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It’s a busy time here at BRAMS as we prepare for the roll-out of the COVID-19 Vaccine. Our staff have been working extremely hard to undertake their COVID-19 training, and we are formulating a plan for the safe and timely roll-out of the vaccine.

We encourage the community to follow us on Facebook and Instagram to stay up to date on the latest information about the availability of the COVID vaccine, and encourage anyone with questions or concerns to contact BRAMS for additional information.

In other developments, all of our new staff have now commenced working in the clinic, and it is great to have all of our GP positions filled for the first time since 2019. Shortly, we will be looking at how we can introduce a blended approach in the clinic that combines walk-in consultations and appointments, so that we can best cater for the needs of our patients.

We all enjoyed our Sexual Health Week promotion, and it was great to see so many people participate in our survey. A big thank you to all who took part, and an even bigger thank you to the WA Aids Council for providing us with funding for the event.

Cassie
NEW STAFF  Welcome!

Please welcome the newest members of the BRAMS family

Dr Sam Gubicak  
General Practitioner  
Registrar

Dr Fearon Kelly  
General Practitioner

Dr Sumaya Haque  
General Practitioner

Elaine Harris  
Peer Support Coordinator

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

BRAMS is hiring. Contact us today for more information on our employment opportunities. Come and join our team!

08 9194 4800

Keep in touch with new opportunities by also visiting our website and facebook.

www.brams.org.au

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT BRAMS ON 08 9194 4800
**Clare Kennedy**  
**Position**  
Child Health Nurse  

**How long have been employed at BRAMS?**  
6 months  

**What I like best about my job?**  
Being able to assist Aboriginal kids and their families reach their potential, by working together to help improve the health of this generation and the next.  

**What would you like to achieve?**  
Health equality for Aboriginal people!  

**What do you like about Broome?**  
Wet season storms, amazing beaches, mangoes and the 5-minute drive to work!  

**Tell us your favourite quote:**  
“Just keep swimming.”  

**Random Fact**  
“If a Donkey and a Zebra have a baby, it is called a Zonkey.”

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**Andreia Alves de Oliveira**  
**Position**  
Evidence and Access Coordinator  

**How long have been employed at BRAMS?**  
1 year  

**What I like best about my job?**  
The cultural learning and also the empathy and compassion, being able to put yourself in another person’s shoes and build a true connection.  

**What would you like to achieve?**  
Inclusion for all who have disability to live a better life.  

**What are some of the things you like to do when you’re not working?**  
I like to go running every day after work.  

**What do you like about Broome?**  
The colours of the sunset and mud crab chilli.  

**Tell us your favorite quote:**  
Every day is a chance to do something different and make a difference.  

**Random Fact**  
“I don’t like vegemite!”
Congratulations to Cassieus Corpus on being our employee of the month for March 2021.

Some of the kind words that co-workers had to say about Cassieus:

‘Helpful to other staff and opens the gate when needed.’

‘Sings to employees to make them happy.’

‘Go-to man for any health promotions.’

‘Always making people laugh.’

Well done Cassieus!

CLINICAL DATA SNAPSHOT
FEBRUARY 2021

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Clients seen by health service

Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander clients | 1346
BRAMS has commenced its Strong People, Strong Choices Peer Support Groups. We are holding a weekly group on Tuesday mornings at 10.00am that brings together people with a disability to support one another. A second group is held on Thursday mornings at 10.00am to support family members who care for a person with a disability. Any Aboriginal person with a disability, their family members or carers are most welcome to attend, and can contact Elaine Harris at BRAMS to find out more about the sessions.

BRAMS would like to welcome Lila Skinner and Robyn Duncan, who have joined BRAMS as part of their Social Worker University Placement. Lila will be working in the NDIS Team and Robyn is working in the SEWB Team.

National Sexual Health Week was held between 14th-21st February, and the team at BRAMS got creative and ran a “Respect Check Comp”.

Targeting our younger generation aged 16-30 years to have a Respect check, the first 30 people to complete the check received a $20 voucher, while everybody who took part had the chance to win a $100 voucher.

The campaign recognises the fact that rates of STIs and BBVs in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities have been too high, for too long – especially for young people in remote communities.

Thanks to all BRAMS staff for embracing Sexual Health Week – Safety. Pleasure. Respect. We look forward to reviewing the campaign and incorporating those findings into next year’s event.

BROOME PRIDE

The Glam-bulance made an appearance at BRAMS before its debut at one of Broome Pride Inc. Mardi Gras celebrations!

BROOME PRIDE is an inclusive organisation with a vision of “ONE COMMUNITY”.

It was created to encourage and produce community events that promote social inclusion for all LGBT+ people, as well as their family and friends, in the Kimberley and surrounding region.

Based in Broome, all members are invited to contribute to the scene by presenting ideas and opinions on all things LGBT+, and nominating events of interest. Meeting up regularly for social gatherings in Broome where EVERYONE is invited to participate, BROOME PRIDE events are created to promote social inclusion across the entire community, encouraging greater unity, cohesion and equality.

Advertising for events of interest may be posted on our website (or our Facebook page). Event posts are not exclusive to LGBT+ people – we welcome everybody in the quest to promote inclusiveness across the entire community spectrum and promote a safe space for all.

For more information visit www.broomepride.com
NATIONAL APOLOGY DAY

BRAMS was invited to host a stall at the Stolen Generation National Apology Day, which was held on Friday 12th February at the Broome Convention Centre.

Renee McKenzie and Fatimiar Skeen both attended on behalf of BRAMS, running a stall with information around COVID-19, and offering posters and materials to community members.

ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT TRAINING

Our GP's, Aboriginal Health Workers and Registered Nurses recently participated in Advanced Life Support (ALS) Training. This program consisted of a total of 16 hours of continuing professional development.

The training combined self-directed learning by reading the program manual and completing the online pre-test, along with clinical learning through attendance at program course days. These days included a range of didactic and interactive theoretical content presentations, and participation in scenario-based simulations. A big thank you to KAMS for facilitating this vital training for our staff.
TACKLING INDIGENOUS SMOKING UPDATE

Our TIS Team has been busy during February; we have:

- Provided Brief Intervention training to the BRAMS Clinical Team;
- Held a community engagement BBQ at Town Beach;
- Facilitated a men’s outing for TIS/SEWB;
- Assisted with Clontarf health checks; and
- Run education sessions at Milliya Rumurra.

TIS continues to work closely with Clontarf Academy providing health checks and smoking education on a weekly base. This is one of BRAMS’ Outreach programs that includes a team from the clinic and programs area; the Clontarf health check program consists of a TIS Educator, Doctor, AHWP and a SEWB.

We continue to visit Milliya Rumurra on a 6-weekly base to raise awareness about Indigenous smoking and promote cessation. TIS and Milliya Rumurra realise the need to have support on a more regular basis, and we are now working toward a weekly support and awareness session with participants.

TIS is also now presenting 1-hr Brief Intervention training to interested organisations. If you would like have this training, please contact Cassandra Matsumoto or Lattrell Matthews of the BRAMS NO JOOBUK Team.
COVID-19 VACCINE

BRAMS has been approved to roll out the COVID-19 vaccine for our patients. Our Senior Medical Officer has been busy developing our roll-out plan, while our staff have been busy undertaking their training.

We have held two community information sessions to answer your questions about the vaccine, and will provide further updates and information about its availability on our Facebook and Instagram pages.

If you have any further questions about the COVID-19 Vaccine, please call our clinic on (08) 91944 800.

PATIENT PROFILE

Tommy is living with end stage renal disease and attends the Dialysis Centre in Broome. Tommy has cut right back on things to avoid like smokes and alcohol.

Once a week Tommy attends an exercise and health education group.

“I GO TO THE EXERCISE GROUP BECAUSE ITS SOCIAL AND FUN. I GO BECAUSE I WANT TO BE FITTER AND HEALTHIER. I ALSO LEARN ABOUT WHAT TO EAT AND HOW TO COOK HEALTHY FOOD”

Tommy Mckimming