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LOCAL GRADUATES TO MAKE A LASTING DIFFERENCE IN THEIR COMMUNITIES

The communities of Manyallaluk, Barunga, Wugularr, Bulman and Ngukurr have received a boost to their health services this year with trainee Aboriginal Health Workers, a Senior Aboriginal Health Worker and other Sunrise Health Service staff members graduating from courses at Batchelor Institute.

Andrea Andrews from Manyallaluk and Shantelle Miller from Bulman attended their graduation ceremony in Batchelor on Thursday, June 5 to receive their certificates for completing a Certificate III in Aboriginal Health Work.

The 18-month long course consisted of on-the-job and off-the-job components, with a minimum of 527 hours to be worked in a health centre.

Celia Harnas from Wugularr also attended the ceremony and received her certificate for having completed her Certificate IV in Aboriginal Health Work.

Other Sunrise Health Service employees to be acknowledged at the event were Janelle Tyrrell, Personal Assistant in the Katherine Office who received her Diploma in Business Management. Ruth Kelly from Barunga also received her Certificate I in Business.

Aaron Joshua from Ngukurr attended the ceremony and was awarded his Certificate IV in Business Management. Aaron also received the 'Corporate Express NT Award', an achievement award that was open to all students at Batchelor and was awarded to an outstanding student to encourage further study in their chosen field.

Irene Fisher, Chief Executive Officer at Sunrise Health Service said that supporting local trainee health workers and Sunrise employees completing studies was critical to the success of community controlled Aboriginal Medical Services.

"Sunrise Health Service has a strong commitment to support the training of local people within communities to ensure first-class services are delivered by local people."

Sunrise Health Service currently has an additional nine Aboriginal Health Worker trainees working towards attaining their Certificate III, and is engaging in new strategies to increase further training positions in communities.

If you're interested in finding out more information about becoming a trainee Aboriginal Health Worker in your local community, contact Sunrise Health Service on 8971 1120.

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High resolution digital photos from the graduation ceremony can be made available on request.