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AWARD WINNING TEAM AT BARUNGA HEALTH CENTRE

The team from Sunrise Health Service's Barunga Health Centre have been awarded the Primary Health Care Team Medal at the inaugural NT Administrator's Awards.

The Awards, announced on Friday night at a ceremony at Darwin's Government House were organised by the Top End Division of General Practice (TEDGP).

Medals were awarded in an individual and team category.

The Barunga Health Centre was awarded the Primary Health Care Team Medal in recognition of the contribution that the team of health care workers have made to advancing and providing primary health care in the Northern Territory.

The Barunga Health Centre was nominated because the centre sets the standard for achievements in improving community health outcomes, providing a comprehensive model of primary health care and in championing the opportunities for Aboriginal Health Workers.

Irene Fisher, Chief Executive Officer at Sunrise Health Service said the health centre's success was testament to the team's determination and hard work.

"The Barunga Health Centre sets a great example of a successful community-controlled health centre that provides excellent care to the community and empowers local Aboriginal Health Workers," Ms Fisher said.

The Health Centre's achievements include successfully implementing health assessments and chronic disease management plans for community members, incorporating a comprehensive care coordination model which includes health promotional activities for the community, and operating a sophisticated electronic records system to ensure effective management of clients.

The Barunga Health Centre team is made up of employees resident at Barunga plus visiting doctors, health program co-ordinators and others based in Katherine.

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A photo of the Barunga Health Centre team with the award is available on request.