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CEO Report



It's been a busy month for BRAMS.

While the number of COVID-19 cases continues to decline in Broome, there's been an escalation of Influenza in the community, and we're encouraging everyone to come in for their flu vaccine.

We are looking forward to starting our Model of Care project in July. This is an important piece of work that will further enhance the patient journey at BRAMS.

I would like to congratulate KAMS on the recent launch of their five-year strategic plan. It was a privilege to attend the launch, and I thank the KAMS staff who organised the event.

Cassie



Aged Care

BRAMS is delighted to announce that we will commence delivering Aged Care Packages from the beginning of next month (1 August).

Our dedicated Aged Care Team is looking forward to expanding our services and providing high-quality Aged Care to the local community.



Model of Care Project

BRAMS would like to thank WAPHA for providing funding to BRAMS to engage a manager to implement our Model of Care Project.

We are pleased to announce that Erina Tanaka has been appointed as the Model of Care Manager.

Erina has more than 10 years' experience in the Aboriginal Medical Sector, and has a strong understanding of our Model of Care and how improvements can be made to it that will enhance the patient journey for those using BRAMS services.



New Staff

Welcome!



BRAMS would like to welcome Rachel Prouse to the team. Rachel is a Psychologist and is working every Thursday at BRAMS.



BRAMS would also like to welcome Dr Claus Bloekear to the team. Dr Claus is working four days a week in the clinic.

3 on 3 Garnduwa Basketball Corporate Cup Competition 2022

As part of NAIDOC Week this year, Garnduwa hosted a Corporate Cup 3 on 3 Streetball Carnival, in which BRAMS staff were eager to participate.

BRAMS entered two teams, one of whom made the grand final against Alive 'n Kicking Goals.

The concept of the idea proposed by Garnduwa is to provide an opportunity for participants to have some fun with their fellow work colleagues, and take the opportunity to network with other like-minded people working in the Indigenous space.



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QAAMS Training in Adelaide

On June 21 & 22, Aboriginal Health Workers Billy Martin, Fatimiar Skeen & Zennath Malay attended the QAAMS workshop in Adelaide.

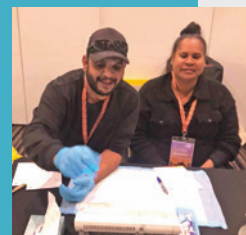
The QAAMS Program holds a workshop each year that is open to all QAAMS participants, providing training for people undertaking competency certification for the first time, along with a competency update for those previously trained.

The workshop also covered areas such as:

- Education about diabetes care;
- Presentations from Aboriginal Medical Services;
- Interactive group sessions;
- Opportunities to meet and share experiences with QAAMS participants from all around Australia; and
- Time to meet members of the QAAMS Management Team.

The AHWs really enjoyed the workshop, and they met a lot of AHWs from AMSs all around Australia, taking the opportunity to share stories with one another.

All AHWs are now qualified to perform point-of-care HbA1c & ACR tests on our BRAMS patients.



Well done team!

Youth Mental Health First Aid

Albert Bevan, Latoyah Lawford, Stanley Francis and Lattrell Matthews attended a Youth Mental Health First Aid Training course delivered by Mental Health First Aid Australia, and are now all accredited Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Mental Health First Aiders.

Congratulations all!



Consumer Feedback Survey

We would love to hear from you about your experience with us... Fill out our new online Consumer Feedback Survey - www.surveymonkey.com/r/J2JN65H

Consumer Feedback Survey

1. Can you rate how your visit was today?

☐ Excellent

☐ Very Good

☐ Good

☐ Fair

☐ Poor

Other (please specify):



NDIS Yarning Circle Conference



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On 8th and 9th June, Chris Bin Kali (Chairperson), Cassie Atchison (CEO), Erina Tanaka (NDIS Manager) and Diandra Cox (Corporate Services Manager) attended the NACCHO NDIS Yarning Circle Conference. It was a great opportunity to network with remote Aboriginal Medical Services and other external stakeholders.

The CEO and Chairperson provided a video presentation of our NDIS journey, including our participants sharing their stories.

BRAMS would like to thank the NACCHO staff for organising such a successful event.



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NAIDOC Walk 2022: *Get Up, Stand Up, Show Up*

The 2022 Kullarri NAIDOC Reconciliation Walk marked the commencement of NAIDOC Week activities in Broome.

The theme for this year's event was *'Get Up, Stand Up, Show Up'*.

BRAMS was one of the many services that participated in this short walk, which brings together Indigenous and non-Indigenous people, local schools, and First Nations organisations to show their support of reconciliation in modern Australia.



Flu Vaccine

COVID-19 cases may be falling but the flu is back with a vengeance, and the clinical team has had its hands full rolling out the flu vaccine to the local community.

We're encouraging everyone to come in and get their flu shot.

In June, BRAMS held a flu vaccine day and participated in the Vax-a-thon with KAMS, WACHS and RFDS.

With the growing numbers of cases, it's important people get vaccinated to protect themselves and their families and help stop the spread in the community.



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Staff Profiles

My name is Thomas Nickels from One Arm Point / Darwin.

I am an NDIS Support Coordinator and I find this job good to help a lot of people out. I grew up helping people all the time - especially family members - and it always makes me feel good when I help out.

I have two young boys on NDIS who have helped me to understand the impacts of disabilities within our community, but I also want to do the best I can to learn and help others.

I enjoy seeing them happy after I help and support them. I earn their respect and respect them too.

I would like to continue what I am doing for the Broome community and be able to help and teach others in the future, also with the NDIS.



My name is Vincent Lane from Broome.

I am an NDIS Support Worker/Coordinator with BRAMS.

I like and enjoy my job as it gives me a lot of challenges and satisfaction in seeing others improving.

I started at BRAMS in 2020 as a Transport Officer then moved to NDIS Support Worker and SEWB Case Worker, and now hold a position back within the NDIS department.

I would like to continue in this role until I am able to find ways to better myself on ways to help people within my community.





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