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Fulham Correctional Centre Aboriginal liaison officer Daniel Skipper with Ashleigh House aged care nurse Anne Maynes.

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TWO staff from Fulham Correctional Centre visited Ashleigh House after an invitation from Sale Elderly Citizens' Village to provide information to residents about the correctional centre, NAIDOC Week and activities and programs provided for the indigenous prisoners at the prison.

Centre indigenous liaison officer Daniel Skipper spoke to the residents about the educational and cultural activities and programs the indigenous prisoners are involved in. He showed and spoke about several pieces of art work, including paintings and decorated boomerangs and a didgeridoo.

Mr Skipper was asked if he would play the didgeridoo, to which he replied that he was not allowed to under traditional aboriginal lore, as he had not been taught by an elder.

He then explained the various roles

assigned to males and females in indigenous culture.

Senior education officer Phil Maynes spoke about the educational, therapeutic and cultural/artistic programs offered to prisoners during their incarceration at Fulham.

At the end of the morning Mr Skipper presented Ashleigh House general manager Ross Luhrs with a decorated framed boomerang and 20 blank boomerangs which the residents will decorate as an art activity.

One resident remarked, "This is the best morning I've had since coming to Ashleigh House."

The programs and activities provided for all prisoners at Fulham and the visit to Ashleigh House show a commitment by Fulham Correctional Centre in striving to bring about better corrections.