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As we kick off the new year, I want to welcome everyone back and hope you enjoyed time off with friends and family during the break.

Before we delve into 2022, it’s fitting that we close off last year by recognising the hard work and commitment of all our wonderful staff, and so you’ll find below the winners of last year’s employee awards. Congratulations again on your outstanding contributions!

The 2022 year promises to be another busy one.

With borders opening up around the country and Covid still causing havoc, BRAMS will make whatever modifications are necessary in our service delivery to ensure the community can continue to safely access primary health care. Please keep an eye out on our social media to stay up to date with the latest developments.

Vaccination remains our number 1 weapon in the fight against Covid, and we encourage all community members who have yet to get their vaccines to come into BRAMS for their jabs as soon as possible.

Cassie
New Staff  Welcome!
Please make welcome the newest members of the BRAMS family:

Shawana Ross  
Medical Receptionist

Josephine Hajinoor  
Medical Receptionist

Stacey Larke  
Social Worker
Staff Christmas Lunch and Awards
+ Kids Christmas

The BRAMS Christmas Lunch and Awards and Kids Christmas was held on Friday 17th December 2021. The following staff were recognised for their contributions and achievements throughout 2021.

**Customer Service Award – Hayley Pearson**
Hayley has been superb since joining the BRAMS team. She is kind and courteous, remains calm under pressure, and always has a warm and welcoming nature.

**Innovation Award – Katy Crawford**
Katy was recognised for her transformational work with the Any Size exercise group, and for the implementation of the first ever Vax-a-thon, something which has been replicated across the Kimberley.

**Outstanding Leadership Award – Janine Roe**
Janine has developed a brilliant administration team and continues to grow as a leader. She is dedicated to her work and is always well prepared and organised in her reporting duties.

**Most Improved Award – Vincent Lane**
Vincent has grown throughout the year and stepped up his case load. He’s always willing to help out his team members, and never fails to make sure that his participants are his number one priority.
Most Dedicated Award – Brad Close
Brad continues to get the best out of himself. He’s patient, caring and has a great rapport with the Broome Community. He goes above and beyond in his duties, and is caring and empathetic in all his interactions.

CEO’s Recognition Award – Candice Sibosado
Candice’s dedication and skills continue to play a key role in the Corporate Services Department. Her commitment, organisation and strong work ethic last year were rewarded with appointment to a senior position.

Aboriginal Health Practitioner of the Year – William (Billy) Martin
In a year made difficult by a shortage of AHPs, Billy was outstanding, and continues to be a valuable asset to the BRAMS team. He shows dedication and commitment in all his work, and was the backbone of the clinic throughout 2021.

Mentor Award – Dr Fearon Kelly
Dr Kelly was recognised for the way he has encouraged, inspired and assisted in the development of the registrars and medical students, and indeed all those with whom he is involved.
**GP of the Year – Dr Jade Walley**

Dr Walley has been a wonderful addition to the BRAMS team. She has an incredible work ethic, cares deeply about her patients, and brings energy and enthusiasm to the clinic.

**Teamwork Award – TIS Team**

The TIS team rally behind every event - rail, hail or shine. They are masters of the sausage sizzle but have grown in so many other ways, and we are all the richer for their tireless work behind the scenes.

**Employee of the Year – Peter Clifton**

Peter is one of our silent achievers, someone who has set a very high standard in all facets of his work. He’s committed, dedicated and takes pride in all that he does, making him a valuable member of the BRAMS family and a colleague respected and admired by his peers. Congratulations Peter!
BRAMS underwent its first accreditation of the NDIS Practice Standards in December. This involved a two-day audit conducted by two external auditors from HDAA, which included speaking with staff and our NDIS Participants. BRAMS is pleased to announce that we passed the audit. A very big thank you to our NDIS team for all of their hard work and dedication in providing this valuable service to the local community.

World International Disability Day

*Seeing the Ability in Disability*

We celebrated World International Disability Day on 3 December by holding a community lunch at BRAMS. We would like to thank Development Disability WA for funding this event.
Staff Profiles

Viviane Souza
Position
Finance Officer

How long have been employed at BRAMS?
5 months

What I like best about my job?
I love the friendly team and the challenges that every day let me learn something new.

What are some of the things you like to do when you’re not working?
When I am at home I love to bake cakes and breads, also I like to relax doing pottery classes and painting.

Tell us your favourite quote:
“Unless you try to do something beyond what you have already mastered, you will never grow.” Ralph W Emerson.

Random Fact
“I am a crazy cat lady.”

COVID-19 Alert

After almost two years, the Western Australian border is opening on 5 February, and BRAMS’ senior management team has been busy working on revising our COVID-19 Response Strategy.

Please follow us on social media to keep up-to-date on COVID-19 information and any changes to our service delivery.

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NDS Board Appointment

BRAMS is a member of the peak body for disability services - National Disability Services.

We are excited to announce that BRAMS CEO Cassie Atchison has been appointed as a Board of Director for NDS.

Cassie’s appointment will ensure that the Kimberley has a voice in advocating on all matters relating to the National Disability Insurance Scheme.

Congratulations Cassie!

New Positions at BRAMS

BRAMS has created a number of new positions to support our ongoing growth. We went through an internal recruitment process and are excited to announce the following appointments:

Decovan Lane  
Aboriginal Health Worker (Trainee)

Yasmeen Foy  
Aboriginal Health Worker (Trainee)

Kelly Shioji  
Aboriginal Liaison Officer

Casseius Corpus  
Aboriginal Liaison Officer

Melati Bin Aziz-Roe  
Health Promotion Officer

Congratulations!
AGM and Board Elections

The BRAMS AGM was held on Friday 10th December at the KAMS Training Room.

Changes to the Board include:

- The appointment of Christopher Bin Kali as the new Chairperson;
- Welcoming new Directors Marie Cox and Anthony Lee;
- Acknowledging the continuing Directorships of Philip Matsumoto, Kathleen Watson, Diann Britton, Duane Tang-Wei and Timothy Garrett; and
- Thanking Leah Dolby for her contribution as a BRAMS director.

We look forward to working with you all in 2022.

If you would like to become a member of BRAMS please contact us - we would love to have more of the Broome Community involved as members.
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