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NEWSLETTER

CEO REPORT

As you would be aware, we have now had the first confirmed COVID-19 cases in the Kimberley region.



This is a challenging time for the entire community, but I want to reassure staff that we have a rigorous plan to manage the risk here at BRAMS, and that the health and safety of our people and our clients is our number one priority. BRAMS has been working closely with KAMS and the Aboriginal Health Council of WA on a co-ordinated strategy to deal with an outbreak in the region, and we will continue to act in line with the latest advice from Government and health officials.

It's also important that you follow the advice on regular hand-washing, social distancing, and limiting physical contact. This will protect you, your colleagues, and our clients, and help keep the clinic free of COVID-19.

We are also now running a tele-health service which allows up to provide consultations over the phone.

We will provide further updates to staff as necessary, and I encourage you to follow our Facebook page to stay on top of developments.

Febuary was an extremely busy time for BRAMS. I started the month off by attending the CEO Network Meeting at AHCWA in Perth. These meetings are very informative, and provide an opportunity to work together to tackle issues facing our sector at a national level.

We have been busy hosting a number of health promotion events, and it has been rewarding to see the increased participation from the community on these occasions, which are only made possible by the tireless work of BRAMS staff behind the scenes. Of course, in the current environment, future health promotion events are likely to be impacted by social distancing and other measures to stop the spread of COVID-19.

I am delighted to announce that BRAMS is now a registered NDIS provider. This is an extremely exciting time for the organisation as we significantly expand the way we care for the local community, and we look forward to providing high-quality services to our NDIS clients in the future.

Finally, just to let you know that we held our second rule book workshop with our members, on 27 Febuary. BRAMS Directors will now review the feedback from the workshop and will call a Special General Meeting later in the year.

As we navigate our way through these challenging times, it's important that you look after yourselves, your families and each other. Take care.

Cassie Devereux

CEO

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EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH :)

CONGRATULATIONS

to Billy Martin, who was awarded BRAMS Employee of Month for March 2020. Well done Billy!

Arthur Segundo
Family Support Worker



How long have been employed at BRAMS?

3 weeks

What do you like most about your job?

I have a Manager and Team who are very supportive and encouraging with my work. Which make me feel comfortable.

What you would like to achieve?

To understand their needs in the community and to provide a holistic approach. To deliver a culturally appropriate service to the individuals that we support.

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

Work with my motorbike and cars, play basketball casual game or league game and of course fishing and I don't mind the heat.

What do you like about Broome?

Beaches, fishing and camping spot.

Any random facts you could share with us?

Filipinos are extreme sociable people.

Tell us your favorite quote:

Smiling is my favorite exercise.

Candice Purdie
Family Support Worker



How long have been employed at BRAMS?

2 weeks

What do you like most about your job?

A friendly team and the ability to help families and their children.

What you would like to achieve?

To be good at my role so I can help families and their children to the best of my ability and to achieve good outcomes.

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

Relaxing with my family and doing recreational activities.

What do you like about Broome?

The beaches and saltwater fishing.

Any random facts you could share with us?

Blue whale's heartbeat can be heard from over 2 miles away.

Tell us your favorite quote:

Treat people the way you would like to be treated.

WELCOME!

Rosina (Rosie) Wade
Caseworker SEWB



How long have been employed at BRAMS?

3 Weeks

What do you like most about your job?

Advocating on behalf our SEWB clients and to ensure outcomes are achieved.

What you would like to achieve?

It's early days for me but, hopefully I could provide guidance/support to clients to use the many services that are available around town, the reason I say that is "that there are some many duplicate agencies in Broome, which has confused a lot of people."

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

Gardening, Fishing and making macramé hanging baskets.

What do you like about Broome?

Love Broome, born and raised here. Like they say "Home is where the heart is!"

Tell us your favorite quote:

"Do not carry other people's baggage (problems), if it's not yours, you don't own it, get rid of it. Take ownership what's truly yours."

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NDIS FORUM

With BRAMS becoming a registered NDIS provider, Acting NDIS Manager Melanie Prewett attended the NDIS Forum at AHCWA in Perth in early February, along with staff from KAMS and other Aboriginal Medical Services across WA (Pilbara, Goldfields, Midwest and SouthWest regions).

There were presentations from Rachel Haine from the NDIA (National Disability Insurance Agency), encouraging Aboriginal Medical Services to become registered NDIS Providers, in order to be able to provide additional supports to Aboriginal people with disabilities. These supports could range from personal care, support workers at home or in the community, assistance with transport, therapy and many others services.

We also heard from Danielle Loizou-Lake from NDS (National Disability Services), who detailed the range of administrative

supports available to registered NDIS providers – help with issues and queries relating to services, service bookings and agreements, and also reporting and claims from NDIS funding for services delivered.

Later in the day, Mark Kelly from Miwatj Health in Arnhem Land delivered a presentation outlining the journey his organisation has taken to become a registered NDIS service provider in the remote areas of Arnhem Land, and how they are supporting a large number of people with NDIS funded plans.

It was a great networking opportunity, to meet staff from other AMS's and share ideas on how we can make the most of having NDIS in our services, and provide the best possible support to our patients with a disability.

FREMANTLE DOCKERS 715 HEALTHCHECK

On 7th February 2020 the AFL Fremantle Dockers team worked with BRAMS to deliver an important health promotion campaign. Taking our inspiration from the world of car-racing, BRAMS designed a pit-stop approach to having a health check completed, promoting the message that it doesn't take long to stay on top of your health.

We had a high level of enegagment on the day, with 35 health checks completed and all participants receiving a bag with goodies. To cap it all off, BRAMS put on a BBQ lunch to celebrate what was a successful community campaign.

We would like to extend a **BIG THANK YOU** to the Fremantle Dockers for working in partnership with BRAMS.



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NATIONAL CONDOM DAY

BRAMS celebrated National Condom Day on 14 February. A big thank you to the Kimberley Condom Cowboy for visiting BRAMS, and spoiling our lovely ladies with flowers on Valentines Day!

BRAMS has designed our very own condoms, which are available at reception or by asking your health care worker.



SEXUAL HEALTH MONTH

Sexual health is extremely important, and BRAMS celebrated Sexual Health Month by offering young people under the age of 30 years the chance to come into the clinic for a sexual health 'Respect Check'.

Some deadly prizes were up for grabs for those participating, and we'd like to say a very big thank you to Katy Crawford from KAMS for donating those for the occasion.



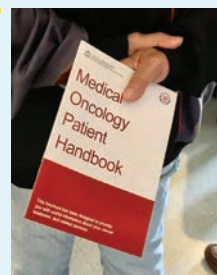
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TACKLING INDIGENOUS SMOKING: Cancer Training in Perth

Our TIS staff travelled to Perth to complete a 5-day AHCWA training on:

- Nationally accredited certificate HLTAHW035, providing information and support around cancer;
- Increasing participant knowledge about cancer, prevention, early detection, treatment and the impact of the disease, to improve the care of people with a cancer diagnosis;
- Improving participant skills to provide support to clients with cancer and promote prevention and early detection message in the broader community; and
- Facilitating better networks between Aboriginal health professionals and cancer support staff based in metropolitan areas.

Staff who attended provided very positive feedback, and said they look forward to incorporating what they learned into their work.



NATIONAL SORRY DAY

On March 9, staff from the Tackling Indigenous Smoking team, along with staff from the Social and Emotional Wellbeing Program, attended Broome Convention Centre to mark National Sorry Day.

The event celebrates the National Apology to the Stolen Generations, made by Prime Minister Kevin Rudd in February 2008.

The event was very well attended, with a host of entertainers on hand to help celebrate the day.

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