Jimbelunga Nursing Centre provides residents with the highest standards of 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.

We have 63 residents, with 28 men and 35 women. (75%) of our residents identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander and (39%) are under the age of 60.

We have bed capacity and licencing for 74.
Highlights of our work this year...

The past 12 months were busy and productive with the opening of additional beds and admissions of new residents. There were many who have travelled long distances to become part of our Jimbelunga family and join friends, daughters, brothers, sisters and/or cousins.

**EXPANDED ACCESS TO GP’S, SPECIALIST AND OTHER MEDICAL SERVICES**

Increased our activities department with a new Music for Wellbeing program.

**STARTED WEEKLY IUIH PODIATRY VISITS**

Jimbelunga received a LASA Excellence in Age Services Queensland State Finalist 2018 team award. We were one of three Queensland finalists recognised for our workplace diversity, culture and services to improve the lives of our residents.

IUIH trainees underwent Cert 3 Aged Care Placement at Jimbelunga.

**CELEBRATED FIRST CHRISTMAS DAY IN NEW CULTURAL AREA**

NAIDOC celebrations which included an outdoor live broadcast which was a huge success for community, staff, residents and families.

**SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS FROM THE ATSICHS YOUTH SERVICES TEAM AND DEADLY KINDIES**
Waiting lists
Jimbelunga continues to prioritise the admission of the most vulnerable members of our community. This includes those suffering chronic disease including diabetes, cardiovascular disease, kidney disease, cancers and liver disease as well as those with mental health concerns and palliative care needs. Jimbelunga has an extensive waiting list for both male and female residents and continues to grow. We pride ourselves on word of mouth throughout our local communities and hospitals.

Our services range from low care patients who require minimal assistance through to people who are in hospital or at home with full-time carers and require a high level of clinical care. We also have daily enquiries for care both Indigenous and non-Indigenous people.

Increase in referrals
There has been a significant increase in the number of referrals for admission to Jimbelunga Nursing Centre. Our practice nurses, social workers and IUIH staff work together to place people in the community into our care.

Looking ahead
- Increase staff numbers to 94 to ensure our residents get the best possible care around the clock
- With 47% Indigenous residents we continue to plan ahead and work with our community for the placement of residents in our care

Renee Cole
Director of Nursing
Jimbelunga

JUST SEEING
THE CHANGE
IN THE RESIDENTS, FROM THE DAY THEY WERE ADMITTED, WHEN THEY COULDN’T WAKE UP AND DIDN’T HAVE LONG FOR THIS WORLD.
TO TODAY
WHEN THEY HAVE THE LIGHT BACK IN THEIR EYES, TO SEE THEM SMILE ALL BECAUSE THEY’RE BACK IN THEIR COMMUNITY AND THEY’RE HAPPY

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