We remember and pay our respects to the families whose daughters, sons, aunties, uncles, grandparents and parents were taken away to these remote islands.

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More than 250 people attended a powerful healing ceremony on Yinggarda Country in Carnarvon. Following Welcome to Country and a series of speeches, a cultural ceremony released the spirits of prisoner-patients who were buried on the islands during the period of the lock hospital scheme from 1908-1919.
The ceremony, held 100 years to the day since the final remaining prisoner-patients were returned to the mainland, launched a year of activities in Carnarvon to ensure wider acknowledgement of this traumatic history.
A delegation from Palm Island in north Queensland, where the community has a shared experience of medical incarceration, participated in the event.
On Thursday, 10 January, the Shire of Carnarvon Library and Gallery hosted a yarning circle attended by members of the local community and others.
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