



Goolum Goolum Aboriginal Co-operative

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GOOLUM GOOLUM HEALTH WORKERS COMMENCE ABORIGINAL HEALTH WORKER TRAINING

Two health workers from Goolum Goolum Aboriginal Co-operative have commenced a training program leading to a Certificate III Aboriginal Health Worker qualification. Carol Kennedy and Leigh Malseed commenced the training in December last year, and expect to complete the course at the end of this year. Carol was also awarded a scholarship under the national Puggy Hunter Memorial Scholarship Scheme, which will help to cover costs associated with the training.

The course is being delivered by VACCHO (Victorian Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation), and consists of a theoretical component and supervised work in the clinic at Goolum Goolum. The training will require monthly trips to Warrnambool to complete the theory component.

Health Services Manager Jason Hahne believes the training will benefit the local community as well as the health workers themselves. "Through the training Carol and Leigh will build skills and knowledge that will help them to better meet the health needs of the local Indigenous community. The training program has also recently been restructured to meet national standards, which means the qualification will be recognised throughout Australia."

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