



Tugun Satellite Hospital, Co-Naming Cultural Pack

Gold Coast Health is committed to providing culturally safe and inclusive health care to our community across our health care facilities. Gold Coast Health recognises the significant and ongoing contributions of the Traditional Custodians and Elders of the region, and acknowledges the continuation of cultural, spiritual, and educational practices of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

As part of this commitment, Gold Coast Health is creating a more supportive and welcoming environment within the service; places where Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people feel safe, comfortable, accepted, and confident that they will be respected, and listened to, while receiving high quality health care. We recognise that the physical, emotional, and relational aspects of spaces are vital components of creating supportive and welcoming environments.

We have identified opportunities to continue this work at the new Tugun Satellite Hospital, including interior wall mounted artworks and printed vinyl film applied to glazing (glass areas) throughout the Hospital. We have integrated a Yarning Circle within the tiered open lawn therapy space located in the hospital grounds. Gold Coast Health Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health team, worked with the Community to identify appropriate First Nations naming for the hospital.

The Tugun Satellite Hospital has been co-named with an Aboriginal name in the Yugambeh language: “Banyahrmabah”, which translated in English to mean “a place to be made healthy”. In modern context, *Banyahrmabah* could mean “hospital”.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Services worked with YRACA (Yugambeh Regional Aboriginal Corporation Alliance). YRACA consulted with the members and the name was developed and given to GCHHS for use. YRACA endorses Gold Coast Health right of use of the Yugambeh word *Banyahrmabah* for the purpose of:

- Co-naming Tugun Satellite Hospital
- Assisting in the preservation and promotion of Aboriginal Language.

Audio narration in language by Paula Nihot – Gamilaraay Language Region and Aric Kruger – Yugambeh Language Region and produced by Lann Levinge – Levinge Events. Language cards developed by Paula Nihot attached with further writings and information on the naming conventions.

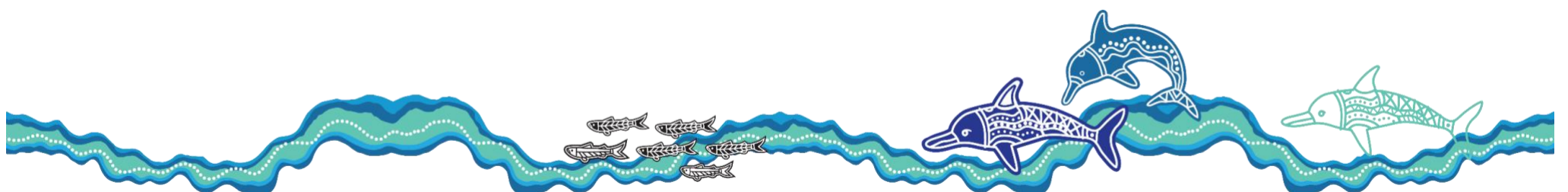
Banyahrmabah (Word origin):

Yugambeh	English	Source
banyahr	good, happy, well, in good health	Bray, Gresty, Hanlon, Livingston and Watson
ma	(adjective) causative suffix; make to.	Holmer and Fogarty
<i>banyahr+ma</i> banyahrma	make healthy	Minyangbul (make good) and Livingston
bah	(suffix) locative: place of	Holmer and Fogarty
<i>banyahrma+bah</i> banyahrmabah	a place to be made healthy	

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