

Sunshine Coast Oral Health Service

Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander

Information about 'CLOSING THE GAP' Dental Clinic Sessions

CALOONDRA Phone 54368801 For an appointment	NAMBOUR Phone 54706758 For an appointment	GYMPIE Phone 54898437 For an appointment	ORAL HEALTH CALL CENTRE Phone 1300 300 850
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To be **eligible** to access an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Dental Clinic Session at the Department of Health Dental Clinics at Nambour, Caloundra and Gympie Hospitals, clients must:

- Identify as being of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent to Oral Health administrative staff
- Hold a current Queensland issued Concession Card:-
 - Health Care Card or Pension Card as issued by Centrelink.
 - Pensioner Concession Card as issued by the Department of Veteran's Affairs
 - Commonwealth Seniors Health Card
 - Queensland Seniors Card

Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander access to care for Emergencies and Dental Check ups:-

- **If you have a toothache** - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander eligible clients can contact the **Oral Health Call Centre number 1300 300 850** to make an appointment at a Dental Clinic, rather than waiting for a specific Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Dental Clinic Session.
- **If you need a Dental Check up** - to access the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Dental Clinic Sessions for a dental check up, clients can either **contact the Oral Health Call Centre number 1300 300 850 or contact the Department of Health Dental Clinics at Nambour, Caloundra and Gympie Hospitals** directly. Clients need to ring the clinics at **Caloundra on 5436 8801, Nambour 5470 6758 and Gympie 5489 8437** and identify they wish to make an appointment in the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander clinic session.

If you are unable to keep your appointment, please contact the relevant Dental Clinic straight away to cancel and arrange another appointment. Calling the Dental Clinic early enables another Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander person to be offered an appointment and help 'Close the Gap'

Please note:

- Spouse and/or other family members of an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person who are non-Indigenous and want to access the Department of Health Dental Services must hold a current Queensland issued Concession Card (as per the above list) and contact the Oral Health Call Centre number 1300 300 850 to access Oral Health Services.