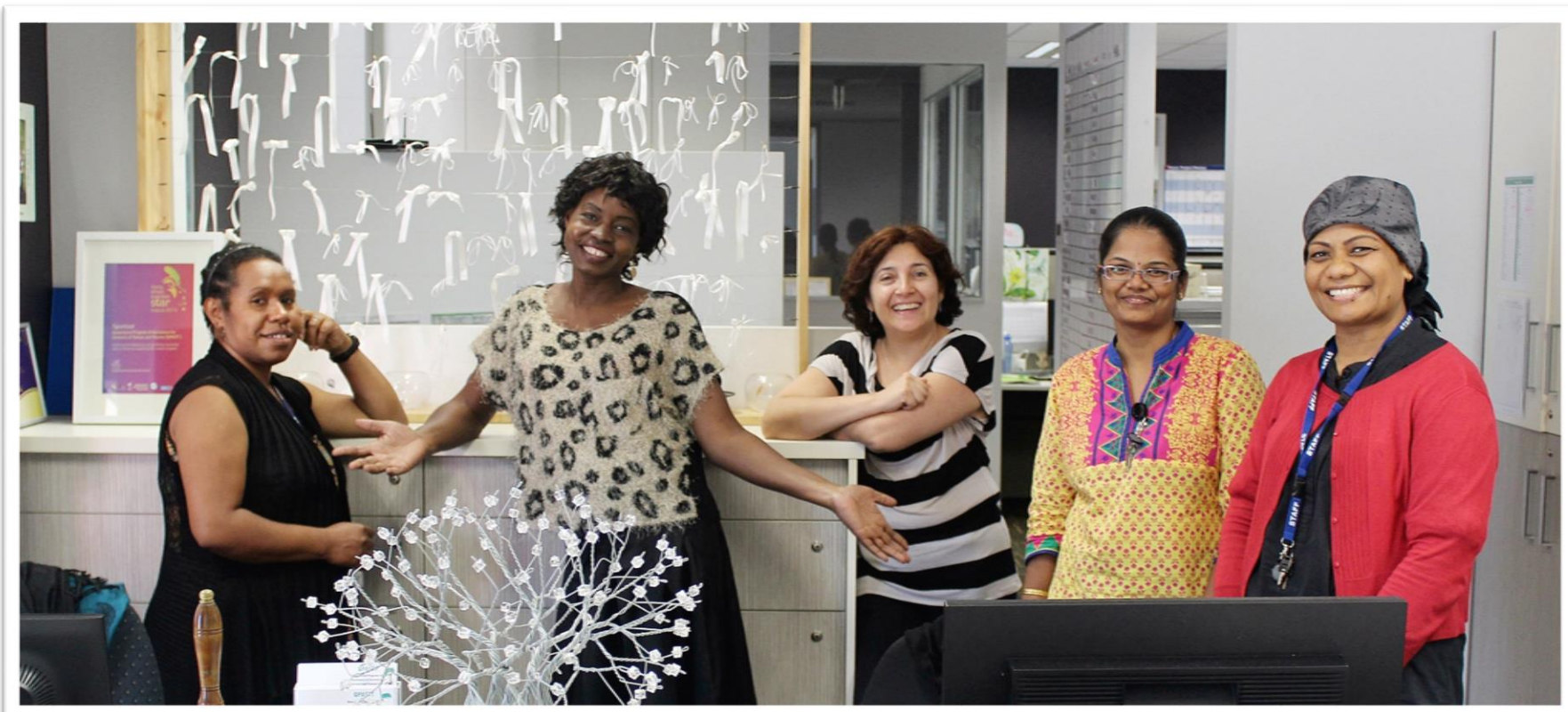




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The Queensland Program of Assistance to Survivors of Torture and Trauma (QPASTT)



A brief History of QPASTT

The Queensland Program of Assistance to Survivors of Torture and Trauma (QPASTT) was established in 1995 in response to growing momentum for a national program to support survivors of torture and trauma. Twenty-five years on, QPASTT continues to offer culturally sensitive, competent and appropriate specialised support to survivors of torture and trauma. Our vision is for people from refugee backgrounds to live lives liberated from the harms of torture, trauma and human rights injustice.

Healing the Past, Nurturing the Future

QPASTT's purpose is to nurture meaningful futures by assisting people from refuge backgrounds to heal, belong and thrive in a just Australian community. It provides recovery services at an individual, family and community level. Direct client services take the form of counselling, advocacy, group work, psycho-education, information sessions and recreational programs. This is coupled with training, community development and capacity building aimed at developing and strengthening the resources of various communities and service providers. QPASTT maintains equity in terms of client accessibility and participation through our presence across Queensland in Brisbane; Ipswich, Inala and Goodna; Logan/Gold Coast; Toowoomba/Gatton; Cairns and Townsville.

Empowering Communities and Creating Opportunities

QPASTT also works with local communities and other service providers to increase understanding and empathy place-based community development approach to support successful integration of survivors into local communities. Their Homework Club is one such activity that creates targeted opportunities to reduce the impact of trauma and disadvantage on young people whilst building connections. QPASTT actively collaborates with clients, communities and other stakeholders to engage in applied research and evaluation to inform their programs and services.