



Goolum Goolum Aboriginal Co-operative

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GOOLUM GOOLUM HEALTH WORKERS COMPLETE ABORIGINAL HEALTH WORKER TRAINING

Two Aboriginal health workers from Goolum Goolum Aboriginal Co-operative have successfully completed a Certificate III Aboriginal Health Worker qualification. Carol Kennedy and Leigh Malseed commenced the training in December 2007, and finished the final requirements for the degree in January this year. Both Carol and Leigh were awarded scholarships under the national Puggy Hunter Memorial Scholarship Scheme, to cover costs associated with the training.

The course was delivered by VACCHO (Victorian Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation), and consisted of a theoretical component and supervised work in the clinic at Goolum Goolum. VACCHO have recently been accredited to deliver a Certificate IV program for Aboriginal Health Workers, which will allow further training and specialisation in the areas of community health and clinical health.

Health Services Manager Jason Hahne commended the health workers for their hard work and dedication during the course. "Carol and Leigh have put in a lot of effort over the past 12 months to complete the course, and Goolum Goolum and the local community are already benefiting from the increased skills and knowledge they have gained. We will continue to support them to further develop their skills and look forward to seeing their roles at the health service grow."

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