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## ACFF ANZ CHAPTER COMMUNITY GRANTS

2021

**TITLE:** 'Improving the Oral Health of Gympie's First Nations children'

**RECIPIENT/S:** Ms Shanae Barrett

**ORGANISATION:** Sunshine Coast Hospital and Health Service

**DISCUSSION:** The project aims to improve Gympie's First Nations children's oral health.

This will be achieved by incorporating a 'Lift the Lip' program into the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders Jabba Jabba, Child Health Immunisation Nurses 'head to toe' assessments for 0-5 First Nations children with subsequent referral and early access to a fluoride varnish program and comprehensive oral health care conducted by designated Gympie Oral Health Service dental and oral health therapists.

Approval of the program has been provided by key stakeholders i.e. the Director Sunshine Coast Oral Health Service, Sunshine Coast Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Team Program Manager and the Coordinator of the Sunshine Coast Hospital and Health Service Community Health Team.

The project will be evaluated and if successful has the scope to extend to other areas within the Sunshine Coast Hospital & Health Service.