

2 SPIRITS

PROMOTING HEALTHY ABORIGINAL
& TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER COMMUNITIES



2 Spirits aim to improve the sexual health of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander gay men and sisters through a 'Whole of Community Approach' through education, prevention, health promotion and community development activities.

Following community consultation, the project now works with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people living with HIV, gay men and sisters their partners, families and friends to explore and develop appropriate ways of addressing sexual health issues.

This process is referred to as the 'Whole of Community Approach'.

What can QuAC's 2 Spirits program do for me?

Queensland AIDS Council (QuAC) provides the following services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander individuals.

- + Printed resources and campaigns – in communities, services, via mail order and on www.quac.org.au
- + Peer education workshops, information forums and retreats for gay men, sisters and people living with HIV/AIDS
- + Peer network groups in Cairns (Yupla Mipla Ahfla) and Brisbane (gar'ban'djee'lum)
- + Information, practical support and referrals for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people living with HIV
- + Outreach to community events and services
- + Limited supplies of condoms and lubricant

Queensland AIDS Council is not currently funded to provide services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander lesbians and brotherboys, but recognises our sisters and brothers as key supportive stakeholders.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander lesbians and brotherboys are also disadvantaged in our LGBT, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and mainstream community. This is of concern to QuAC and we are looking to broaden the project to become inclusive of these community members.

What can QuAC do for the community?

- + Hold community forums about HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis, sexual health, injecting drug use, discrimination, homophobia and sexuality issues to increase knowledge and understanding within Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.
- + Hold 'Access For All' (service provider forums) about HIV, Hepatitis, sexuality and discrimination issues to improve access to services by gay men and sistergirls.
- + Advocate on behalf of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander gay men, sistergirls and people living with HIV.

What areas of the state do you cover?

Our headquarters are in Brisbane, with:

- + 2 Health Promotion Officers covering South East Queensland and
- + 2 Health Promotion Officers in our Cairns office covering Far North Queensland and rural.

Workers also provide limited 'remote' services to other parts of the state.



Resources

Holding Our Own, Protect Our Future and Torres Strait Island HIV/AIDS and Hepatitis Information brochures.

More information

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