

Looking after our elders

Jimbelunga Nursing Centre has been providing an extensive range of aged health care and support services in the community since November 1994.

We provide our residents with the highest standards of residential aged care in a supportive and caring environment and culturally appropriate framework. We are focused on improving and expanding to meet the growing demand for culturally appropriate residential aged care services in Brisbane, underpinned by an ageing population and increasing demand for higher care services.



Highlights of our work this year...

Increasing our capacity

Jimbelunga now has the capacity to have 74 residents with the completion of the expansion project in June 2017. Of the 74 rooms, 62 are single rooms with an ensuite, while the remaining 12 are single rooms that share an ensuite with the resident next door. These 12 rooms have all been refurbished and while suitable for any person, are especially ideal for couples and loved ones who wish to share a space and remain connected. All rooms have access to our beautiful outdoor areas. Most rooms have

views to the sky no matter your location within the room. This was a special design feature to ensure that our residents whether bed bound, unwell or mobile could have their curtains opened and be able to outside and feel connected with the world around them.

Improving our facilities

One of the new features and something that we are extremely proud of is the new cultural area. This is a large space at the southern end of our building that has a large playground for

children, BBQ, dancing ring, native gardens and walking paths for residents to enjoy and for family and community to come together to celebrate special occasions such as NAIDOC day and concerts.

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Expanding our team

In May 2017, with the expansion almost completed, we began to recruit new staff to join the Jimbelunga team. Registered nurses Div. 1 were employed to cover the facility 24 hours a day with a team of Registered nurses Div. 2 and assistants in nursing to ensure that the residents now and into the future are able to have their care needs attended to. Jimbelunga has employed a full-time grounds person to take care of the very large outdoor area and cleaning staff to ensure that the facility meets its requirements. Currently, Jimbelunga has 92 staff with 30% of our staffing identifying as either Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander.

Jimbelunga residents also have regular access to visiting allied health services (podiatrist, physiotherapist, occupational therapist, optometrist, dietician, and speech pathologist).

Waiting lists

Jimbelunga continues to have an extensive waiting list for both male and female residents. We believe this is due to word of mouth in the community and is a reflection of the high quality service and facilities we provide. We have daily enquiries about Jimbelunga and the care it provides from both Indigenous and non-Indigenous people.

Official opening

It was an honour to have the Hon Ken Wyatt AM, Minister for Aged Care and Indigenous Health officially open the new wings of Jimbelunga. Also in attendance was Auntie Pam Mam the first Indigenous nurse to be employed by ATSICHS Brisbane. Auntie Pam Mam spent the majority of her working life with us, sixteen years of it at Jimbelunga.

ATSICHS Brisbane received \$12.5m in funding from the Federal Government to redevelop the Jimbelunga aged care facility. This enabled much needed upgrades to the existing facilities and the ability to expand, with an increase of 19 new beds for residents, taking the number from 55 to 74. The final stages were completed in June 2017 culminating with our residents moving in.

