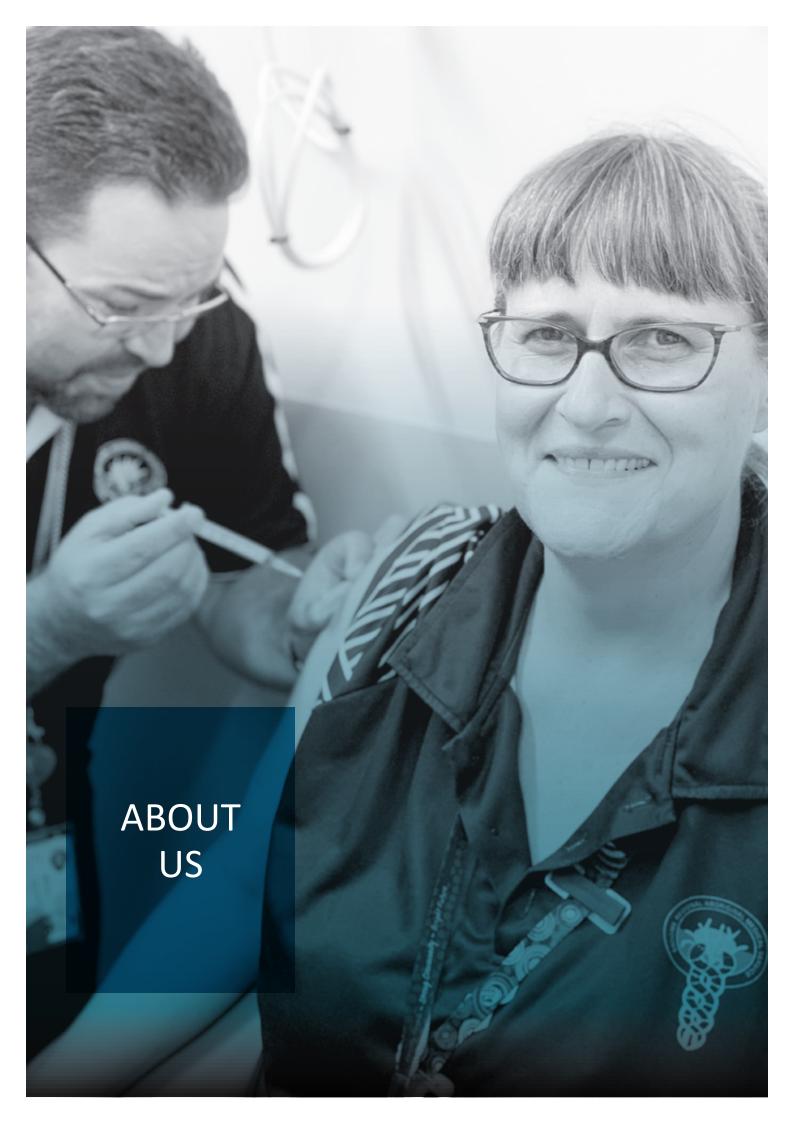




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ABOUT US

The Broome Regional Aboriginal Medical Service (BRAMS) is an Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Service. When we opened our doors in 1978, BRAMS was the first remote Aboriginal Medical Service in Western Australia.

BRAMS provides comprehensive, holistic and culturally responsive primary health care and social and emotional wellbeing services to Aboriginal people living in Broome. BRAMS provides around 40,000 occasions of service to the Broome community each and every year.

Our Vision

Healthy People – Strong Community – Bright Future

Our Mission

Provide holistic and culturally responsive health and wellbeing services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People. That means making our Mob healthy.

Our Guiding Values

Respect: Treat one another and others with respect.

Integrity: Be truthful, honest and ethical in our dealing with one another and others.

Accountability: Take responsibility for what we do and the decisions we make.

Quality: Provide high quality services that meet the expectations of our clients and the community.

Privacy: Respect patient confidentiality at all times.

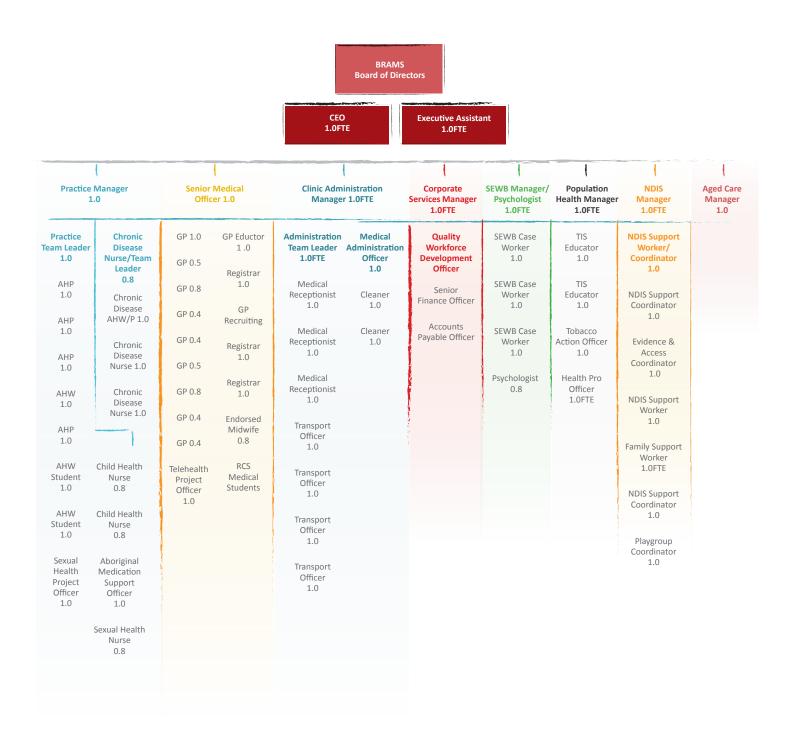


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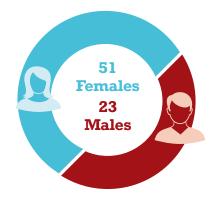
OUR ORGANISATION

BRAMS is a company incorporated under the Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006 (the CATSI Act). BRAMS is governed by an Aboriginal Board of Directors who are elected by the local Aboriginal community. BRAMS' governance arrangements are considered important as they engender trust and contribute to community-building capacity in the region. Operational management of the organisation is delegated to the Chief Executive Officer.



OUR WORKFORCE PROFILE





63% ATSI Staff

Our workforce data as at 1 November 2021

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	Number of people in the following positions					
	AHW (Including Team leader)	7	-	Case Workers (SEWB)		
	Medical Administration (including Transport Officer)	8		Health Promotion Educators (TIS including Tobacco Action Worke		
	Chronic Disease Nurses (including Enrolled Nurses)	4		Corporate Services (including Team Leader)		
	Child Health/Midwife (including Endorsed Midwife)	3		Cleaning		
	Senior Managers (Including CEO)	7		NDIS Worker		
	GP (including Registrars)	20	6 1			
	Psychologist	2		Tota	al	

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OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Our 2020/2021 Board of Directors



Timothy Garrett

Commenced 20.11.2019 Meetings eligible to attend: 23 Meetings attended: 20



Duane Tang Wei

Commenced 20.11.2019 Meetings eligible to attend: 23 Meetings attended: 17



Kathleen Watson

Meetings eligible to attend: 23 Meetings attended: 18



Christopher Bin Kali

Meetings eligible to attend: 23 Meetings attended: 20



Diann Britton

Meetings eligible to attend: 23 Meetings attended: 14



Trevor Cox

Meetings eligible to attend: 23 Meetings attended: 16



Leah Dolby

Ceased July 2021 Meetings eligible to attend: 23 Meetings attended: 16



Philip Matsumoto

Meetings eligible to attend: 23 Meetings attended: 16

CEO REPORT

Cassie Atchison





As another challenging year draws to a close, I'm filled with a mixture of gratitude, pride and excitement.

The gratitude is directed at the BRAMS staff, whose hard work and dedication has been – and continues to be - essential to the success of the roll-out of the COVID-19 vaccine.

With few additional resources at their disposal, our nurses, health workers and doctors have been required to go above and beyond their normal duties to accommodate the increased workload of delivering the vaccination program. I want to thank them all sincerely for their efforts.

The pride I feel comes from the expansion of our services and programs over the past 12 months, a wonderful achievement given the constraints and difficulties associated with the pandemic.

The most significant of these was our recent registration as an accredited provider of Aged Care services, and we look forward to providing a trusted service to the older members of our community.

Our NDIS team continues to go from strength to strength, broadening the range of supports it offers, and BRAMS is now providing NDIS services to more than 80 people. Clinical Services has also expanded its footprint, working to tackle the problem of chronic disease.

Finally, there's the excitement generated by the work being done on plans for our new clinic, which we hope

will be completed and ready to commence operations in 2023.

Our NDIS
team
continues
to go from
strength to
strength

The clinic is being built on land that was gifted to us by Kimberley Aboriginal Medical Service (KAMS), and on behalf of everyone at BRAMS, I want to express our gratitude to KAMS for this most generous gesture.

With the holiday season upon us, I wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, and reiterate my thanks to all the team for

their efforts over the past 12 months. Thanks also to the BRAMS Board of Directors, and the Management team.

On a more personal note, I would like to acknowledge the guidance and support I have received from Vicki O'Donnell from KAMS since I began in this role.



2020/2021 HIGHLIGHTS

JULY 2020 >>>



Chronic Disease Management

Our Senior Medical Officer, Dr Jonathan Blundell, has been busy working with the Flinders Program to implement new tools to enhance our Chronic Disease Management program. The Flinders Programs present an assessment, planning and motivational process which has been applied to chronic medical conditions. The tools assist our staff to support patients to effectively manage their symptoms and the effects of their conditions over the long-term. Well done Jonathan for undertaking this important work.



Mums And Bubs Pack

COVID-19 has been a difficult time for all, especially for pregnant mothers. BHP kindly provided BRAMS with funding to provide mothers in their third trimester with essential items for mother and baby.

We would like to thank BHP for providing BRAMS with the funding, and hope the packs were useful for our mums-to-be.

AUGUST 2020 >>>

Health Promotion Framework

BRAMS have recently finalised a revised Health Promotion Framework, which will assist BRAMS to develop a comprehensive Health Promotion Plan for the next two years. The plan will be somewhat different to previous years, and we will be focusing on 6 key areas for action, along with an improved process for evaluating its success.

BRAMS COVID-19 Appreciation Dinner

BRAMS held a COVID-19 Appreciation Dinner with staff on 7 August at the Mangrove Hotel. The dinner was an opportunity for BRAMS to thank the team for their hard work and dedication during a difficult period.

SEPTEMBER 2020 >>>

Kimberley Model of Care

On 2 September, all of the Aboriginal Medical Services in the Kimberley came together to facilitate our first workshop on developing and implementing a Kimberley Model of Care.

A wide range of health professionals attended from across the Kimberley, including Aboriginal Health Workers, Administration Managers, CEO's, GPs and Health Centre Managers.

The workshop identified some great initiatives for each organisation to work together to implement. Further workshops will be held with NDIS, Social and Emotional Wellbeing and Population Health teams.

Together with BRAMS, the Aboriginal Medical Services that are working in partnership for the Kimberley Model of Care are Yura Yungi Aboriginal Medical Service, Derby Aboriginal Health Service, Ord Valley Aboriginal Health Service and Kimberley Aboriginal Medical Service.

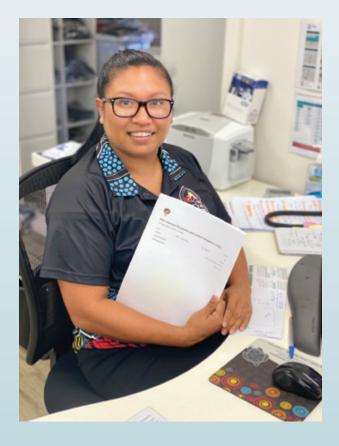


Infection Control Audit

On 10 September, our Quality and Governance Officer Rashidah Bin Rashid, together with Martin Cutter, Infection Control Coordinator from Kimberley Aboriginal Medical Service, conducted our annual Infection Control Audit.

The audit acknowledged the changes made by our clinic staff over the past 12 months, and identified some areas for minor improvement. Martin then provided our clinical staff with Infection Control Training.

A big thank you to Martin and KAMS for allowing Martin to support BRAMS!



OCTOBER 2020 >>>



Minister Cook Visits

On 21 September 2020, the Hon. Roger Cook, Minister for Health, visited BRAMS. We provided Roger with a full tour of our building and also our mobile clinic on wheels. We shared the BRAMS story with him, how we've been serving the Broome community for more than 40 years, and also discussed some of our plans for the future.









Mental Health Week

A very big thank you to Lottery West for supporting our Mental Health Week event, which was attended by a wide variety of local stakeholders, including St Johns Ambulance, Army, Broome Recovery, TIS, Boab Health, Milliya Rumarra, Mens Outreach and many community members.

Staff were also involved in a wellbeing activity, and the BRAMS SEWB team would like to thank Tammy Howard of Broome Nursery for her generous donation of 5 golden canes for the day.

Our Block Rocks Event

The Our Block Rocks family event was held at Town Beach on Monday, 21st September, and was jointly organised by staff from Broome Circle, Helping Minds and KAMS Kimberley Supports. This was an opportunity for Broome service providers to work together on community engagement with local families, and to promote our services and let people know what we do.

BRAMS Family Support workers Candice and Arthur ran some sensory activities in the shady "Calming Corner", where kids could come and relax or have a go at making slime, do some colouring in or get their face painted — a fun time for all. Lots of families with children of all ages turned up after school, and a game of soccer got underway in the Town Beach park while others took part in water activities or went for a swim.

Some of the older kids had fun making friendship bracelets, and Olivia from KAMS added a touch of colour and craziness offering wild hair spray designs.

It was a lovely afternoon and the feedback from families was extremely positive, with a lot of interest in staging a similar event again soon. BRAMS and the other organisations involved felt it was successful in its goal of reaching out to the local community and strengthening engagement.





NOVEMBER 2020 >>>

Kimberley Land Council AGM

The Kimberley Land Council invited BRAMS and KAMS-Beagle Bay Health staff to provide first aid support at their AGM, and offer COVID-related information on measures such as social distancing and safe hygiene practices for their AGM. Attending on BRAMS' behalf was our Population Health Manager, Cassandra Matsumoto, Aboriginal Health Worker, Fatimiar Skeen and TIS Educator Lattrell Matthews. The AGM was held in Kooljaman over 3 days.



The 'Stars' Training Event AHW Training

On the 4th & 5th of November, three of our Aboriginal Health Workers - Billy Martin, Renee McKenzie and Fatimiar Skeen - travelled to Perth for the 'Start Talking About Relationships and Sexual Health (STARS) with young Aboriginal people' two day training course.

During the course, they discussed supporting young people with pregnancy choices, LGBTI young people, bodies and puberty, respectful relationships and more. The team reported that the training was interesting and enjoyable and they look forward to applying what they learnt in the clinic.



BRAMS NAIDOC Event

BRAMS held a Family Fun Day to celebrate NAIDOC week on 10 November. The event was held at Town Beach, and BRAMS provided a range of activities, including a sausage sizzle, smoothies, arts and crafts, football, and a colouring competition. Lots of families attended and the consensus was that all had a great day. A big thankyou to Natalie Dean for doing the Welcome to Country.



BRAMS' New Mobility Bus

BRAMS is very excited to announce that we now have our very own NDIS mobility bus to help transport people in wheelchairs. This is a big milestone for BRAMS and a very proud addition to our NDIS family!



Movember

On 27 November, the Tackling Indigenous Smoking and Tobacco Action Program held a Movember event to raise awareness around men's health and to help break the shame barrier of getting a check-up.

A lot fun was had by all, with activity stations, a 'Pin-the-Moustache-on-the-Man' game and the opportunity to create a fake 'mo.

A free sausage sizzle and Movember themed cupcakes topped off the day and ensured everyone went home with a full belly!

DECEMBER 2020 >>>

AHCWA Youth Strategy

In late November 5 staff members attended the WA Aboriginal Youth Strategy Yarn with two representatives, Jhi and Keisha, from the ACHWA Youth Team.

They spoke about the WA Aboriginal Youth Health Strategy and its tailored approach to improving the health of young Aboriginal people in WA. They also explained how we can all support each other in our work with youth in the local community.

Those attending split into two groups and discussed the problems and issues affecting young people in Broome, and then brain-stormed ideas and solutions to solve those problems and keep youth out of trouble. We talked about how the PCYC used to have a lot of different activities for local kids, and how there used to be an internet café where they could hang out. At the end we all came together and shared our ideas, and also received shirts. Keilani Bin Hitam said it was a valuable initiative. "I think it was a very informative session and would encourage others to attend and even become a part of the ACHWA youth committee," she said.

Social And Emotional Well-Being (SEWB) Forum

An important Social & Emotional Wellbeing forum was held over three days in late November involving staff from BRAMS, Kimberley Aboriginal Medical Services and Nyamba Buru Yawuru

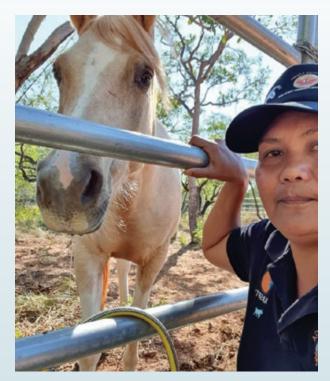
Population Health Manager Sandi Matsumoto, TIS Officer Stanley Francis, Tobacco Action Officer Ben Phillips and SEWB Case Worker Vincent Lane attended the forum on behalf of BRAMS.

One of the highlights of the first day was a session on 'Building Communities' with Michael McKenzie, which reflected on pre-colonisation. It was an empowering session and the teambuilding exercises which followed later were engaging.

Day 2 involved two sessions, Liyan Natural Helpers training and Facilitating Groups Psychoeducation head space, but with each session at different venues, it was hard to choose which one to attend as both had so much appeal!

Other highlights included:

- Equine Assisted Learning (EAL) Juli Coffin &
 Practitioners panel talk, which I was on as one of the
 first Practitioners to undergo the training. After this
 end of this session there was quite a few attendees
 wanting to take this course next year;
- Knowledge Sharing. Kimberley Empowerment,
 Healing and Leadership Program Evaluation, with
 Emma Carlin & Kim Sears;
- Garnduwa | Amanda Gregory gave a great talk about this program, and there's an opportunity for BRAMS to link into this;
- Empowered Young Leaders Tonii Skeen: 'I would like to see BRAMS young leaders to take this opportunity to have a look at the App that she's working on'; and
- Clinical Supervision & Self Care, with BOAB Health: BRAMS' SEWB and staff need to link into self-care.





Spirometry

Three Spirometry / Lung function experts from Telethon Kids came from Perth to Broome to provide up-skilling and training in Spirometry theory and practical testing. A number of our clinical staff attended the training and are now proficient is this important test.

This is a really positive step for BRAMS, enabling us to offer important lung function testing which in turn helps to improve the management of conditions like Asthma and COPD. Those trained were greatly encouraged by the specialist knowledge, enthusiasm and energy brought by these experts, and we thank for their time.



BRAMS Staff Christmas Lunch & Awards

After a long and challenging year, BRAMS staff gathered for a well-deserved Christmas lunch. Everyone enjoyed mingling and the exchange of Kris Kringle gifts, followed by a speech from CEO Cassie, who presented the following awards.

Customer Service Award of the Year:

Andreia Alves de Oliveira

Innovation Award of the Year:

Stanley Francis

Outstanding Leadership Award:

Melanie Prewett

Most Improved Award:

Rashidah Bin Rashid

Most Dedicated Award:

Kristine Chadwick

CEO's Recognition Award:

Renee McKenzie

Aboriginal Health Practitioner of the Year:

Fatimiar Skeen

Mentor Award:

Cassandra Matsumoto

GP of the Year:

David Atkinson

Teamwork Award:

Jonathan Blundell

Employee of the year:

William Martin

JANUARY 2021 >>>



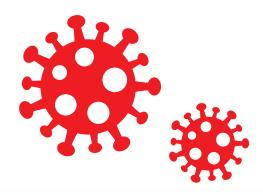


Solidfit and Quitline Aboriginal Liaison Team

Our Population Health Manager Sandi Matsumoto, TIS Officer Standley Francis, Lattrell Matthews and Tobacco Action Officer Ben Phillips attended 5 days of Quitline Aboriginal Liaison Team (QALT) and SolidFit Training alongside other TIS Educators from around the Kimberley.

The Team said the 2-day Brief Intervention Upskilling Workshop with Quitline Aboriginal Liaison Team (QALT) Project Officers from AHCWA was aimed at increasing their skills, knowledge and confidence in their ability to assess and discuss smoking behaviour with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, and successfully support them to reduce their intake or quit smoking altogether. The team was also provided with updated resources.

FEBRUARY 2021 >>>



COVID-19 Funding

BRAMS applied for additional COVID-19 funding from BP via AHCWA. BRAMS was able to purchase additional masks, hand sanitisers, and sanitiser wipes to distribute within the community.

BRAMS also received funding to purchase telehealth equipment to enable us to provide an increased telehealth service to the community. We are extremely grateful for this support.



Health Promotion Plan

BRAMS has established a Health Promotion sub-group of our Clinical Governance Committee, comprising:

Cassie Atchison, Cassandra Matsumoto, Latoyah Lawford, Katy Crawford, Rashidah Bin Rashid, Delia Lawford, Jade Walley, Renee McKenzie and Catherine Wakelin.

The subgroup has developed a 2021-2023 Health Promotion Plan, which focusses on six key areas for action. BRAMS is excited to begin implementing the plan and staging events and activities in the community.

MARCH 2021 >>>

Sexual Health Week

National Sexual Health Week was held between 14th-21st February, and the team at BRAMS got creative and ran a "Respect Check Comp".

Targeting our younger generation aged 16-30 years to have a Respect check, the first 30 people to complete the check received a \$20 voucher, while everybody who took part had the chance to win a \$100 voucher.

The campaign recognises the fact that rates of STIs and BBVs in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities have been too high, for too long – especially for young people in remote communities.

Thanks to all BRAMS staff for embracing Sexual Health Week – Safety. Pleasure. Respect. We look forward to reviewing the campaign and incorporating those findings into next year's event.

Remember: 'Test More' & 'Talk soon, Talk often', particularly with young people.



Strong People, Strong Choices Peer Support Group

BRAMS has commenced its Strong People, Strong Choices Peer Support Groups. We are holding a weekly group on Tuesday mornings at 10.00am that brings together people with a disability to support one another. A second group is held on Thursday mornings at 10.00am to support family members who care for a person with a disability. Any Aboriginal person with a disability, their family members or carers are most welcome to attend.







Advanced Life Support Training

Our GP's, Aboriginal Health Workers and Registered Nurses recently participated in Advanced Life Support (ALS) Training. This program consisted of a total of 16 hours of continuing professional development.

The training combined self-directed learning by reading the program manual and completing the online pre-test, along with clinical learning through attendance at program course days. These days included a range of didactic and interactive theoretical content presentations, and participation in scenario-based simulations. A big thank you to KAMS for facilitating this vital training for our staff.





COVID-19 Vaccine

BRAMS has been approved to roll out the COVID-19 vaccine for our patients. Our Senior Medical Officer has been busy developing our roll-out plan, while our staff have been busying undertaking their training. We have held two community information sessions to answer your questions about the vaccine, and will provide further updates and information about its availability on our Facebook and Instagram pages.



APRTL 2021 >>>

ISO 9001: 2015 Accreditation

The BRAMS Corporate Services Team and Senior Manager have been working extremely hard over the past 12 months to implement a Quality Management System at BRAMS.

Part of this process involved engaging an external auditor to come to BRAMS and assist the organisation to gain our accreditation against this important standard. B

RAMS is excited to announce that we have achieved this accreditation, and would like to thank all staff who have been involved.

Thanks also to Robyn De Jong from HDDA - as always, she provided a professional and reliable auditing service.



Men's Group

Our Social and Emotional Wellbeing (SEWB) Team have commenced our monthly Men's Group. The first group was held at Coconut Wells, where the men went fishing and had a cook-up.

Chronic Disease Funding

BRAMS is extremely grateful to the Commonwealth Government for approving a \$1.3 million two-year grant to expand our important chronic disease program.

This vital funding boost through the Indigenous Aboriginal Health Program (IAHP) will enable us to employ three additional Aboriginal Health Practitioners, and help provide more outreach services to the local community.

AHP's play a crucial role, providing case management and care coordination, health coaching, individual goal setting, risk factor modification, education and support, and clinical care.





Aboriginal Health Council Of WA Conference

Our staff and directors attended the two-day ACHWA conference. The theme this year was Healthy Country, Healthy Community. It was an engaging and informative conference with high-calibre speakers across the board. The BRAMS team had the opportunity to present our NDIS program to the audience, for which we are extremely grateful.

Conference Awards

At the conference dinner, the following staff and directors were presented with their awards from 2020 and 2021. A huge congratulations to all recipients.

2020 Recipients

Diandra Cox - Contribution by an ACCHS Employee

Telithia Matthews – Young Achiever

Leonie Kelly (dec) - Elder in the Community (awarded posthumously).

International Women's Day

On 8th March we observed International Women's Day, a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. It also marks a call to action for accelerating gender parity. The theme this year was "Choose to Challenge".

2021 Recipients

Delia Lawford – Contribution by an ACCHS Employee

Stanley Francis – Young Achiever

Diann Britton - Elder in the Community

BRAMS had the pleasure of hosting Vicki O'Donnell, KAMS CEO and AHCWA Chairperson, as a guest speaker, and she shared her journey with us, the successes and challenges she's faced on the way. She is an inspiration to us all.

MAY 2021 >>>



Weekly Clinic with Shooting Stars

Dr Sumaya Haque and Cassandra Matsumoto have been attending the Broome Senior High School every Friday to provide a health clinic to girls participating in the Shooting Stars program. The pair have been providing health checks, and by all reports the students enjoy these clinics and look forward to attending each week.

TV Advertisement

BRAMS is heading for your screens! A big thank you to Paul Bell from Feral Films for filming our very first television ad. Keep your eye out on GWN in May 2021.



Model of Care

BRAMS is excited to announce our endorsed Model of Care. The Model of Care sets the parameters by which the organisation aims to deliver consistent, comprehensive, holistic, high-quality, and culturally responsive primary health care and social and emotional wellbeing services to Aboriginal people living in Broome. It aligns with, and incorporates, the Aboriginal Health Council of Western Australia (AHCWA) Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services' Model of Care, and acknowledges the importance of providing timely, accessible, affordable, and appropriate health care for Aboriginal people and communities. Care needs to be strongly connected to country and cultural heritage, and must recognise the integral role that family and community play in the overall physical, mental and spiritual wellbeing of an individual.



Health Promotion Plan

The Health Promotion sub-group has finalised our May to July 2021 Health Promotion Plan, and the calendar is filling up. Some of our upcoming events will include:

- May Tobacco Action Month
- June Health Check Month
- July Diabetes Awareness Month.

We will also be doing our monthly cook-ups, commencing Solid FIT Boxing, and increasing the number of groups we provide.

JUNE 2021 >>>

World NO Tobacco Month

In line with World No Tobacco Day taking place on May 31, BRAMS decided to designate the entire month of May as "World No Tobacco Month".

It's been an especially busy time for the No Joobuk (Tackling Indigenous Smoking) team at BRAMS as they've planned, prepared and hosted a series of events and sessions aimed at communicating the no-smoking message to the local community.

Throughout the month, the No Joobuk team had been setting up an information stall twice a week to provide smoking awareness and information around the effects of smoking, as well offering further support to giving that joobuk the flick! There were incentives for those who participated and completed the smoking history questionnaire, and everyone went into the draw for some deadly prizes.

On 12 May we hosted a Staff Smoke-Free Day for the staff at BRAMS, with a healthy cook-up and activities throughout the day. Fun was had by all!





To mark World No Tobacco Day on May 31, BRAMS held a 'Hoops for No Tobacco!' Community event. It was a fun day for people of all ages, lunch provided, lots of great activities, and some awesome prizes on offer. As always, our 'No Joobuk' team got the message out there that smoking is no good for you or your family.



June Jump Start

To further support the World No Tobacco Month campaign, the Tackling Indigenous Smoking Teams from both BRAMS and KAMS have teamed up for "JUNE JUMP START" - a combined 4 weeks SOLIDfit group challenge for staff at both organisations. The challenge commenced on the 31st May, and will run twice a week in a FUN environment throughout June. There are weekly giveaways to keep staff motivated and on track, including some overall prizes at the conclusion of the Challenge!



Aboriginal Consumer Advisory Committee

BRAMS would like to introduce the members of our new Aboriginal Consumer Advisory Committee: Cecilia Dann, Cassandra Matsumoto, Jasmine Phillips, Cheryl Parriman, Anthony Lee and Delia Lawford. Absent from this photo: Vernon Dann, Jamilah Bin Omar and We look forward to your contribution in providing ongoing advice and feedback to BRAMS as we continually strive for improvement in all areas of our operations.

IAHP Maintenance Grant

BRAMS is excited to announce that we have received \$114,000 from IAHP to undertake repairs and maintenance of our staff houses, which are an important asset for the organisation. This work will be done by an experienced local company with a strong commitment to First Nations employment.

OUR PROGRESS DATA

2020-2021 Clinical And Services



Episodes of Care

Client Contacts	Male	Female	Total
Administration	103	125	228
Allied Health	2732	2885	5617
Clinical Service	176	53	229
Dentist	14	34	48
Doctor	22728	33446	56174
Health Worker	14029	17599	31628
Mental Health	330	690	1020
Nurse	2742	11101	13843
Other	179	257	436
Social Health	180	162	342
Specialist	1227	1738	2965
Tobacco Worker	63	78	141
Transport	1051	2298	3349
Total Client Contacts	45554	70468	116022
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		Total Clients	6850



Tackling Indigenous Smoking

104 Community Education Sessions

30 Community Events

NDIS Service Delivery

Currently **77** participants **44** Male, **33** Female





Social and Emotional Wellbeing

Worked with **562** individual clients

Provided 1020 individual client contacts

Received **253** internal referrals and **239** external referrals for the SEWB program

Currently, BRAMS has **90** clients on the waiting list for SEWB services

Held **35** group activities

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BRIGHT FUTURE

COVID-19 Response And Vaccine Roll Out

The roll-out of the COVID-19 vaccine was always going to pose challenges for regional communities, and those with a large cohort of vulnerable people.

At BRAMS, faced with a significant additional workload but few extra resources, our nurses and health workers were required to take on extra hours, and a dedicated doctor was appointed to help ensure the vaccination process – and the clinic - ran smoothly and efficiently.

The AstraZeneca vaccine became available in Broome towards the end of March, and BRAMS' initial focus was targeted toward at-risk patients, especially those aged 75 and over.

Initial uptake was slow. With no active cases in the community, and strict border closures in place, there was little urgency about the need to get protected.

In response, BRAMS decided to personalise its approach, recognising the need to engage with people on an individual level and explain the benefits of vaccination.

Our early efforts to provide an outreach service were hindered by logistical issues, such as time constraints and storage conditions pertaining to the opening of a vaccine vial.

But with time, confidence in the vaccine grew, hesitancy among the community dissipated, and an increasing number of people came forward to get their jabs.

And while we were able to eventually run some targeted outreach, the vast majority of vaccines administered by BRAMS were done so at the clinic.

In recent months, we've helped run a couple of successful community vax-a-thons to further boost immunisation rates in the community.

At the beginning of November 2021, BRAMS had administered 3400 vaccines.



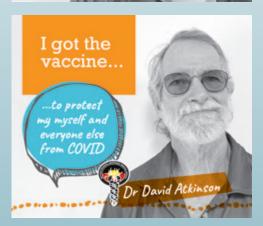


COVID-19 Response and Vaccine Roll Out

"I got my COVID-19 Vaccine..."

















New Programs

The past 12 months have seen BRAMS take significant steps to broaden our footprint and expand the range of services and programs we deliver to the local community.

In the past financial year, we secured funding to provide the following programs.

Chronic Disease

BRAMS received \$1.3 million funding over two years through the Commonwealth Government's Indigenous Aboriginal Health Program (IAHP) to employ a Chronic Disease Team to provide individualised and outreach services to the local community.

This program also encompasses health promotion activities with a focus on early intervention and prevention programs.

Telehealth

Earlier this year, BRAMS received one year's funding through the IAHP to establish and maintain a telehealth program.

We have employed a fulltime coordinator to manage this program.





Peer Support Groups

BRAMS received funding through the Commonwealth Government's Information Linkages and Capacity Building (ILC) program to run disability peer supports groups twice a week.

These groups are designed to enhance the development of daily living skills by actively engaging in a group environment.

They provide interactive activities to support the development of independent living, and build capacity to participate in social events and community life.

Supported Play and Recreation Group

We also received a one-year grant through the ILC to facilitate a supported play and recreation program for young people with disabilities.

The program provides accessible play therapy and recreation to children with a disability between the age 0-14. It's designed to interact with the whole family, to spend quality time together in a unique environment and feel supported in enhancing and developing relationships, social skills, and communication skills, and assist with understanding and expressing emotions.



OUR PARTNERS AND SUPPORTERS

BRAMS is grateful for the ongoing support of our partners, supporters and peak bodies.

FUNDING BODIES

National Indigenous Australians Agency

Kimberley Aboriginal Medical Services

Australian Government Department of Health

Western Australian Primary Health Alliance

Western Australian Country Health Service

Lottery West

BHP

Minderoo

WE HAVE MEMBERSHIPS WITH:

Kimberley Aboriginal Medical Service

Kimberley Aboriginal Health Planning Forum

Aboriginal Health Council of Western Australia

National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation

BRAMS WORKS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH:

Boab Health Services

Western Australian Country Health Service

Kimberley Aboriginal Medical Services

Broome Girls Academy

Broome Academy/Clontarf

Kimberley Stolen Generation Aboriginal Corporation

Millya Rumurra Drug and Alcohol Service

Germanus Kent House

Men's Outreach Service

Nirrumbuk Aboriginal Organisation

National Disability Insurance Agency

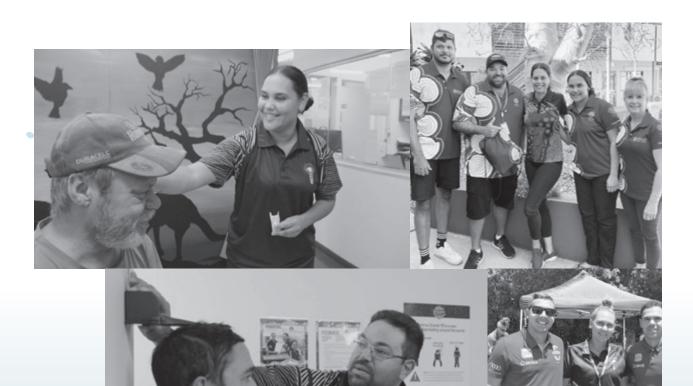
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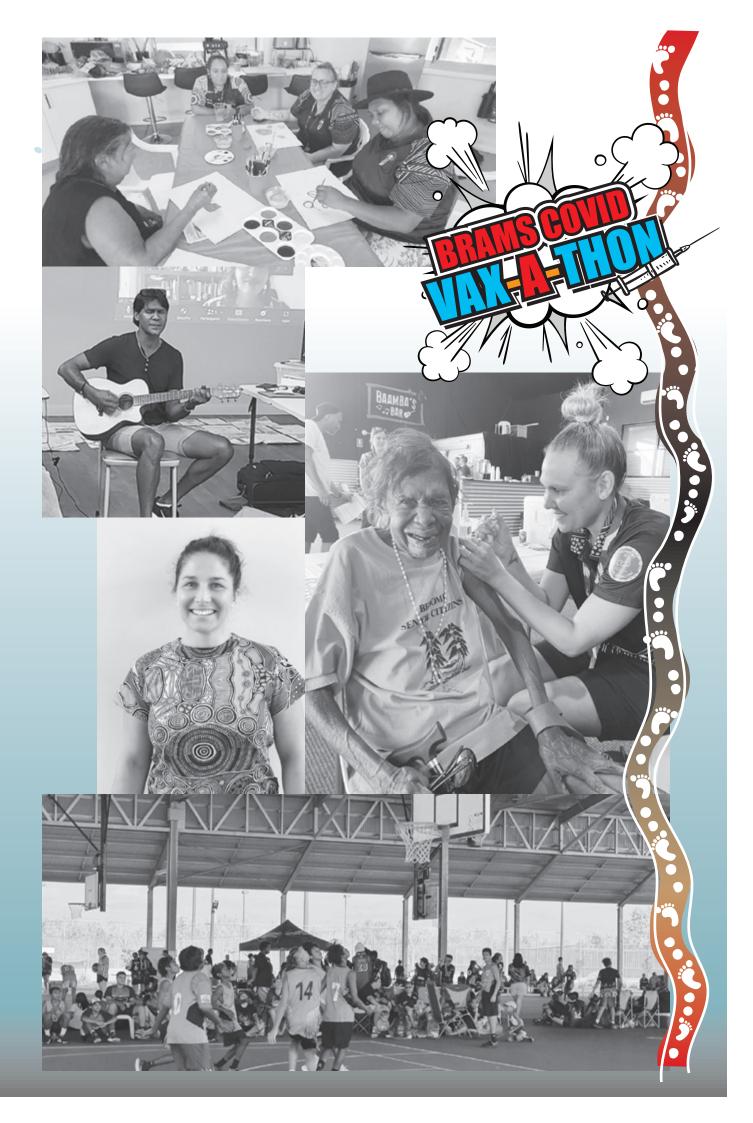














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