

John Brady

Aboriginal Research Fellow,
Inala Indigenous Health Service, Brisbane QLD



While packing shelves in Franklins several years ago, John's phone rang. A friend had called to tell him that Inala Indigenous Health Service was looking for a community health worker. Being a local Inala man, John was keen for the opportunity to work with his community and to work in health. His previous jobs as a teacher aide, youth worker and a field officer with the Inala Indigenous Cell watch scheme provided perfect experience to gear him for his role as a community worker within the health service.

In 2006, John graduated from The University of Queensland with a Bachelor of Health Science – Indigenous Primary Health Care and through his work with the inspiring Dr Noel Hayman and Ms Nola White, John established himself as an integral member of the Inala Indigenous Health Service team. A particular career highlight for John has been leading the development and implementation of the West Inala Panthers 'Positive Living – Positive Life' Shared Responsibility Agreement. This is a great program that aims to create quality, competitive family-friendly sporting activities in the Inala Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community," says John.

John now contributes to the Inala specific areas of the research program and his interest in and knowledge of the Inala community, and his desire to keep learning, make his role as an Indigenous Research Fellow within the Kanyini team an innovative and vital part of the program, "It is a great opportunity to further my knowledge and experience that will benefit my community and the Inala Indigenous Health Service". In his spare time John enjoys spending time with his family, coaching and watching the Inala boys playing footy and volunteering and working in local community development projects.