

PEPA WA Workshop Success

Aboriginal Culture Centred Care Workshop



PEPA WA delivered an Aboriginal Culture Centred Care workshop in Broome in collaboration with the Yiriman Women and the Kimberley Palliative Care Service.

The Yiriman Women are a group from 4 language groups in the West Kimberley region. The Yiriman Project goal is to pass cultural knowledge and bush knowledge onto future generations. They came to speak with PEPA in January 2018 as they had a growing passion to teach health professionals about how to care for their community towards the end of life and explain what is culturally important to them during this phase.

The two day workshop was very successful with 45 people attending in Broome. Day one of the workshop was opened with a smoking ceremony by Jim Edgar from the local Yawuru people, followed by the Yiriman Women explaining their cultural practices towards end of life and the beliefs of the Aboriginal life cycle in the West Kimberley region. This was explained through the Yiriman's Women artwork.

The feedback from the attendees was very positive and it was a great two days had by all with lots of yarning. PEPA would like to thank the Yiriman Women and the Kimberley Palliative Care Team for their involvement in this fantastic workshop, it would not have been possible without them.