

A History of Aboriginal Health Workers & Community Workers 1870-2013																																																																
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<p>A History of Aboriginal Health Workers & Community Workers 1870-2013 By Kathy Abbott AHW and Rosie Elliott From Dreamtime to present time. This timeline shows the development of the NT AHW and community worker professions, and the community controlled health, education and child and family services.</p> <p>These stories arose from work by the Central Australian and Barkly Aboriginal Health Worker Association (1995-99).</p> <p>We hope people will find both fond memories and matters to reflect on as they walk this line of time and hear the call of the Land.</p> <p>The AHW movement first began in the NT following the tradition of ngangkari and midwives. Nationally NT AHWs were the first to be professionally registered and the first to develop a professional association. While many AHWs have worked tirelessly in their community primary health care roles, others became specialists, managers, educators, health board members, or used their training in other roles.</p> <p>This is an oral history based on memories. We thank the many people who told us their stories and offered corrections to our earlier 2007 edition.</p> <p>Initially AHW professional development was driven by community selection and an apprenticeship based training, supported in partnerships with other professionals. Today pathways are more driven by academic qualifications and managementism. Aboriginal community workers, teachers, child and family workers and police have experienced the same processes.</p> <p>In 2012 NT AHW registration was replaced by national registration under the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practice Board of Australia. The name registered AHW changed to Aboriginal Health Practitioner (AHP) or Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Health Practitioner. AHWs and AHPs can both join the new National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Association.</p> <p>We hope you enjoy these stories and send your stories & feedback back for a next edition.</p>													<p>1870-1900</p> <p>1870 Mission, Grant-In-Aid communities, community controlled health services, departmental services & regionalisation Lutheran: Hermannsburg 1877, Areyonga '42, Methodist: Goulburn 15, Elcho 22, Mirringba 25, Yirrkala 35, Mirringba 40, Gapuwuyik 40s, Ramingining 75, Catholic: Bathurst 11, Anjala 37, Wadlpa 35, Gadeba 37, Santa Teresa 40, Day Roy 56, Baptist: Yendumu 47, Warabai 57, CMS Roger River '08, Grole 21, Angurungu 21, Oenpelli 24, Numbulwar 52, Umbakumba 58, A.M. Delissavale 46, Presbyterian: Emabella 37. Late 1970s-mid 1990s mission health services became either NTG services or Nara, Haasa Bluff/Kurki, Areyonga/Uju, or under-funded NT Grant-in-Aid (GIA) control services for Port Keats/Wadeye, Nguiu, Dayi/Rivnauyu, Palumpa/Ngananyiranga, Santa Bay/Milikapiti, Santa Teresa/Lission.</p> <p>1880 Leprosarium moves from Mud Is to Channel Is Channel Is quarantine station Many infectious diseases introduced eg leprosy, TB syphilis, pertussis hook worm, measles Bathurst mission Fr, Gsell Many missions employ Aboriginal nursing assistants Hygiene School for Natives Bagot Reserve Hospital assistants RDH, Grole, Bagot Daisy Cusack, Hilda Mait, Nancy Cuthbert Later Sheila White, Nancy White</p> <p>1890 Hospital assistants RDH, Grole, Bagot Daisy Cusack, Hilda Mait, Nancy Cuthbert Later Sheila White, Nancy White WHO training Noumea Philip Roberts Dr Catherine Hospital Dr C Kenyon, Daisy Cusack All hospitals employ P/Aboriginal domestics Ash segregated wards Aboriginal patients Chief Medical Officer and Protector of Aborigines Dr Cook The Bungalow Topsey Smith, Ida Standley</p> <p>1900 Army take over Kahlin & move inmates to Old Bagot reserve. Children (incl Asp group) taken to Croker/Groaten/Garden Pt missions then evacuated to southern states Kahlin compound Baldwin Spencer Pine Ck homes Bilateral Aboriginal school Hermannsburg Finke River Mission Hermannsburg Bathurst school children Daughters of OLSH arrive Port Darwin Roper Rv (Ngukurr) mission Goulburn Island Mission staff all learn language & culture</p> <p>1910 NT Aborigines Act 1910 Telegraph Station SA Surveyor General Goyder, surveys Darwin area Pastoral expansion, gold, overland telegraph CE Chinese, Malay, Japanese peasants NT Aborigines Act 1910 Overland Telegraph Station SA Surveyor General Goyder, surveys Darwin area</p> <p>1920 Pastoral expansion, gold, overland telegraph CE Chinese, Malay, Japanese peasants NT Aborigines Act 1910 Overland Telegraph Station SA Surveyor General Goyder, surveys Darwin area</p> <p>1930 Pastoral expansion, gold, overland telegraph CE Chinese, Malay, Japanese peasants NT Aborigines Act 1910 Overland Telegraph Station SA Surveyor General Goyder, surveys Darwin area</p> <p>1940 Pastoral expansion, gold, overland telegraph CE Chinese, Malay, Japanese peasants NT Aborigines Act 1910 Overland Telegraph Station SA Surveyor General Goyder, surveys Darwin area</p> <p>1950 Pastoral expansion, gold, overland telegraph CE Chinese, Malay, Japanese peasants NT Aborigines Act 1910 Overland Telegraph Station SA Surveyor General Goyder, surveys Darwin area</p> <p>1960 Pastoral expansion, gold, overland telegraph CE Chinese, Malay, Japanese peasants NT Aborigines Act 1910 Overland Telegraph Station SA Surveyor General Goyder, surveys Darwin area</p> <p>1970 Pastoral expansion, gold, overland telegraph CE Chinese, Malay, Japanese peasants NT Aborigines Act 1910 Overland Telegraph Station SA Surveyor General Goyder, surveys Darwin area</p> <p>1980 Pastoral expansion, gold, overland telegraph CE Chinese, Malay, Japanese peasants NT Aborigines Act 1910 Overland Telegraph Station SA Surveyor General Goyder, surveys Darwin area</p> <p>1990 Pastoral expansion, gold, overland telegraph CE Chinese, Malay, Japanese peasants NT Aborigines Act 1910 Overland Telegraph Station SA Surveyor General Goyder, surveys Darwin area</p> <p>2000 Pastoral expansion, gold, overland telegraph CE Chinese, Malay, Japanese peasants NT Aborigines Act 1910 Overland Telegraph Station SA Surveyor General Goyder, surveys Darwin area</p> <p>2010 Pastoral expansion, gold, overland telegraph CE Chinese, Malay, Japanese peasants NT Aborigines Act 1910 Overland Telegraph Station SA Surveyor General Goyder, surveys Darwin area</p> <p>2013 Pastoral expansion, gold, overland telegraph CE Chinese, Malay, Japanese peasants NT Aborigines Act 1910 Overland Telegraph Station SA Surveyor General Goyder, surveys Darwin area</p>																																																			