



**Broome**  
Regional Aboriginal  
Medical Service

**BRAMS**

April  
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# NEWSLETTER



## CEO REPORT

The past month has been an extraordinary one for BRAMS, unlike any we've experienced in the 40+ year history of the organisation.

As we deal with the impact of Coronavirus, BRAMS has been working in partnership with Kimberley Aboriginal Medical Services (KAMS), the Aboriginal Health Council of Western Australia (AHCWA) and the Broome Hospital to implement our COVID-19 Pandemic Plan.

BRAMS has implemented a staged response to COVID-19. The aim of our response has been to slow the spread of COVID-19 in Broome and support containment strategies for the region.

This has meant changing the way we deliver our services.

These changes include:

- Halting our walk-in clinic service;
- Introducing an appointment system;
- Requiring all patients to go through a screening process at the Family Centre before entering the clinic;
- Changing the layout of the clinic to ensure social distancing measures are in place; and
- Providing a telehealth service where possible.

These changes are necessary to protect the health of our staff and our patients, but they don't change our commitment to continue providing high-quality primary healthcare services to the local community.

In particular, BRAMS is focused on managing Influenza and we have begun our marketing campaign for the flu vaccine.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the BRAMS staff for their hard work and dedication over the past month in implementing the necessary changes to accommodate COVID-19, while continuing to provide first-class health services to our patients. Your efforts are appreciated.

*Cassie Devereux*

CEO



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**!WELCOME!**

## NEW STAFF

Please give a warm welcome to the newest members of the BRAMS team

**Kayla Grumley**  
Child Health Nurse

**Thandar Win**  
GP

**Andreia Alves de Oliveira**  
Medical Screening Officer

**Peter Clifton**  
Cleaner

## INTERNATIONAL WOMENS DAY

International Women's Day was celebrated on 8 March this year. But the message goes beyond one day - individually, we're all responsible for our own thoughts and actions. All day, every day.

Let's all be **#EachforEqual**.



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## NEW SENIOR MEDICAL OFFICER :)

### CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Dr Jonno, who has just been appointed Senior Medical Officer!

Dr Jonno has been with BRAMS for almost 3 Years.

## NOW HIRING

BRAMS is seeking part-time and casual health workers and registered nurses. Do you know someone who fits the bill?

Call Erina on **08 9192 1338** for more information or send a resume to [erinat@brams.org.au](mailto:erinat@brams.org.au)

### Job Opportunity

BRAMS are seeking  
**PART TIME** and **CASUAL**  
Health Workers and Registered  
Nurses...

Please submit your current resume to  
[erinat@brams.org.au](mailto:erinat@brams.org.au)

If you like more information  
please call **Erina on 91921 338**

## MEDICATION ORDERS

A friendly reminder for ordering medications:

- Orders placed before 12pm will be ready 3pm (same day)
- Orders placed after 12pm WILL NOT be ready until 10am (next day)

All orders will need to be picked up from Chinatown Pharmacy, Paspaley.

### \*\*\* MEDICATION NOTICE \*\*\*

#### ORDERS BEFORE 12pm

Medication orders  
that are placed  
**before 12pm**  
will be **READY**  
**3pm (SAME DAY).**

#### ORDERS AFTER 12pm

Medication orders  
that are placed  
**after 12pm**  
**WILL NOT** be ready  
**until 10am (NEXT DAY)**

Please **COLLECT** from Chinatown Pharmacy  
in Paspaley

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## FLU VACCINES

Flu season is here, and flu vaccines are now available for all ages. Please call BRAMS on 9192 1338 before coming into the clinic for your shot.





## DELIVERY SERVICES

**DUE TO THE COVID-19 BRAMS HAS MADE CHANGES TO WAY WE DELIVER OUR SERVICES.**

**EVERYONE WILL NOW BE REQUIRED TO PRESENT TO THE FAMILY CENTRE.**

You will be seen by a Triage Worker who will ask you some questions to make sure you don't have the symptoms for coronavirus. If you don't have these symptoms, you will then be taken to the main clinic.

**Please remember if you have ANY of these symptoms:**



**Fever • Cough • Sore Throat**

**AND**

• Travelled internationally in the 14 days before getting sick

**OR**

• Had contact with someone diagnosed with or suspected coronavirus in the 14 days before getting sick

**PLEASE DO NOT COME TO THE CLINIC**



**Call reception on 08 9192 1338**  
and we will arrange for you to speak to a GP.

## SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING

Are you feeling worried or upset? Need someone to talk to? We are here for you! Call BRAMS for a confidential chat with one of our Social & Emotional Well-Being team members.

### ARE YOU FEELING ...

WORRIED

SCARED

ANXIOUS

**BRAMS SEWB team are here to help..!**

PLEASE CALL THE CLINIC  
on **08 9192 1338**  
and ask to speak to the  
Social Emotional Well-being Team

  
**8:30am -**

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## EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH :)

### CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Dr Kate Rieben who is the BRAMS Employee of Month for April.

Colleagues praised Dr Kate for her friendly and calm demeanour and her contribution to the organisation.

"She doesn't complain, but gets on with the job and does it with a smile on her face," said one.

"She is calm, approachable and an invaluable member of BRAMS." Awesome work Dr Kate, an honour well deserved!

## STAFF PROFILES

**Kayla Grumley**  
Child Health Nurse



**How long have been employed at BRAMS:**

3 weeks.

**What I like best about my job?**

Building relationships.

**What would you like to achieve?**

Empower families to grow up strong happy children.

**What are some of the things you like to do when you're not working?**

When I am not working I am looking after my 2.8 year old Son, I like to go to the Beach, Camping, Cook, Dance, Crabbing and catching up with friends.

**What do you like about Broome?**

Broome is unique it has a rich culture and I like how the beaches and colours always change with the light and tides.

**Random Fact(s):**

Octopuses have 3 hearts.

**Tell us your favorite quote:**

In a World where you can be anything be Kind.

**Thandar Win**  
GP



**How long have been employed at BRAMS:**

3 weeks.

**What do you like most about your job?**

Being able to work with supportive colleagues and a great team.

**What you would like to achieve?**

To ensure all patients receive the best possible medical care. And to improve preventive health care of Aboriginal people.

**What are some of the things you like to do when you're not working?**

Watching Korean drama, Chinese drama. Travelling to different places. Cooking.

**What do you like about Broome?**

The beaches.

**Random Facts?**

Prevention is better than cure!

**Tell us your favorite quote:**

If you believe in yourself, anything is possible.

**Erina Tanaka**  
Corporate Services Manager



**How long have been employed at BRAMS:**

6 years

**What do you like most about your job?**

I like the challenges it brings to me.

**What you would like to achieve?**

To do my filing more frequently!

**What are some of the things you like to do when you're not working?**

Fishing and camping with my little family and EATING :-)

**What do you like about Broome?**

Fishing!!!!!! And there's no place like home!

**Any random facts you could share with us?**

KIDS ASK 300 QUESTIONS A DAY!

**Tell us your favourite quote:**

Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery but today is a gift, that's why we call it present.

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