## Congratulations for 20 years of service

Congratulations to Aunty Batasi Morris, Executive Officer Healing, for her 20 years of service with Gallang Place.

During her time with Gallang Place, Aunty Batasi has grown from one of the counselling team to one of our Executive team, developing our Straight Talk AOD program and now looking after all the counsellors at Gallang Place.



When we asked Aunty Batasi how she felt about her time she said "I've loved my time here because of the organisation and how it's been built. Helping our mob from the heart. This is a warm place."

Aunty Batasi started her counselling journey after raising her children but knowing she still had plenty to give to her community.

She completed a Diploma of Indigenous Welfare in 1997 and a Diploma of Community Service in Ingham and has continued to grow and educate herself and others over the years.

And even though Counselling wasn't her first choice of career, Aunty Batasi said "I've always felt I was a counsellor at heart and I've always loved helping our mob."

When talking about her work with clients and with her team over the years, Aunty Batasi says "one important thing about counselling - we (counsellors) are not the expert. The other person is the expert in themselves. We're just here to help guide them."

Her team always talk about her beautifully giving, welcoming and comforting spirit. Her door is always open, and her listening ears are always there to support others.

In her words, "It's important to always have empathy and kindness and do what you can, especially to help your mob."

It is with deep gratitude that we thank and congratulate Aunty Batasi for her significant contribution to community, counselling and Gallang Place.



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