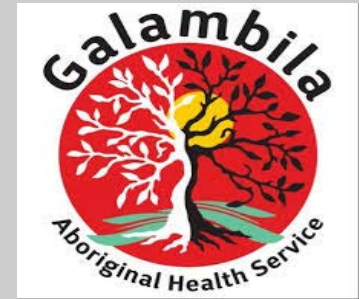




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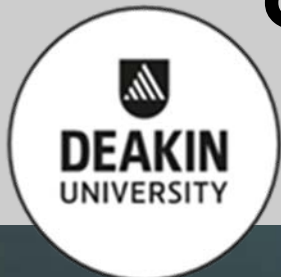


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# **Cultural inclusion in accounting and business**

**... a position of empowerment**



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# What is 'Closing the gap'?

- Closing the gap fundamentally began as an idea in 2005 by Tom Calma
- Called on Australian governments to commit to achieving equality for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the areas of health and life expectancy



# ORIC top 500 corporations

The top 500 highest earning corporations for 2014–15:

- have a combined income of almost \$1.88 billion
- average \$3.76 million per corporation
- manage assets worth \$2.2 billion
- employ 11,095 people (majority are Indigenous people)



# Galambila Aboriginal Corporation vision

Wumaagamba muurlay nyiyambandigu  
giirwaagu minyaagu: darrundaygu buurgi-  
gundi darruyaygam buwarr-gumang  
jalumbal-gumang.

- Increase paths for our mob for this: to improve bodily awareness from babyhood to old age.







# Galambila client & community overview

At 30 June 2016, Galambila had 2,923 regular clients.

This included 2,690 Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander clients and 233 non-Aboriginal clients.

The 2016 census reported that Coffs Harbour Local council area has 3,647 Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people.



# Galambila Governance

**Video:**

<https://player.vimeo.com/video/163498748>



# Economic benefit of better health outcomes

- *“Every dollar that can be redirected into primary health care services, and particularly to ACCHS, from the public hospital system is money well spent” (Close the Gap Campaign Steering Committee 2013)*
- *“An investment in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health, including to the Community Controlled sector, not only works towards curbing health disparities, but is also an investment in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander employment” (Royal Australian College of General Practitioners 2014)´*



# Conclusion

- The prosperity framework recognises the importance of culture to achieving prosperity as a core part of identity, *ensuring services are culturally safe and celebrating the oldest continuing culture in the world as a national treasure.*
- The jury is still out on Closing the Gap targets.

