

“For the first time in nearly 100 years, the history and the people that experienced that history were actually being acknowledged and also remembered,” Ms Musulin said.

“It is not about blaming, just by getting the true story out and acknowledging the history, it will go towards our healing.”

Ms Musulin said more than 20

Shire acting chief executive Mark Dacombe worked with Bob Dorey and community members on the project.

people took the one-hour commemorative walk on April 27.

“That is only a very small part of what our ancestors had to endure when they were forcibly collected from throughout the State,” she said.

“They had to walk for months at a time with neck chains.”

Ms Musulin said in one case, an Aboriginal person collected from Albany took three months to walk to Carnarvon.

She said the group was now

fundraising to build a memorial to the Lock Hospitals inmates before January 9, 2019, which is the 100th anniversary of the last survivors being taken from the island.

Carnarvon Shire is assisting with administrative support.



Bob Dorey gets the walk under way. Pictures: #CroakeyGo



Community members, Aboriginal elders and visitors at One Mile Jetty.