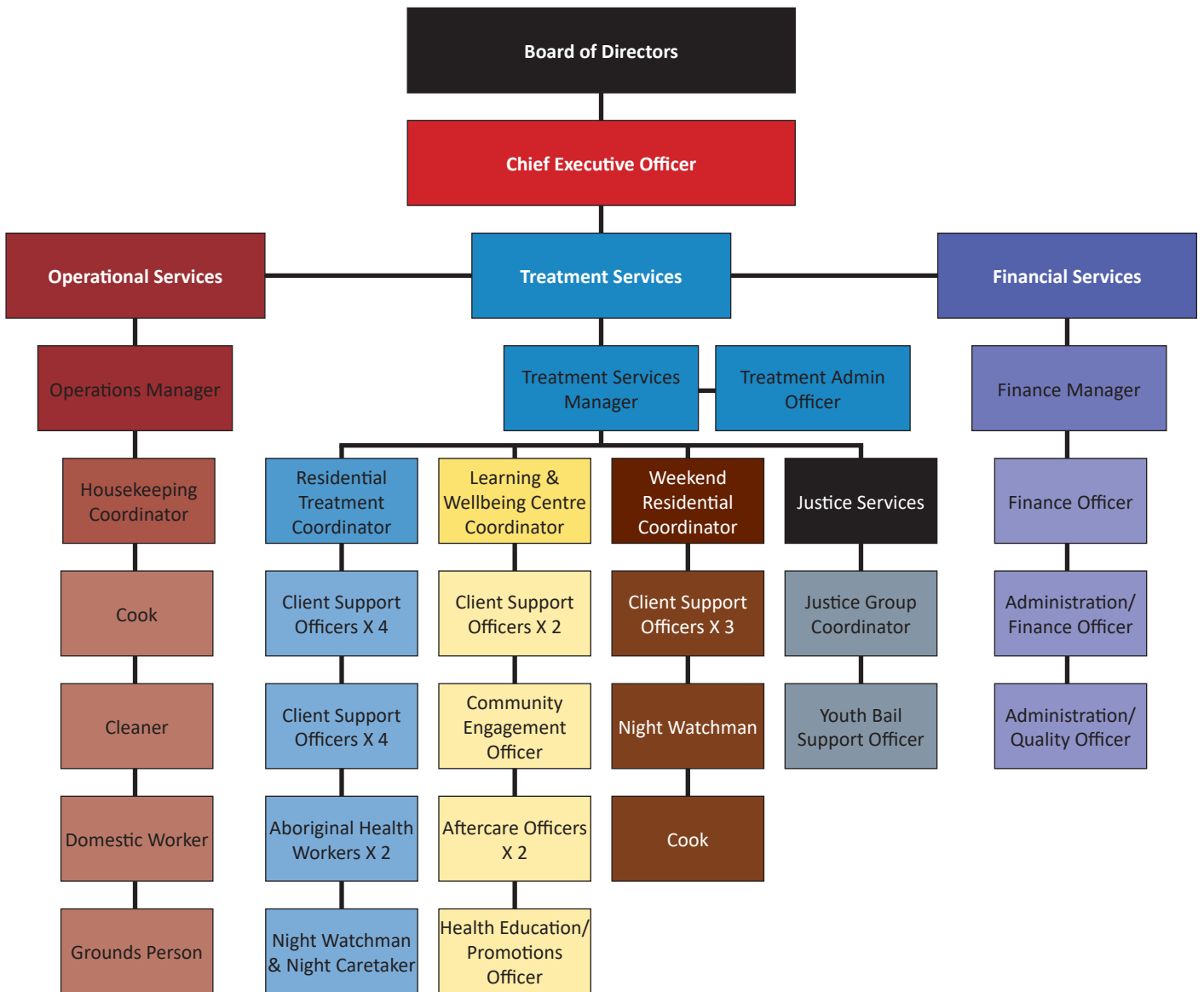
# WHAT WE DO

Gindaja aims to provide the highest quality of treatment and individual care by changing and/or influencing the attitude and behaviour of clients throughout the treatment process.

Programs are available to individuals who choose to stay at the Residential Recovery Centre, (which charges a set fee to cover for food, the room and utilities).

For those who attend the Learning and Wellbeing Centre for the day programs, all services are free of charge.

# ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE



# VISION STATEMENT

To create an alcohol and substance dependency-free lifestyle in the Yarrabah Community and beyond by offering a safe and healthy place for our people to come.

# MISSION STATEMENT

Gindaja provides culturally appropriate specialised care and support services in the areas of:

- Education
- Treatment
- Recovery
- Healing

to people with alcohol and substance dependencies in Yarrabah and surrounding communities.

# VALUES

## COMMITMENT

Gindaja will deliver our services using best practice systems.

## HONESTY

Gindaja will be honest and ethical in all our practices.

## CONFIDENTIAL

Gindaja will ensure confidentiality in all practices to protect our organisation.

## EMPOWERMENT

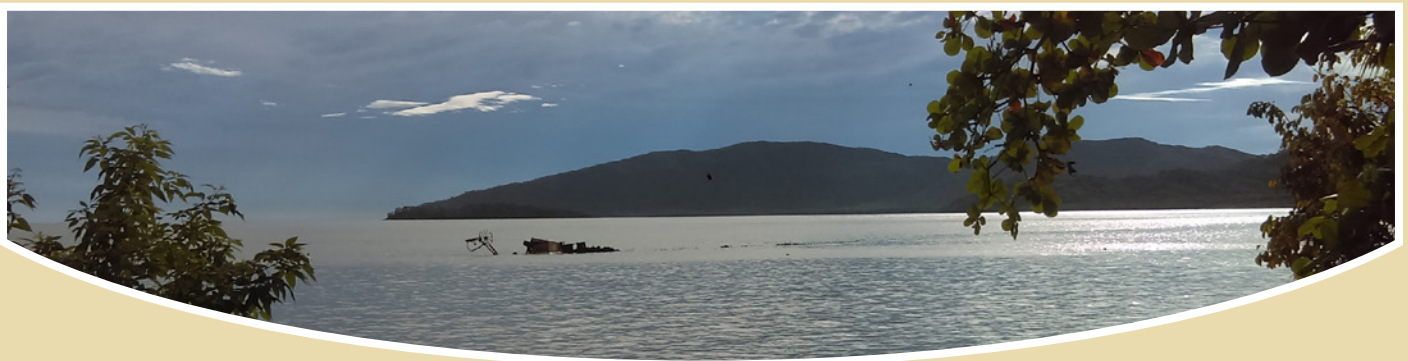
Gindaja will provide a setting that supports and strengthens all people associated or affiliated with Gindaja to be the best they can.

## ACCOUNTABILITY

Gindaja will ensure our services are compliant to all stakeholders.

## CREATIVITY

Gindaja encourages creativity as part of our organisational culture.



# CHAIRPERSON REPORT

It is with a sense of both pride and celebration that I present Gindaja's 2019-2020 Chairpersons report.

First, I would like to acknowledge the Traditional Owners, the Gunggandji people, on whose land Gindaja is situated, and honour our elder's past, present and emerging.

This year we saw the outbreak of a global health crisis that put our community, our elders, and our children at risk of significant harm. We endured a biosecurity lock down and significant upheaval to our community life. We also, however, saw how our Yarrabah community organisations banded together quickly to help inform and protect the community.

I am proud of the significant work that Gindaja accomplished throughout this challenging time and I celebrate our achievements, our 'wins', for and on behalf of the community.

These accomplishments include:

- Gindaja's ongoing work and representation as a member of the Yarrabah Local Disaster Management Group (LDMG) along with the LDMG Taskforce in responding to the threat of the pandemic;
- Our partnership with Gurriny Yealamucka Health Service in delivering critical services to Yarrabah local people during the biosecurity lock down; and
- Gindaja's ability to step forward as a site that can provide both temporary and permanent quarantine facilities to combat the impact of the COVID-19 virus on our mob.

In addition to this work Gindaja has also kicked some great goals that have helped to progress our mission and vision.

- Gindaja has again successfully achieved an unqualified audit on its financial health for the 11th year in a row.
- Our accreditation against ISO and the HSQF has also been successfully maintained
- We have successfully negotiated a 5-year contract to deliver Yarrabah's Alcohol Management Reforms which has now been fully transitioned to community control.
- Funding for quarantine facilities has also provided an opportunity for Gindaja to advance its long-term aspiration of providing a 'Step Up' service as part of our Model of Care.

I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank the Gindaja Board for their hard work and commitment, particularly during the later months of this financial year. For those Board members who are stepping down this year, I would like to thank you for your efforts and congratulate you on the achievements you have contributed to for the benefit of Gindaja.

It has been a very busy year for us all and I look forward to the next 12 months of challenges and achievements in providing a quality service for our people to come and heal.

Finally, I would like to thank Management and our truly dedicated staff at Gindaja for making this all possible.

Remember if you, a family member or friend need assistance with an addiction please contact our services to start making a positive change in your family and community.

*Chairperson*

Mr Greg Fourmile





# CEO REPORT

Wow, what a year it has been, especially the final five (5) months with the impact of the COVID 19 pandemic. Although we were faced with uncertainty, our Board, Management and Staff demonstrated their professionalism and ability to adapt, be flexible and show resilience in our changing environment.

This year Gindaja celebrates 40 years of operations, we are not exactly sure of the actual date but through passed down history we have been advised that Gindaja started operating in the late 1970's early 1980's. I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge all those people who have contributed to the operations of Gindaja over these years. Due to COVID we have had to put celebrations on hold, however we will likely have a celebration in early 2021.

Although there were great challenges with the impact of COVID we still achieved quite a lot throughout the year.

A number of our accomplishments this year included the following:

- The successful negotiation of a 5-year funding contract with Cairns and Hinterland Hospital and Health Service (CHHS) for the Alcohol and Other Drug Alcohol Management Reform Program. This program has actually been a joint program with Gindaja and CHHS for approximately ten years, which CHHS through their Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs branch lead. It was recognised that it was more appropriate that the program should be led by Gindaja so through a successful negotiation process, working within the spirit of reconciliation, the program was transitioned to Gindaja.
- The Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council approved a lease for Gindaja on Workshop Road at the old library site, to establish a new Alcohol and Drug Learning & Wellbeing Centre. We had to vacate our previous premises which we jointly shared with Gurriny Yealamucka Health Service, as they were successful with a funding application to establish a much-needed new facility on their site.
- We worked close with Wugu Nyambil Ltd in establishing a training program for their participants at Gindaja. This program has been quite successful and it is rewarding to see that the participants enjoy working in the Gindaja environment and that they are a part of our team. A huge thankyou to all the participants who worked at Gindaja throughout the year. COVID 19 has impacted the program but we hope to have it re-established in the near future.
- Once again, our Finance Team and Finance Sub-Committee have worked hard to be successful in obtaining another great Financial Audit Report.
- We have also maintained our Accreditation against the ISO 9001:2015 and the Human Services Quality Framework (HSQF).

As touched on in my opening, COVID 19 brought many challenges. Gindaja staff became active in assisting to educate the community on keeping safe, actively participating in the Local Disaster management Committee and Sub-Committee's, having staff working in Cairns to assist Yarrabah residents to return home during lock down and providing an Isolation Unit at our Back Beach Road site.

I am extremely proud of our staff for their commitment during these uncertain times.

Our funding bodies and peak bodies were very supportive during the year and they should also be acknowledged for their commitment to Gindaja and the Alcohol and Drug Sector.

I also take this opportunity to acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the area, the land that Gindaja is situated on in Yarrabah, the Gunggandji peoples, and acknowledge those members of our community who descend from members of the Stolen Generation.

CEO  
Ailsa Lively



# TREATMENT SERVICES REPORT

Well, this year has presented some very unique (and unexpected) challenges for Treatment Services! The global COVID-19 pandemic had a significant impact on our programs and services but it also highlighted how well Gindaja can adapt and cope with a major health crisis. For Treatment Services, the past year can be divided into 2 parts: 'before the pandemic' (July 2019 to February 2020) and 'during the pandemic' (March to June 2020). Below are some of the key highlights from both these periods:

## Before the Pandemic! (July 2019 to February 2020)

- Full transition of CHHHS ATODS funding to Gindaja with a 5-year contract (January 2020)
  - In August 2019 the Residential Recovery Centre recorded an average length of stay for clients of 84 days - the highest in over 3 years!
  - Creation & recruitment of 3 new positions: 2 Client Programs Officers for the residential service and a Health Educator/ Promotions Officer for the LWBC
  - In October 2019 the LWBC recorded a total of 191 delivered services to 93 individual clients – the highest number for the previous 2 years
  - Commencement of client data collection for Gindaja's independent evaluation of services and the Model of Care
  - Production of a short promotional film on Gindaja by Insight's William Bern
- ## During the Pandemic! (from March to June 2020)
- March 13th: All referrals into Gindaja from outside FNQ region were suspended
  - March 20th: All referrals into Gindaja from outside Yarrabah suspended & LWBC face to face and group services suspended.
  - March 26th: Yarrabah biosecurity lock down activated
  - Gindaja undertakes key leadership roles on the LDMG and the LDMG Taskforce as well as other LDMG allocated sub-committees to design, develop and implement a Yarrabah response to the pandemic spread
  - Gindaja partners with Gurriny to deliver core services to Yarrabah locals
  - Gindaja identified as a key site for local quarantine/isolation facilities and major funding submission developed by LDMG for this infrastructure
  - Gindaja residential and LWBC services continue to be delivered within the confines of pandemic health regulations

## OUR YEAR IN REVIEW

### Overview

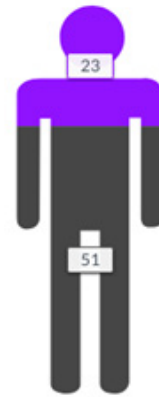
While the pandemic limited our capacity to deliver full services during the second part of the financial year, our overall targets were still very close to normal for both the residential and LWBC services. This is an impressive achievement considering that the COVID-19 pandemic forced a suspension in referrals for approximately 4 months. In our last annual report, we reported a total of 362 EOT's. For 2020, we have had a total of 239 EOT's encompassing 163 'unique' clients. There were 74 admissions into the Residential Recovery Centre and the LWBC recorded 89 'unique' local clients.

From July 2019 to June 2020 the residential service supported:

74

Clients

The average age of clients in the RRC was 37 years



Men (68.92%) Women (31.08%)

## WHERE CLIENTS COME FROM:



Yarrabah

25 clients (or 34%) came from Yarrabah



Cape/TSI

12 clients (or 16%) came from the Cape & Torres Strait



Cairns & Surrounds

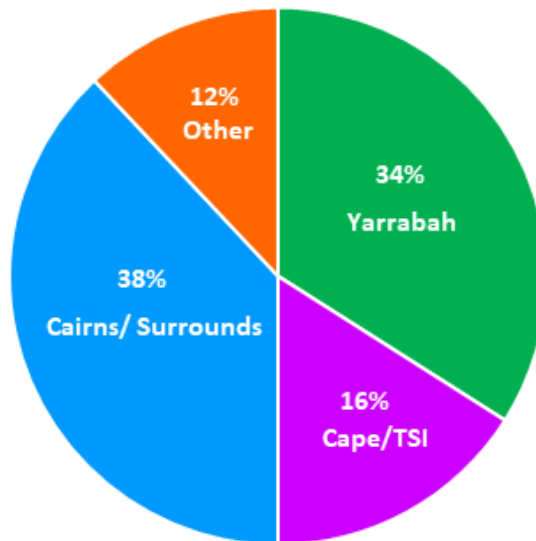
28 clients (or 38%) came from Cairns & surrounds



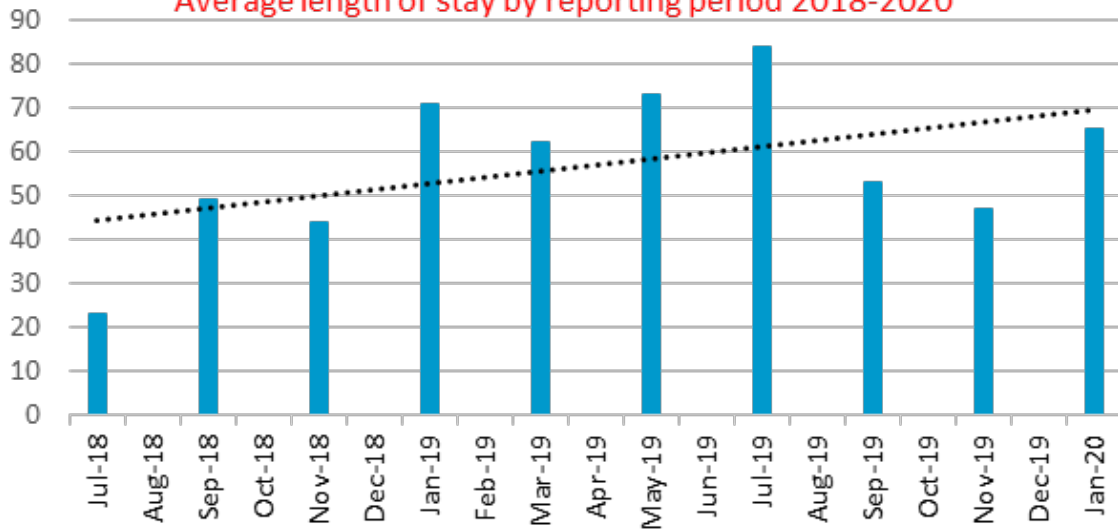
Outside of FNQ

9 clients (or 12%) came from outside FNQ or interstate

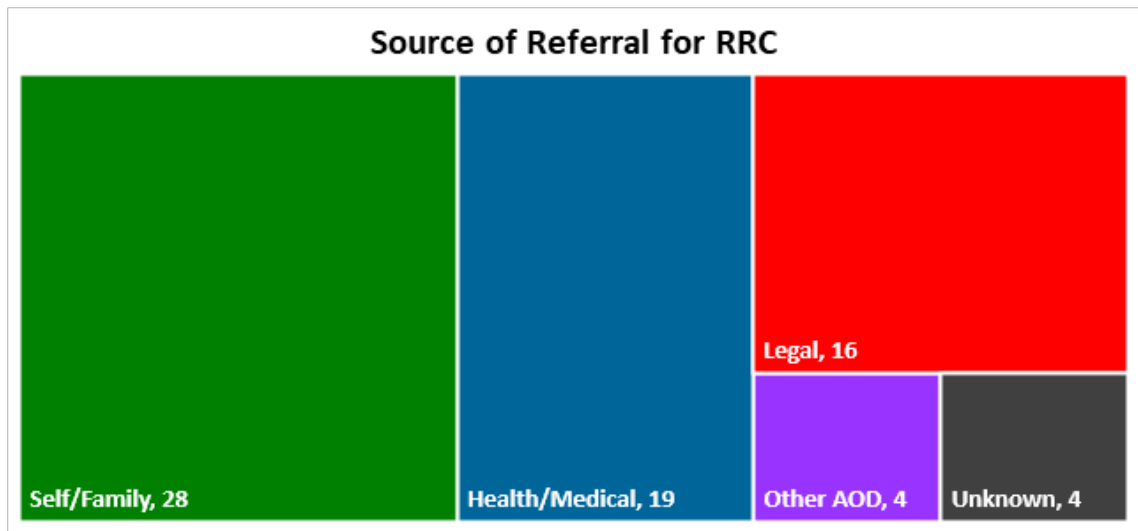
### Client Home Communities



Average length of stay by reporting period 2018-2020



Source of Referral for RRC



239

Episodes of Treatment

163

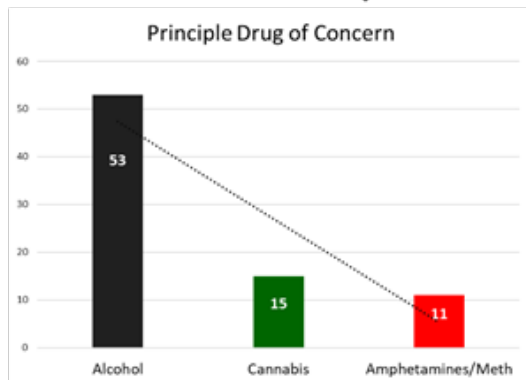
Unique Clients

89

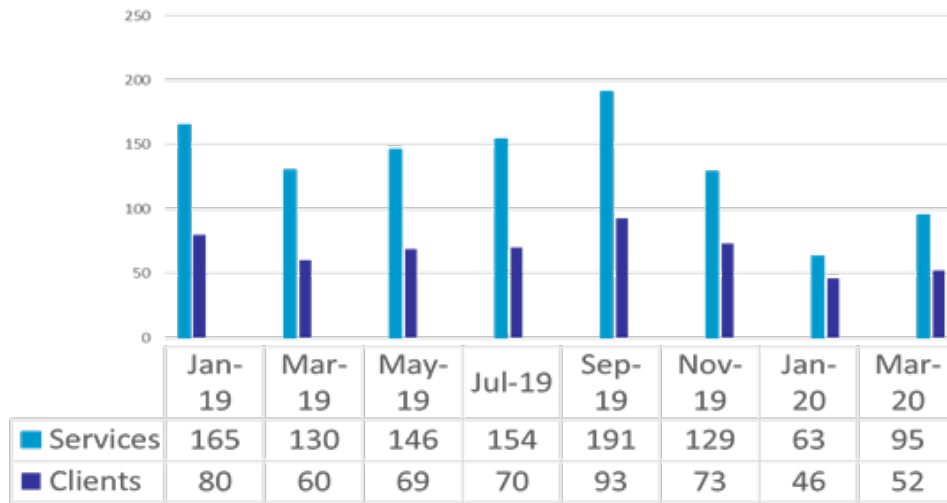
LWBC Clients

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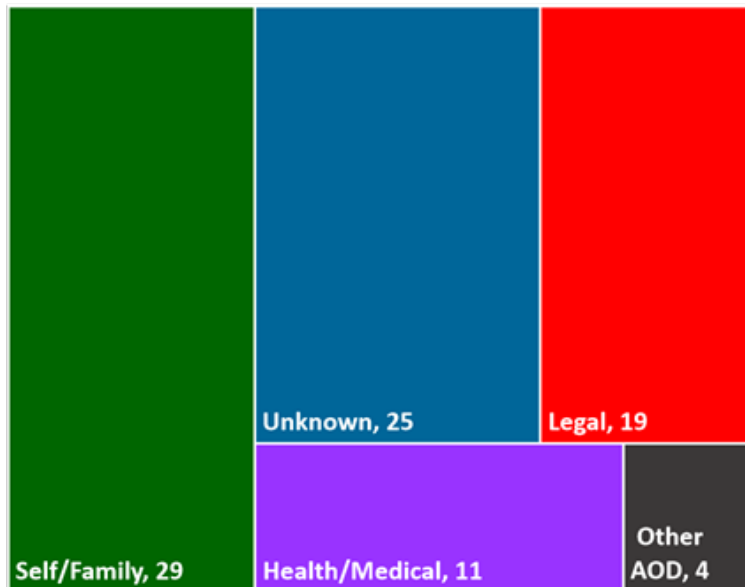
RRC Client Assessments



## LWBC clients & services by reporting period 2019-2020



## Source of Referral for LWBC



## GINDAJA'S PANDEMIC RESPONSE

Since March 18, Gindaja CEO and senior Managers have actively participated in Yarrabah's coordinated response to the COVID 19 crisis. This included membership on key groups such as the LDMG, LDMG Taskforce, Public Health Sub-Committee and Alcohol Management Sub-Committee. Some of the critical work undertaken by these groups included (but not limited to):

- Proposals to state/federal government for COVID funding (including quarantine/ isolation facilities)
- Developing Yarrabah's COVID roadmap, rapid response plan, community information strategy, food security response, AOD response and Yarrabah's recovery plan
- Designing an AMP response

### Community-wide Door Knock

In mid-late April 2020 the LWBC staff joined the Gurriny team to conduct a community-wide door knock to provide health and AOD information to the Yarrabah people about COVID 19, signs, symptoms and health advice. The door knock was implemented over 2 weeks where teams of 2 workers visited each house in Yarrabah with printed information to help distribute accurate information to the whole community. The LWBC staff have since continued to work closely with Gurriny to deliver health and information services, including the provision of AOD harm minimisation information, to Yarrabah people and families

### 'Return to Home' Service for Yarrabah Locals

In early May, Gindaja redeployed 3 current Gindaja Cairns-based staff who were unable to enter Yarrabah due to the lock down and heightened risk, to a partnership effort with a Gurriny Cairns-based team (located at Wuchopperen in Manunda). This team focussed on providing critical assistance to Yarrabah local people who had sought health care in Cairns and were unable to return home due to biosecurity restrictions. Many of these people had been medically assessed as not being suitable to undertake 14 days quarantine in Cairns due to their health condition.

### Yarrabah Quarantine/Isolation at Gindaja

In early April, Gindaja was identified by the Yarrabah LDMG as a site where a local isolation/quarantine response could be deployed. Through significant work between Gindaja, Gurriny and the LDMG over the month of April and into early May, this became a reality in late May and Gindaja accepted 2 families for 14 days isolation. Gindaja's Training Room and the overnight staff cottage were both repurposed to provide fully self-contained living and sleeping spaces for people who were unable to undertake quarantine in Cairns.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all Treatment Services staff and Coordinators for their dedication and hard work throughout the year.

*Treatment Services Manager*  
Kathy Desmond



# OPERATIONS MANAGER REPORT

The 2019-2020 year for Gindaja has seen growth and change in service delivery.

Over the past year we focussed on organisational risks, development and systems and services improvement. Success was the result of collaboration between the Board of Directors, the Senior Management team, local service providers and our dedicated staff.

We embarked on a number of initiatives this period focussing particularly on the construction of the new Learning and Well-being Centre, and preparation of our Infection Control Management plan which included a community Isolation unit which was a Yarrabah response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

## ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The beginning of 2020 consisted mostly of preparatory work, research and consultations for new builds i.e. Learning and Wellbeing Centre. Longer-term options were primary consideration to ensure the development of infrastructure on the new site met the needs of Gindaja in the short term and also into the future.

With the impending redevelopment of the Gurriny site on Workshop Road, there was an urgency for Gindaja to review in detail the way forward for the Learning and Wellbeing Centre. A number of options were considered, these included:

1. Moving the existing building to the new site
2. Building another Ausco modular building on the new site
3. Building a permanent structure on the new site.

Critical to these changes was the impact to our Model of Care, service delivery and staffing.

- Loss of service location to deliver services
- Interruption of service delivery
- Loss of continuity for clients
- Absence of service presence within our community and disruption to service activity in the wider community
- Access limitations
- Relocation logistics

Consultation and negotiation with the Yarrabah Shire Council to secure a 30-year lease was successful and minor construction and infrastructure work commenced soon after.

The new building will house seven of our staff and enable them to continue to deliver social and emotional wellbeing programs, education and promotion and ongoing support services to our clients and community.

## RISK MANAGEMENT AND COVID-19

The impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic forced us to re-imagine, reinvent and repurpose our workplace as a space for partnerships and collaboration.

Working closely with the YASC, LDMG, GYHSAC and our Funding bodies, and participating in the Taskforce meetings provided our Management team with vital information and responses to global concerns, and ensured our organisational plans and responses aligned to the community, state and national COVID-19 strategies.

The gravity of the pandemic required a comprehensive review of organisational risks, infection control planning, and the further development of new policies.

Additional risk assessments and preparation of a community isolation unit resulted in the re-purposing of our Training Building. This facility was deemed suitable for the needs of the community and a lot of groundwork was undertaken in consultation and coordination with the Gurriny team, LDMG Working Group, and Council workforce

At the same time, we focussed on building our team to ensure correct and thorough information was provided. Purpose and motivation, assurance in employment continuity, support whilst working remotely or in isolation, and what working and living in the current social environment would look like became the focus of the last quarter of 2020.

## CERTIFICATION AND COMPLIANCE

2020 was also the year for re-certification under ISO 2009-2015 Standards. This year's auditing process was conducted via remote access on the 2nd June by the Institute for Healthy Communities Australia (IHAC).

The auditing of our quality management systems and achieving accreditation demonstrates our commitment to consistency and conformity with the ISO requirements; that our governance and management systems are compliant and effective and "evident that Gindaja continually improves the suitability, adequacy and effectiveness of the QMS by considering the results of analysis and evaluation , and the outputs from management review to determine if needs / opportunities shall be addressed as part of continual improvement".

## LOGIQC QMS V6

During the November Management Review Committee meeting we identified and discussed the following issues:

- accessing and extracting information
- qualitative vs quantitative information
- review of the MRC agenda (format and structure)
- review of the OMSDRP reporting

These issues were further discussed with the Team at LOGIQC who informed me of the addition of 3 new dashboard built into version 6 of LOGIQC QMS.

Within the v6 platform, 3 additional dashboards have been developed.

The Quality Dashboard is specifically designed to provide the performance report for the management review meeting and is aligned with the requirements of ISO 9001:2015.

The Risk Dashboard will enhance reporting to the Board of Directors providing them an overview (helicopter view) of all our risks and how these are being managed. The Risk Dashboard is consistent with ISO 31000 Risk Management guideline.

The Safety Dashboard looks at workplace culture around WPHS and provides information on the status of process and is designed to prompt more discussions around trends, actions, and what is happening at the organisation level.



The new dashboard featured in the v6 platform will assist in providing some very powerful analytics for use in MRC, teams and Board reporting.

The new dashboards have improved the overall management of our QMS, provided quality reporting and better assists us with all compliance requirements.

### STAFFING

2020 saw change and realignment within staffing teams at Gindaja. Additional positions and redeployment of current staff maximised and enhanced our capacity to deliver services, focussing on further development of our Model of Care and allowing a rapid response to the changing environment brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic. Cross Organisation support during this time was a key feature, with staff working closely with Wuchopperen Health Services and Gurriny Yealamucka Health Services Aboriginal Corporation to support and assist Community Members during this time.

I take this opportunity to also thank the Board, Management Team and Staff, particularly in my absence for the first half of the year, for the commitment and dedication to ensuring a successful year within Operational Services.

*Operations Manager*  
Robin Schrieber



# **Gindaja Treatment and Healing Indigenous Corporation**

ABN: 63 659 548 014

Annual financial report  
For the year ended 30 June 2020

# Auditor's independence declaration

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## Auditor's independence declaration to the directors of Gindaja Treatment and Healing Indigenous Corporation

In accordance with the requirements of section 339-50 of the *Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006*, as lead auditor for the audit of Gindaja Treatment and Healing Indigenous Corporation for the year ended 30 June 2020, I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been:

- a No contraventions of the auditor independence requirements as set out in the *Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006* in relation to the audit; and
- b No contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.



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Chartered Accountants



H A Wilkes  
Principal – Audit & Assurance

Cairns, 28 September 2020

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# Statement of comprehensive income

For the year ended 30 June 2020

	Note	2020 \$	2019 \$
<b>Income</b>			
Revenue	8	4,347,753	3,727,712
		<u>4,347,753</u>	<u>3,727,712</u>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Administration expenses		291,749	305,096
Bad and doubtful debts		(7,181)	17,068
Client expenses		114,912	114,104
Employee expenses	9	2,707,900	2,400,970
General expenses		16,610	49,720
Motor vehicle expenses		60,366	71,313
Promotional expenses		11,249	39,105
Property expenses		165,384	209,482
Training and travel expenses		91,601	92,877
Capital expenditure		171,264	117,536
		<u>3,623,854</u>	<u>3,417,271</u>
<b>Results from operating activities</b>		<u>723,899</u>	<u>310,441</u>
Finance income		13,406	32,277
Finance costs		(6,123)	(4,991)
<b>Net finance income</b>	10	<u>7,283</u>	<u>27,286</u>
<b>Results from operating activities after finance costs</b>		<u>731,182</u>	<u>337,727</u>
Capital expenditure transferred to non-current assets		171,264	117,536
Depreciation and amortisation expenses		(171,259)	(157,048)
Net gain (loss) on disposal of property, plant and equipment		-	2,500
<b>Net surplus before tax</b>		<u>731,187</u>	<u>300,715</u>
Income tax expense		-	-
<b>Net surplus</b>		<u>731,187</u>	<u>300,715</u>
Other comprehensive income		-	-
<b>Total comprehensive income</b>		<u>731,187</u>	<u>300,715</u>

This statement should be read in conjunction with the notes to the financial statements.

# Statement of financial position

As at 30 June 2020

	Note	2020 \$	2019 \$
<b>Assets</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	11	2,842,926	1,990,425
Trade and other receivables	12	394,358	89,956
<b>Current assets</b>		<b>3,237,284</b>	<b>2,080,381</b>
Property, plant and equipment	13	846,517	846,512
Work in progress	14	-	11,449
<b>Non-current assets</b>		<b>846,517</b>	<b>857,961</b>
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>4,083,801</b>	<b>2,938,342</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Trade and other payables	15	1,004,732	685,149
Loans and borrowings	16	26,103	-
Employee benefits	18	58,708	80,156
<b>Current liabilities</b>		<b>1,089,543</b>	<b>765,305</b>
Loans and borrowings	16	80,744	-
Employee benefits	18	44,822	35,532
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>		<b>125,566</b>	<b>35,532</b>
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>1,215,109</b>	<b>800,837</b>
<b>Net assets</b>		<b>2,868,692</b>	<b>2,137,505</b>
<b>Equity</b>			
Retained surplus		2,868,692	2,137,505
<b>Total equity</b>		<b>2,868,692</b>	<b>2,137,505</b>


This statement should be read in conjunction with the notes to the financial statements.

## Directors' declaration

In the opinion of the directors of Gindaja Treatment and Healing Indigenous Corporation (the "Corporation"):

- a the financial statements and notes are in accordance with the *Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Regulations 2007*, including:
  - i giving a true and fair view of the Corporation's financial position as at 30 June 2020 and of its performance for the financial year ended on that date; and
  - ii complying with Australian Accounting Standards – Reduced Disclosure Requirements and the *Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Regulations 2007* and any applicable determinations made by the Registrar of Aboriginal Corporations under Division 336 of the *Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006*; and
- b there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Corporation will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the directors:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Director

28 September 2020  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

# Independent auditor's report

## Independent auditor's report to the members of Gindaja Treatment and Healing Indigenous Corporation

### Opinion

We have audited the financial report of Gindaja Treatment and Healing Indigenous Corporation (the "Corporation"), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2020, the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies, and the directors' declaration.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report of Gindaja Treatment and Healing Indigenous Corporation is in accordance with the *Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006*, including:

- a giving a true and fair view of the Corporation's financial position as at 30 June 2020 and of its financial performance for the year then ended; and
- b complying with Australian Accounting Standards – Reduced Disclosure Requirements and the *Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Regulations 2007* and any applicable determinations made by the Registrar of Aboriginal Corporations under Division 336 of the Act.

### Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial report* section of our report. We are independent of the Corporation in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the *Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006* and the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's *APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants* (the "Code") that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

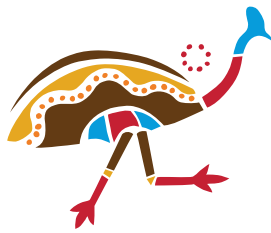
### Emphasis of matter - carrying value of Yarrabah buildings

We draw attention Note 13 to the financial statements, the Corporation currently has no formal tenure in respect of the land at Yarrabah on which the various commercial buildings and some residential dwellings are located. The Corporation is in negotiations with the Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council regarding the formalisation of a lease over the land at Backbeach Road. The continuation of the Corporation's operations located at Yarrabah in their present form and the value to the Corporation of its buildings at Yarrabah are dependent upon the Corporation's continuing tenure of this property. Our opinion is not modified in relation to this matter.

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