



Broome
Regional Aboriginal
Medical Service

BRAMS

June
2020

NEWSLETTER

CEO REPORT



It has been another very busy month at BRAMS. While there have been no new cases of COVID-19 in the Kimberley, BRAMS continues to screen patients coming into our clinic, and will keep doing so until the threat of COVID-19 has properly passed.

We're also encouraging the community to remain vigilant, despite the absence of new cases - by continuing to practice good hygiene and social distancing, and getting tested if you're feeling unwell, Broome can remain free of COVID-19 and we can continue to protect those who are most vulnerable.

BRAMS is still offering telephone consultations, and we encourage people with cold and flu symptoms to utilise this service.

As we approach June 30, the BRAMS Management Team has been busy working on preparing our budgets for the new financial year.

The BRAMS Board endorsed a new organisation structure (see page 2).

I'm also pleased to report that we have created a BRAMS salary structure that ensures there are transparent processes in place in determining the salary package for each position. The structure also provides for staff to progress to the different pay points on an annual basis.

Cassie Devereux
CEO

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ORGANISATION RESTRUCTURE

The BRAMS Board recently endorsed a new organisation structure, which took effect on 1 June, 2020.

Historically, BRAMS has had the same organisational structure in place for a number of years. The Board recently revisited that structure in an effort to identify and create more employment and management opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in our community. In addition, the revised structure enables BRAMS to meet the goals set out in our strategic plan.

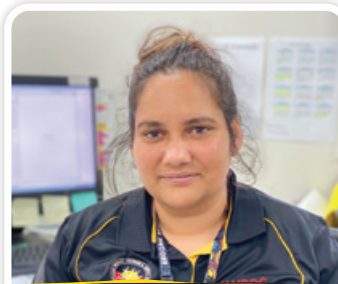
The BRAMS Management Team now comprises the following:



Cassie Devereux
CEO



Erina Tanaka
Corporate Services Manager



Diandra Cox
Corporate Services Team Leader



Melanie Prewett
NDIS Manager



Cassandra Matsumoto
Population Health Manager



Delia Lawford
Practice Manager



Telithia Matthews
Practice Team Leader



Jonathan Blundell
Senior Medical Officer



Janine Roe
Clinic Administration Manager



Jodi Shadforth
Clinic Administration Team Leader

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EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH :)

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to our employee of the month

Andreia Alves De Oliveira

Here are some of the kind words Andreia's colleagues had to say about her:

"Appreciate her kindness to our BRAMS patients."

"Interacted professionally towards people who had challenging personalities."

"Being the first contact is a big risk, and didn't mind serving the community."

Well done Andreia thank you for all your efforts and hard work during the COVID-19 crisis. Well deserved!



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WE CARE
ABOUT YOU



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A SPECIAL INVITATION

BRAMS has been caring for the Broome community for more than 40 years, and we want you to join our family.

Membership of BRAMS costs just \$1, and lets you become involved in the organisation and help shape its future.

This is your chance to make a difference in the local community.

Members are entitled to attend, speak and vote at Meetings; are eligible to be appointed or elected as a Director of BRAMS; and can put forward resolutions to be voted on at Meetings, among other benefits.

To be eligible, members must be:

- at least 18 years old;
- be an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander person; and
- a permanent resident of the Shire of the Broome.

Get your membership application today by calling the BRAMS office on
9192 1338

**MEMBERSHIP
FOR
2020-2021
ARE OPEN**

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TRAINING

A number of BRAMS staff are currently undergoing training to further their skills.

Staff members from NDIS and the Health Promotion Team has been busy participating in a 12-month training program, working on their skills in Community Services. This includes upskilling in client assessments, supporting clients who are affected by domestic and family violence, trauma-informed care, and planning and conducting group activities.

The Tackling Indigenous Smoking (TIS) team are refreshing their skills through Quit Smoking training online.



NDIS UPDATE

June has been a busy month so far for the NDIS team at BRAMS, with our Evidence and Access Program and Early Childhood Support programs continuing to get more referrals for assistance, as well as lots of different training opportunities happening for our team members.

We have also been keeping busy with our NDIS services for people with NDIS plans and providing support coordination – which involves helping them to understand what is covered by their plan, and connecting up to good supports. Sometimes this means working with other providers in town to see how many hours of support they can provide, so that the clients can choose which ones they want, and when, and helping the clients to get agreements signed so that supports can start being provided.

We have also just started providing one-on-one supports with Daily Living Skills and Access to the Community, with a support worker helping them at home or getting out and about for shopping or other things they need to do. It can also be helping the clients to look at fun activities around town, such as a cooking class, sports or fitness class, a visit to the library or getting involved with a men's or women's group. NDIS plans cover a range of different activities and supports depending on the client's needs and what their goals are that they need help to achieve. So we look at how we can help them, and provide great supports where we can.

Our staff in the NDIS team are all pretty busy with work and training, but we all enjoy what we do and if asked about why we enjoy working here at BRAMS, will tell you things like “we really enjoy helping people and making a difference to their lives”, “we work hard but we have fun doing it” and “BRAMS is a great place to work, the staff are great”.

Having said that we are always looking for more casual staff to help out with support coordination, as well as support workers to work one-on-one. So, if you know anyone who might be interested, please tell them to give us a call. :)



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NEW STAFF >



Please give a warm welcome to the newest member of the BRAMS team: **VINCENT LANE**, who joins BRAMS as a casual Disability Support Case Coordinator

STAFF PROFILES

Telithia Matthews
Practice Team Leader



How long have been employed at BRAMS:

Almost 2 years.

What I like best about my job?

To see members in my community happy & satisfied with the holistic care we provide to them & that every day presents with a new opportunity to learn something new.

What would you like to achieve?

Set the right goals in my workplace & in my life. To celebrate small wins & learn as much as I can to gain more knowledge & become more successful in life.

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

Spending time with my children, shopping, fishing or Netflix & chill.

Random Fact(s):

Long showers spark creativity.

Tell us your favorite quote:

"You attract the right things when you have a sense of who you are."

Keilani Bin Hitam
Marketing and Events Officer



How long have been employed at BRAMS:

Almost 2 years.

What I like best about my job?

Learning new things.

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

Spending time with family, fishing and Netflix.

What do you like about Broome?

Family & Fishing.

Random Fact(s):

It's impossible to hum while holding your nose.

Tell us your favorite quote:

"Without music, life would be a mistake."
- Friedrich Nietzsche

Tamsen Prunster (nee Guger)
Endorsed Midwife



How long have been employed at BRAMS:

14 ½ years

What I like best about my job?

The amazing stories women tell me of their lives and adventures. Working with a resilient Antenatal Team (Dr Chevaun J) giving consistent sensitive Antenatal Care. I love seeing the babies after delivery and the joy they bring to the family.

What would you like to achieve?

I would like to be able continue to improve the journey from BRAMS to the birth suite and back.

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

Boot Camp, Yoga, Book Club, Fishing & Crabbing, walking dogs on beach, visiting Derby Town, fires at night and cooking for my family.

What do you like about Broome?

Broome has the breathtaking beaches, aqua ocean that turns green in a storm, mud flats and reefs at low tide, the most beautiful sunrise and sunset. My favourite bird in Broome is the Black Cockatoo which brings good luck.

Random Fact(s):

My Father was born in Broome and Mum from Roma - she came to Derby with the RFDS as a "flying sister" and met Dad on the first night!

I was born in Derby and I had both my kids there. I love the marsh and the bush with the gnarly Boab trees.

I will start scuba diving again once the kids are both over 18 yrs.. in case I am eaten by a shark! My favourite city in the world is Singapore and I will return again one day....to eat and shop!

Tell us your favorite quote:

"This too will pass." (Mum says this to me when I am worried about something - she is always right!)

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THANK U!

Thank you

Kimberley Regional Alliance for Students in Health who have kindly donated coffees. along with Rusty Coast Coffee for your weekly service to our wonderful staff here at BRAMS... THANK YOU !



THANK U!

THANK YOU

Do you want to give up smoking? Is your parent or partner keen to BRAMS would like to thank the following organisations and agencies for providing COVID-19 Relief Funding to BRAMS.

Lotterywest

Mobile Phones, relief packages and transport costs.

Minderoo

Perspex for our transport vehicles, iPads to facilitate telehealth consultations, and printing and installing signs for vulnerable patients' houses.

BHP

Additional staff uniforms, ipads for directors to connect remotely to Board meetings, maternity packages, and funding to cover the salary of staff undertaking screening.

Department of Health

One-off funding to cover costs associated with managing the outbreak of COVID-19.

The photo left is an example of the perspex installed into our transport vehicle courtesy of Minderoo.

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ARE YOU AN EX SMOKER?

Then We Want Your Story..!

All participants will go into the draw to WIN a Meat Tray from Tenderspot Meat

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Tackling
Indigenous
Smoking



JOOBUCH

Are you
Aboriginal or
Torres Strait
Islander?

YES

Are you an
Ex Smoker?

**Then We Want
Your Stories**



Phone us on

08 9192 1338

or Email: stanleyf@brams.org.au

All entrants will be entered into a raffle

TO WIN A MEAT TRAY

Provided by **Tenderspot Meat Company Broome**
raffle will be drawn at the end of each month



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