



Broome
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Medical Service

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Better Health on the way with new \$11 million BRAMS Health Hub

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The Broome Regional Aboriginal Medical Service (BRAMS) is delighted to announce that it has secured Commonwealth funding for a new \$11million state-of-the-art health hub.

BRAMS Chairperson Duane Tang Wei said the hub would provide fit-for-purpose facilities to house expanded clinical services, and enable BRAMS to meet the changing healthcare needs of the local community.

“The board and management at BRAMS are pleased that the Commonwealth Government has recognised the benefits of this project, and the challenges we face at our current premises,” he said.

“We’re also extremely grateful to Kimberley Aboriginal Medical Services (KAMS) for gifting us the land for the new hub. The location is central and accessible to the Broome community, and within a block from the Broome Hospital and a bus stop.

“I would also like to acknowledge those who laid the foundations before us and helped secure this milestone achievement.

“Thanks to the past members, directors and staff for your contributions over many years, and to the current members, directors and staff for your hard work, guidance, leadership, ongoing support, advocacy and dedication, which will continue to guide BRAMS into the future.”

The new health hub will be located at 33 Weld St in Broome.

BRAMS CEO Cassie Atchison described it as “great news for our patients, and for the local community”.

“It will allow BRAMS to deliver even better health and wellbeing services to the people of Broome, with improved patient comfort, extended operating hours, and ample parking,” she said.

“The new facilities are also important in attracting and retaining high-quality staff, and will provide better amenity and more space for our dedicated team to do their jobs.

“We will continue to deliver services at our current premises in Dora street while the new clinic is built, with construction expected to commence by June 2025.

“We hope to be able to move into our new home in December 2027.”

BRAMS is an Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Service which has been caring for the Broome community since 1978 - the first remote Aboriginal Medical Service in Western Australia.

It provides comprehensive, holistic and culturally responsive primary health care, social and emotional wellbeing services, NDIS, and Aged Care support to more than 7500 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the Broome region, and delivers nearly 60,000 episodes of care each year.