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Soleil White

Aboriginal Health Practitioner of the Year!



BRAMS Consumer Feedback Working Group



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The highlight of the month was undoubtedly Soli White winning the Aboriginal Health Practitioner of the Year at the Western Australian Rural Health Excellence Awards 2025, fitting recognition for her outstanding work.

We're pleased to have signed a partnership with Orange Sky to provide essential laundry services to the Broome community, which comes at an important time with so many people impacted by the housing crisis.

We also had Consumer Feedback Month, which involved staff completing short surveys across all our program areas. The Consumer Feedback Working Group is now in the process of collating those results, which will be shared in next month's newsletter.

# New Staff

# Welcome

Please welcome the newest members of the BRAMS family



**Gina Clay**  
Aboriginal Health  
Worker Trainee

## What are you most looking forward to about working at BRAMS?

Hi, my name is Gina Clay, and I am currently an Aboriginal Health Worker trainee at BRAMS.

There are many aspects of my traineeship that I'm looking forward to. Three things in particular stand out: first, the opportunity to gain valuable knowledge and skills in Aboriginal healthcare from my co-workers and from the traineeship itself; second, the chance to work alongside my co-workers and build strong, supportive relationships; and third, earning the trust of my patients, helping them feel comfortable with me, and empowering them to take control of their health and improve their well-being.

Overall, I'm very eager to contribute towards BRAMS' mission, and work alongside the team to help BRAMS succeed in their vision for our community.



**Sandra Milanovic**  
Recall Registered Nurse

## What are you most looking forward to about working at BRAMS?

I've recently made the move up to Broome after growing up in Perth to enjoy the slower, country life.

I come from a paediatric nursing background, having worked in oncology, cardiology and neurology, and I'm excited to be joining the clinic here.

My spare time is spent fishing and camping, and I've grown up surfing, playing footy and fighting in Muay Thai. I'm excited to enjoy the Broome lifestyle and be part of the team!



**Ava Brock**  
Aboriginal Disability  
Support Coordinator

## What are you most looking forward to about working at BRAMS?

I'm most looking forward to meeting new people, and gaining more knowledge within my role.

Moving from Victoria, I'm very excited to experience a different way of living, and extend my knowledge of Indigenous culture by connecting with mob.



**Natasha Katene / Tash**  
Aged and Disability  
Rostering and Scheduling  
Officer

## What are you most looking forward to about working at BRAMS?

I am excited to learn all new tasks as an Aged and Disability Rostering and Scheduling Officer. Mostly I love that there are so many departments within BRAMS, and so many people to meet and the opportunities here for everyone.

I have two school-aged children; my family and I have spent the last 18 months travelling Australia before deciding Broome is our forever place. I look forward to my BRAMS journey.

# Elder Care Support Program

Through the National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO), BRAMS is part of the Elder Care Support Program, which aims to enhance care for Elders and strengthen the Aboriginal health workforce.

Here at BRAMS we support our Elders' to access Aged Care services, make sure they know their rights, and connect them to local support services. We provide localised, person-centred and culturally-appropriate support in Broome. It's our job to let Elders know their choices, and help them to stay independent and living at home.



The program aims to:

- Support older Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to understand and engage with the Aged Care system, to receive greater local support.
- Reduce barriers across the Aged Care journey to increase the number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people accessing Aged Care services, achieving or exceeding parity with non-Indigenous people at a whole-of-system and program level.
- Increase the number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people receiving care on Country.
- Increase clinical and non-clinical employment and career opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the Aged Care sector.

# Employee of the Month



## Congratulations to Joe Fong , our Employee of the Month for March 2025!

Here's what colleagues had to say about Joe:

- Hardworking
- Always helpful in the clinic, especially during staff shortages in February
- Brings positive energy
- Extremely supportive of students

## Congratulations Joe - too deadly!

# First Aid Training



The Admin Team recently participated in an upskilling session focused on first aid.

This valuable training equipped them with essential life-saving skills, enhancing their ability to respond effectively in emergency situations.

We are proud of their dedication to personal development and maintaining a safe working environment for all.

# Orange Sky Partnership



In partnership with Broome Regional Aboriginal Medical Service (BRAMS), Orange Sky is bringing one of their bright orange solar-powered laundry vehicles, fitted with three washing machines and three dryers, to the Broome community.

Our team has undertaken training two weeks of training on how to use our new truck, and we are looking forward to delivering this important service to those who need it in the local community.

## Diandra Cox



Our People and Culture Executive Manager, Diandra Cox, has commenced her Diploma in Human Resources Management through AIM.

She noted: “Passion makes learning more enjoyable and fulfilling. Being able to study at my own pace has given me the confidence to grow and succeed in my role. This course is not only helping me refine my existing skills and formalise my knowledge, but it’s also equipping me to better serve my community.”

*Keep up the good work, Diandra!*



# University of Notre Dame's Program Students



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Dr. Ryan recently introduced BRAMS to first-year medical students at the University of Notre Dame. He provided an insightful overview of BRAMS' history, and emphasised the cultural significance of its location—adjacent to the former native hospital, a site of profound importance. Dr. Ryan also recounted the history of the Common Gate near BRAMS, and shared a personal connection: his grandmother resided just across the road for many years.

The University of Notre Dame's program is a new, currently non-clinical initiative. The students' engagement was evident through their thoughtful and detailed questions, reflecting a deep interest in the subject matter. Topics of inquiry included the Model of Care at BRAMS, patient statistics, and challenges Indigenous patients face in accessing healthcare.

We extend our best wishes to the Notre Dame students in their future endeavours.



## Soli White's Big Award Win



Please join us in congratulating Soli White, who was awarded Aboriginal Health Practitioner of the Year at the Western Australian Rural Health Excellence Awards 2025.

This is well-deserved recognition of Soli's hard work, commitment, and contribution to Aboriginal health in our region.

We're proud to have her as part of the team, and delighted that she has received this prestigious honour!

*Congratulations Soli!*

# March Consumer Feedback Month



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The Consumer Feedback Working Group ran Consumer Feedback Month, which involved staff completing short pulse surveys across all program areas.

They are now collating the results and will share them in the next newsletter.

A huge thanks to our Consumer Feedback Working Group for facilitating this great piece of work.

## Employee Wellness Working Group

BRAMS has set up a new Employee Wellness Working Group to support staff wellbeing.

The group has completed a staff survey to gather feedback on employee needs. Several initiatives are planned, including more team-building days, fitness challenges, and other engaging and fun activities.





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