



Broome
Regional Aboriginal
Medical Service

BRAMS FEB 2020 NEWSLETTER

CEO REPORT

We started off 2020 with a very busy month at BRAMS, and throughout January we treated 3015 patients.

As we patiently await the outcome of our NDIS registration process, we were grateful to receive a grant through the Transition Assistance Funding to assist us to commence our NDIS program.

Read on for an update on the progress we've already made to date.

On 14 January, our Strategic Plan was endorsed by our Board of Directors. This is an exciting time for BRAMS as we implement a range of positive strategic changes throughout the organisation. A further workshop was held at the end of January to translate the Strategic Plan into an Operational Plan, with key performance indicators and clear timelines to achieve these actions.

The final Rule Book Workshop will be held on 27 February. This is a great opportunity for our members to be involved in the process of revising the Rule Book to ensure it meets the needs of the organisation for now and into the future.

We started the year off by providing all staff with training on our Quality Management System (LOGIQC), which enables BRAMS to manage client feedback and incidents. This information is vital in making improvements to the quality of the care that we provide to our patients. We received positive feedback on the training and look forward to seeing increased use of the system by BRAMS staff.

A reminder that February is ATSI Health Check Month at BRAMS, so keep a close eye out for our promotional campaign in the local newspaper, on Facebook, and on local radio.

Cassie Devereux

CEO



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!WELCOME!

NEW STAFF MEMBERS

A warm welcome to the following staff members, who have recently joined BRAMS.

NEW STAFF MEMBER PROFILE

Name: Davo Cox

Position:
Outreach co-ordinator

How long have been employed at BRAMS?
3 weeks

What do you like most about your job?
The opportunity to help my mob in the community

What you would like to achieve?
To be proactive in my job and engage with the community

What are some of the things you like to do when you're not working?
Sleeping, fishing, hunting, spending time with family

What do you like about Broome?
Everything, my home town

Any random facts you could share with us?
A Dragonfly is not really a Dragon

Tell us your favorite quote:
Be true to your teeth otherwise they will be False to you



NEW STAFF MEMBER PROFILE

Kristine Chadwick

Position:
Evidence, Access and Planning Coordinator

How long have been employed at BRAMS?
2 months

What do you like most about your job?
Assisting people to get on NDIS

What you would like to achieve?
To help people to access extra supports and services which they have not had before

What are some of the things you like to do when you're not working?
Relaxing at home and going to the beach

What do you like about Broome?
Beach and Coffee shops

Any random facts you could share with us?
About 700 grapes go into one bottle of wine

Tell us your favorite quote:
It's not so much what we have in this life that matters.
It's what we do with what we have - Mister Rogers



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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

BRAMS has the following job opportunities available:

Child Health Nurse

Full Time

Cleaner

Part Time

Clinical Quality Improvement Officer

Full Time

Aboriginal Health Worker Outreach

Full Time

Aboriginal Health Worker Tobacco Officer

Full Time

SEWB Case Worker

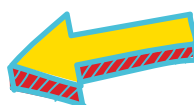
Full Time

Family Centre Coordinator

Full Time

Senior Medical Officer

Full Time



If you would like to find out more information about these exciting opportunities, please visit:

kams.org.au/training-employment/
employment or call Erina Tanka on
(08) 9192 1338

MEDICAL RECEPTIONIST TRAINING

BRAMS' Medical Reception staff along with staff members from other Aboriginal Medical Services throughout the Kimberley (YYMS, DAHS & OVAHS) attended a week-long training program with the AMA (Australia Medical Association).

Upon completion of the course, each participant received four nationally accredited Units for; **BSBMED301** Interpret and apply medical terminology appropriately, **BSBMED302** Prepare and process medical accounts, **BSBMED303** Maintain patient records, **BSBMED305** Apply the principles of confidentiality, privacy and security within the medical environment.

Staff praised the course and said they looked forward to bringing their new skills to the BRAMS workplace.



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NDIS PROGRESS

Since the start of 2020, the NDIS team at BRAMS has received 18 referrals for the Evidence Access Coordinator to follow up on. This means assisting people to complete NDIS Access Request Forms, gathering relevant evidence of disability and current functional impairments, and submitting these directly to NDIS on the participant's behalf.

In many cases, this means following up with outside clinics, health services or doctors to obtain the required evidence, and this can sometimes take time.

So far, 7 completed Access Request Forms (ARFs) have been submitted, and while 4 of these are still being assessed, 3 have been approved. These participants are now on the NDIS scheme and in the process of having a funded plan approved. The BRAMS NDIS team continues to gather evidence and support material for the 13 remaining applications.

Arthur Segundo has recently started in the role of Family Support Worker, and he will be supporting the Early Childhood Support program (access to Allied Health Services, speech, OT/physio and Child Psychologist), which will support 0-7 years-old with developmental delays, and other issues requiring support while seeking further diagnosis or assistance to access NDIS support.

A second Family Support Worker will be starting with us soon.

OUTREACH VISITS TO MILLIYA RUMURRA

BRAMS is pleased to be working in partnership with Milliyya Rumurra to deliver primary health care services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people undertaking rehabilitation. Dr Bek Legingham, Registrar Dr Luke Davies and Outreach Coordinator Mr David Cox will provide these valuable services on a weekly basis.



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NEW GP REGISTRAR

BRAMS would like to welcome Dr Luke Davies. Dr Davies is a Noongar man from Perth and he is currently in his first year of GP training. Dr Davies will be working with BRAMS for a 12-month period. Dr Davies is looking forward to working at BRAMS to help improve health outcomes for local mob. Dr Davies has a particular interest in men's health and child/adolescence health.



ELDER ABUSE PROGRAM

Ms Eliana Sarmiento has now commenced at BRAMS working one day a week to deliver the Elder Abuse Program. Elder Abuse can include emotional, physical, financial, or other types of abuse. If you have any concerns about older people in your community who are being abused, or who are at risk of being abused, we encourage you to speak to Eliana via the BRAMS reception.

STRATEGIC PLAN

The BRAMS Strategic Plan was endorsed by the Board of Directors on 14 January. The Plan provides an overarching framework of action to improve the health, wellbeing and safety of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in Broome, now and over the next 5 years.

It focuses on three priority domains:

- Our Consumers
- Our People
- Our Organisation

In order to achieve our objectives and drive improved performance throughout the organisation, implementation of the Plan will be driven the Chief Executive Officer and overseen by the BRAMS Board of Directors.

The CEO will work with Senior Managers to drive the progress of the deliverables, and a yearly performance report will be presented to BRAMS members at each concurrent Annual General Meeting.

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STAFF PROFILE

Bek Ledingham

Position: GP

How long have been employed at BRAMS?

I'm excited to be back for the last couple of months after working here for a few years 4 years ago.

What do you like most about your job?

I love the team environment at BRAMS, working with the Health Workers and other staff & enjoy getting to know patients over time and seeing their families grow, seeing them through bad times and good.

What you would like to achieve?

It would be great to see the health of BRAMS patients getting better over the years because of top class care and prevention activities and I think BRAMS is the perfect place to deliver that.

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

I love reading and writing and am having a go at writing my first novel. I also have two gorgeous kids & two dogs to keep me on my toes. We love spending time at the beach.

What do you like about Broome?

I was born in NZ and more than other parts of Australia, Broome reminds me of New Zealand. I love how music is a big part of life and brings people together, I also love the skies and getting out camping in the beautiful Kimberley. The people in Broome are the best!

Any random facts you could share with us?

As a young woman I sometimes performed as a clown and fire twirler in festivals.

Tell us your favorite quote?

"Life is either a daring adventure or nothing at all"

- Helen Keller.

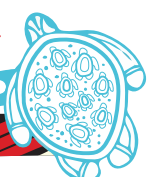


FAREWELL

BRAMS would like to thank our two GP Registrars, Dr Gemma Brown and Dr Gemma Johnston, for their hard work and dedication during their placement at BRAMS. We wish you all the best in your future endeavours.

BRAMS would also like to wish a big farewell to our Medical Receptionist, Mr Hazali D'Anna. Hazali was successfully offered a traineeship with the Department of Health in Melbourne. This is a fantastic opportunity for Hazali's career, and we wish him all the best in this next adventure.

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