HEALTHY TIES BUILD A STRONGER REGION

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The close ties between the Northern Territory and Bali continue to strengthen on the back of the sister hospital agreement linking Royal Darwin Hospital and Sanglah Hospital in Denpasar.

In 2012, Royal Darwin Hospital received $600,000 in AusAID funding over three years to assist Sanglah Hospital improve clinical and patient care services in support of the sister hospital program.

“Over 650,000 Australians visit Bali every year and approximately 40,000 live permanently in the province,” Mr Giles said.

“As a result, Sanglah Hospital is the first port of call for many Australians seeking medical assistance while in Bali and it’s in the national interest that the best health care is available.”

Following the 2002 and 2004 Bali terror attacks, the Australian Government invested significant funds and resources to help raise the standard of care within the hospital and a number of the policies and procedures that are in place are based on Australian practices.

“Sanglah Hospital is hoping to gain international accreditation this year, and the sister hospital program is assisting with this,” Mrs Lambley said.

“Now into its second year, the Royal Darwin Hospital, Sanglah Hospital arrangement aims to improve clinical care, clinical governance and patient safety.

“It is designed to improve hospital accountability and systems to deliver services and improve patient outcomes.

“So far, there have been over 40 doctors, nurses and allied health professionals from Sanglah travel to Darwin and 10 Royal Darwin Hospital staff travel to Sanglah, with more to follow in August to September

“Currently there are 8 Sanglah nurses in Darwin on a four week placement – and more will follow in May and June.”

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