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Coffee Break with: DES MARTIN



Kaya and Greetings,

AHCWA first made an intentional move to engage with youth representatives from the Aboriginal community at the AHCWA State Sector conference in 2013. Those early steps to engage with youth in a purposeful, considered and proactive strategy provided a framework around which a successful, meaningful and active youth engagement program has been built. At this year's State Sector Conference, the new Aboriginal Youth Committee took it to the next level!

The activities of the program and the network are driven by youth in planning, preparation and management. A key focus is on issues of importance affecting young Aboriginal people in the community: their initial causes, possible coping strategies, and desired solutions.

In January 2017, AHCWA was successful in obtaining Federal Department of Health funding for not just keeping but expanding the staff support to our Youth Committee. AHCWA is working hard to deliver outcomes in the next few months so that further funding can be obtained for 17/18 and beyond. Ultimately, the goal is that this initiative will provide a model for similar programs around the country to ensure that the health-related views of young Aboriginal people are acknowledged, embraced, and acted upon at various levels of policy debate, assessment and decision-making.

In the last couple of years the Youth Committee has met approximately three times per year, with their 'headline' event being an Aboriginal Youth Conference that is run in parallel with the Members' Planning Day. AHCWA are pleased that this year the Youth Committee did not just 'report back' to the State Sector conference, as in previous years, but instead both made commitments themselves and boldly challenged the rest of the ACCH Sector.

Two main outcomes from the Youth Conference included the AHCWA Youth Committee committing to the delivery of a youth workshop in each region (within the next 12 months) focusing on "Family Structure", as well as appointing a youth member to take a seat on the AHCWA Board where they'll report directly on any youth related subjects.

Current projects within the AHCWA Youth Program include:

- AHCWA Youth Committee is a platform for Aboriginal Youth Leadership Training, as the members are often asked to step outside their comfort zones and partake in public speaking and/or open discussion situations where they are asked to share their opinions.
- AHCWA soon will deliver Youth Mental Health First Aid courses to AMSs.
- Partnership with the Mental Health Commission of WA: we are in the process of organising Resilience Workshops, to be delivered by AHCWA for young people.
- A new campaign promoting positive youth stories.

AHCWA is genuinely excited about the role of the Aboriginal Youth Program and its potential to make a significant difference to the lives of young Aboriginal people in WA.

Staff Changes

Since our last edition, AHCWA have had the pleasure of welcoming several new staff members.

AHCWA would like to welcome on board the following staff members: Tayla Tomlinson – Human Resources Assistant, Jennifer Gillett – Grants & Submissions Officer and Luke Austin to the position of Clinical Practice Support Officer

AHCWA wish all new employees a long and enjoyable journey with AHCWA.



WA ACCHSs: Members' Planning Day

The 2017 Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Sector Members' Planning Day was held on Tuesday 4th April at the International on the Water hotel in Ascot with the new State Government's Minister for Health, the Hon Roger Cook MLA, opening the event. Mr Cook is also the Minister for Mental Health, effectively bringing the health and mental health portfolios together for the first time since the Mental Health Commission was established under a single minister.

Mr Cook declared his enthusiasm for working closely with the WA ACCHO sector on avenues for health and mental health improvement, and opportunities for more partnerships.

After Mr Cook opened the Members' Planning Day, it was First Assistant Secretary, Indigenous Health Division, Bobbi Campbell's turn to give participants an update on developments in Indigenous health at the Commonwealth level.

"The government are continuing their work on the NATSIHP Implementation Plan for a 2018 deadline by conducting consultations and are very keen to hear the voices of the people in the WA sector as there is a great deal of program review work going on and it is critical they hear from sector participants and leaders." Ms Campbell said.

Ms Campbell also mentioned the Government are especially focusing on early years and youth policy, noting the leadership in this area coming from the WA ACCHO sector and the valuable work being done through the WA Aboriginal Youth Committee.

After morning tea, Bobbi Campbell, along with Pat Turner (NACCHO CEO) and Kate Wallace gave an overview of the intention and processes underway for developing the new Single Funding Agreement between the Commonwealth and NACCHO and funding arrangements for the state affiliates.

Followed by Pat Turner (CEO NACCHO), who presented after lunch on the NACCHO governance review and its potential constitutional changes including six possible governance models (including the status quo).

Pat also stated that the 2017 NACCHO AGM will be extremely important as they will be voting on the new constitution and on new Board Directors so her message to Member Services was "be there – it strengthens us".

The Members' Planning Day closed with a presentation from Karen Visser, Director of Strategic Investment, Indigenous Health Division on the Indigenous Australians' Health Program funding model.

Karen mentioned that although there has been a long history of attempts to design a funding model, where none have succeeded, it is now a politically imposed imperative that a model be designed, agreed and implemented before the end of the 2017 calendar year.

A full report from Members' Planning Day will be available from AHCWA in the near future.



The Hon. Roger Cook MLA

WA ACCSs: Youth Workshop

Tuesday April 4th 2017 saw the AHCWA Youth Committee hold their annual Youth workshop, parallel to the WA ACCSs Members Planning Day to kick off the WA Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Sector Conference.

Also held at the International on the Water hotel in Ascot, youth from the Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services from around WA were invited to come along and participate in the workshop, with a total of 14 attending.

The day began with an introduction by all participants including a brief description of who they are and where their families come from. The group engaged in get-to-know you activities designed for the group to learn more about each other.

The AHCWA Youth Committee introduced themselves to the rest of the group before discussing the current Terms of Reference document which needed updating. The AHCWA Youth Committee then invited the rest of the group to express their interest in being on the committee with a total of 7 new members being recruited!

The Youth Committee engaged in a stern discussion on what they'd like to accomplish over the next 12 months and in particular what they could do to progress the committee's approach to being a strong advocate for Aboriginal Youth in Western Australia. A new committee structure was formed including a Board of 3 members who have pledged their commitment to advocating on behalf of the committee. A Youth Committee Board Member has also pledged to be on the AHCWA Board to advocate for the Youth Committee in relation to any youth topics which may be discussed at that level of governance. This motion was passed 2 days later at the WA Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Sector Conference and it was agreed that a youth

representative would sit on the AHCWA Board as soon as possible. Congratulations to Cleave Narkle from Carnarvon Medical Service Aboriginal Corporation for being appointed the role of youth representative on the AHCWA Board.

After morning tea an open discussion on the current issues affecting young Aboriginal people commenced and the group got to 'yarn' about what the causes of these issues are. The group came to the conclusion that we as a community need to work on building strong families by focusing our effort on providing support to our families on "How to be a family". This can be done by showing compassion, teaching life skills/ street smarts, education, support, culture, discipline and respect.

To finish off the day, guests from the Department of Health WA Sexual Health and Blood Borne Virus Program attended the workshop to gain feedback from the participants, in regards to advertisement material that has recently been launched to target Aboriginal youth. These ads were typically about being safe, preventing the spread of STIs and testing/treatment. The guests were very pleased with the feedback from the youth and thanked them for their time.

On Thursday the 6th April the Youth committee presented to delegates at the WA Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Sector Conference followed by a youth panel discussion which included NACCHO CEO, Pat Turner, YACWA CEO, Ross Wortham and A/Director of Aboriginal Health -Dept of Health, Wendy Casey.

The AHCWA Youth Committee hope to have a successful year and look forward to working with each other and closely with the WA ACCSs in the coming months.



SWAMS: New Clinic Opens



SWAMS CEO, Lesley Nelson and client, Leslie 'Mick' Councillor

The South West Aboriginal Medical Service (SWAMS) opened its new outreach clinic in Busselton on Thursday, 9th March.

Located at the Busselton Health Campus, the new clinic will operate from 10 am to 4 pm on Mondays and Thursdays, and include a Women's Health Clinic on the last Thursday of every month.

SWAMS CEO Lesley Nelson met with clients on-site, including Busselton local Leslie "Mick" Councillor, who was the first patient to visit the new clinic.

Mick has relied on SWAMS's transport team to attend appointments at SWAMS's main clinic in Bunbury for many years.

"I'm really pleased about the new clinic in Busselton, it's a good thing and nice to have a clinic closer to home," Mick said.

Ms Nelson said the new clinic further cemented SWAMS's vision to improve access to primary health care services for the Noongar community.

"Being able to provide quality health care to our community is vital. It's about building capacity to our services, so our clients have more opportunities to access support," Ms Nelson said.

"We are proud that Busselton is our fourth outreach clinic located in the South West, including Brunswick Junction, Collie and Manjimup.

"SWAMS is pleased the Busselton clinic will operate from the Busselton Health Campus, as this prime location means easier access to additional services for our clients, if needed."

Clients will have access to GPs, Aboriginal Health Workers and Indigenous Health Workers on-site, with referrals to other specialised SWAMS staff available.

"SWAMS supports Aboriginal health through a range of tailored programs and services, which can include bulk billing, patient transport and home visits," Ms Nelson said.

"This clinic would not be possible without the support of the WA Country Health Service (WACHS) and our partnership with GP Down South, for our chronic disease program.

"Establishing an outreach clinic in Busselton further cements SWAMS's vision to provide high-quality, holistic and accessible services to the South West Aboriginal community. SWAMS looks forward to collaborating with other agencies on this vision."

To make an appointment contact the SWAMS Clinic on (08) 9726 6000 (anytime) or (08) 9753 6000 (Monday or Thursday).

Wirraka Maya: FASD Program



Wirraka Maya Health Service, located in South Hedland, is leading the fight against Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder in the Pilbara by raising awareness through a two-month project with a leading FASD consultant on an issue which is having a devastating impact on the community.

FASD occurs when pre-born babies are exposed to alcohol in the womb. It can cause facial abnormalities, growth deficiencies, skeletal deformities, organ deformities, central nervous system handicaps and behavioural problems in later life.

Carolyn Hartness (who brings more than 20 years' experience working in the US, Canada and India) is working closely with Wirraka Maya, a Telethon Kids' research team and remote communities.

She said increasing awareness of the vast spectrum of disorders associated with FASD was crucial to better prevention, diagnosis and treatment of the disorders.

For many Pilbara health workers, childcare workers and police, tackling FASD is one of the Pilbara's most important social issues.

Wirraka Maya chief executive June Councillor said the effects of fetal alcohol exposure were life-long and could include poor health, developmental and educational outcomes.

The Telethon Kids' Institute has been studying the spectrum disorder in the WA youth justice system, but a lack of FASD clinics had prevented authorities getting a grip on numbers.

Ms Hartness said the biggest challenge was the lack of funding for FASD research and programs and the fact at this stage there was no single tool available to diagnose those with the disorder. FASD was not just an issue for indigenous communities; research has shown it was a wider societal problem.

"While 80 per cent of women quit drinking during pregnancy, it was the 20 per cent who found it hard to stop, that needed help" Ms Hartness said.

Ms Hartness added the best way to avoid putting a fetus at risk of FASD was by carefully planning pregnancies to avoid the effects of the initial period drinking before women realise they were with child.

Ms Councillor said although there was a long road ahead in the fight against FASD, Wirraka Maya's programs were making a difference in the Pilbara community.

"We have established the FASD network, that is a forum or a vehicle to bring people together across the services, across the community to talk about FASD and some of the strategies that we need to put in place to address it and prevent it," she said.

"We are very well placed in the community to be able to be leading the Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder strategy".

For more information on the FASD program, contact Wirraka Maya Health Service on (08) 9172 0400.



WA ACCHSs: State Sector Conference

This year's WA Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Sector Conference, titled 'Aboriginal Holistic Care and Wellbeing Approach', saw over 180 delegates converge on the International on the Water in Ascot to participate in workshops and to listen to guest speakers.

Held on the 5th & 6th April, the conference began with a warm Welcome to Country by Prof. Ted Wilkes held alongside the Derbarl Yerrigan with a performance by Wadumbah Dance Group.

The conference was officially opened by the new Treasurer and Minister for Finance, Energy and Aboriginal Affairs, the Hon. Ben Wyatt MLA, followed by an update of what AHCWA had achieved from last year's conference recommendations.

The plenary workshop began after morning tea, which focussed on the health needs of our community from pregnancy through to the Elderly, followed by the interesting and thought provoking workshops after lunch.

The workshops covered issues such as the birthing journey; immunisation; the ACCHS model of care; increasing awareness and knowledge when working with the unique needs of LGBTI people; Elders – the custodians of our culture; strengthening family safety, living with HIV; empowering patients and families to make end of life decisions; and a personal journey of suicide.

The dinner event was spectacular with storytelling of how the Derbarl Yerrigan was created by the Wagyl, while a giant 'Wagyl' travelled through the crowd carried by students from the Belmont City College. A powerful performance by Urban Youth Crew followed in the lead up to the main act, where funny man Kevin Kropinyeri captivated the audience with laughter. The night finished on the dance floor with Jonny Ford and the Baldja Boys performing, followed by the ever impressable The Merindas.

Day two began with a brief overview from each of the workshop leaders from the previous day where the ideas and recommendations will be actioned by the AHCWA team working with relevant Member Services and experts over the coming year.

The Youth Committee presented on their Youth Workshop that was held on the 4th April, which included a draft terms of reference for the new look youth committee where a total of 7 new members were recruited.

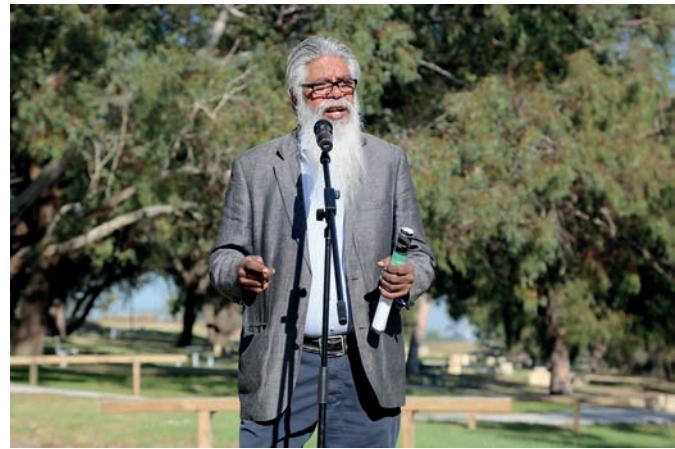
The presentation was followed by a panel discussion including NACCHO CEO, Pat Turner, YACWA CEO, Ross Wortham and A/ Director of Aboriginal Health -Dept of Health, Wendy Casey.

The delegates heard an Environmental Health presentation from Nirrumbuk, Changes to the National Disability Scheme from Christine Smart, and a personal health journey story from budding Doctor in training, Marika Hayden.

Just before afternoon tea the AHCWA Member Service Awards were presented in recognition of an Elder, Youth and Employee Contribution in our ACCHSs nominated by our ACCHSs. (Award winners are listed on page 13)

A brilliant and impressive conference finished with resolutions from the floor for AHCWA to take away and work on throughout 2017.





WACCPP: National Screening Program

On 1 December 2017 Australia's National Cervical Screening Program (NCSP) will be changing. These changes are the result of a rigorous review by the Medical Services Advisory Committee (MSAC). This review was needed because since the NCSP started in 1991 much has changed in cervical cancer prevention and our knowledge of cervical cancer has greatly improved. We now know that the human papillomavirus (HPV) is a necessary first step in the development of cervical abnormalities and cervical cancer.

What is HPV?

HPV is a very common virus that affects both men and women, with most people being infected with at least one type of HPV at some point in their life. While HPV infections are normally cleared naturally by the immune system, sometimes they cause cervical cells to change and become abnormal. The body is usually able to rid itself of HPV and the abnormal cervical cells, but in some cases this doesn't happen and the abnormal cells turn cancerous. The time from HPV infection to cervical cancer is usually 10-15 years. There are many types of HPV; however, only certain types may lead to cancer.

The HPV vaccine does not protect against all types of HPV that can cause cervical cancer, so HPV vaccinated women still require regular cervical screening.

The renewed National Cervical Screening Program (NCSP)

The outcomes of the review by MSAC have led to recommended changes to cervical screening policy and practice that will be implemented on 1 December 2017. The changes are:

- A five-yearly Cervical Screening Test will replace the two-yearly Pap smear
 - The Cervical Screening Test looks for the presence of HPV and, if found, a reflex liquid based cytology test (LBC) (like the current Pap smear) is performed on the same sample to check for abnormal cervical cells
- The screening age range will become 25-74 years
- A self-collection option will be available for a select group of women 30 years of age or over, who have either never-screened or are overdue for cervical screening by two years or longer

What the renewed NCSP means for women

The procedure for collecting a Cervical Screening Test is the same as a Pap smear. Since the Cervical Screening Test is more accurate than the Pap smear, women with negative (or 'normal') findings will only need to screen every five years.

The changes to the program are expected to result in a reduction in cervical cancer cases and deaths of up to 30%.

Increasing the screening start age to 25 years

The age at which to commence cervical screening will increase to 25 years because:

- Cervical cancer in young women is rare
- Despite screening women in this age group for over 20 years there has been no change to the incidence or deaths from cervical cancer in this cohort
- Treating common cervical abnormalities in young women that would usually resolve by themselves can increase the risk of pregnancy complications later in life
- Studies show that delaying screening until the age of 25 is safe (and has been safely implemented in other countries)

Health care providers should remember that women with symptoms, such as unusual bleeding or spotting, can have a Cervical Screening Test at any age.

Women of all ages with specific clinical circumstances should be managed according to the Guidelines for the Management of Screen Detected Abnormalities, Screening in Specific Populations and Investigation of Abnormal Vaginal Bleeding (2016 Guidelines). These guidelines are available on the Cancer Council Australia Guidelines Wiki platform.

Transitioning women to the renewed program

Women will be due for their first Cervical Screening Test two years after their last negative Pap smear.

Women who are undergoing follow-up and/or treatment should transition to the renewed program as outlined in the 2016 Guidelines.

Cervical screening until 1 December 2017

To minimise their risk of cervical cancer, it is important that women continue to screen, or attend follow-up, when due. Regular screening is still the best way to prevent cervical cancer, which currently is with a Pap smear.

Until 1 December, women with screen detected abnormalities should be managed according to the National Health and Medical Research Council 2005 Screening to Prevent Cervical Cancer: Guidelines for the Management of asymptomatic women with screen-detected abnormalities (2005 Guidelines).

Medicare Benefits Schedule

To support the pathology sector in the lead up to 1 December 2017, the following interim Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS) arrangements will be implemented on 1 May 2017:

The current MBS item for the Pap smear will remain, however the fee for the Pap smear will increase to \$28.00 (up from \$19.45). This will remain until 1 December 2017.

- A new LBC MBS item will be added, at a Medicare fee of \$36.00. This will only be available until 1 December 2017.

Women will only be able to claim one MBS rebate for cervical screening - either a conventional Pap smear or a LBC test. Please note that the LBC test and the Pap smear are equally effective in detecting cervical abnormalities. Pathology laboratories may advise providers to prepare conventional Pap smears or LBC samples. Please follow their advice.

Further information can be obtained from the following link:

<http://www.cancerscreening.gov.au/internet/screening/publishing.nsf/Content/overview-of-the-renewal>

Staff Profile: Donna Schildbach



My name is Donna Schildbach and I have worked at AHCWA since July 2015. Initially employed as a Senior Administration Officer, my role has now changed to the Corporate Governance Support Officer, where I provide support to AHCWA and our 22 Member Services in Corporate Governance, including ensuring the rules, relationships, policies, systems and processes are applied and maintained within the organisation.

I am a Balladong Wadjuk woman with family connections throughout the south-west. I also spent a good part of my childhood in the remote bush outside of Boulder/Kalgoorlie on the trans-line (my Dad used to repair the train line) with the Wongatha people. It was so remote that I remember we got our groceries off the Tea and Sugar train every 2 weeks! This is a story I tell my son and the train is actually now based at the Bassendean Railway Museum, I don't think he believed me until he saw it with his own eyes!

I started my working career with an Aboriginal Medical Service as a trainee and then spent the next 17 years in a payroll/admin/finance role. I have also lived and worked in the USA for 13 years before commencing my position with AHCWA. During my time in the USA I had a variety of positions that were all administration based, working with a university, a construction company and an insurance company. I also worked in a few retail stores which basically funded my shopping habit, so I guess you could say I worked for nothing.

Outside of work I enjoy spending time with my son, Harrison. He has a few sporting commitments so I enjoy taking him to training and watching his games. I also love the beach and we try to get there as often as we can. I also like to travel, Bali is a favourite holiday spot. When I get the chance, I like to read an actual book and Lord of the Rings is a favourite, I have read it several times.

For more than 20 years I have had a career in Aboriginal community controlled organisations, as I am very passionate about this work. In my current role at AHCWA I have felt the need to gain formal qualifications to complement my work and life experience.



AHCWA: ACCHSs Awards

The 2017 AHCWA ACCHSs Awards were presented at the WA Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Sector Conference on Thursday 6th April at the International on the Water hotel in Ascot.

WA Member Services had the opportunity to nominate individuals in the categories of Elder in the Community, Contribution by ACCHS Employee, and Young Achiever for those they felt had made a significant contribution to their Service and community. Congratulations to all award winners.

Below is the list of award winners:

Service	Elder in the Community	Young Achiever	Contribution by an ACCHS Employee
Derby Aboriginal Health Service	Annie Milgin	Matthew Le Lievre	Vicki Ah Chee
Spinifex Health Service	Lennard Walker	Lakisha Ramsamy	Michael Stevens
Kimberley Aboriginal Medical Service	Phillip Matsumoto	Felicity Stewart	Louise McKenna
Ord Valley Aboriginal Health Service	Rita Boombi	Gene Greddon	Evelyn Wilson
South West Aboriginal Medical Service	Joyce Dimer	Wade Garwood	Dr. Arman Yazdani
Geraldton Regional Aboriginal Medical Service	Kevin Merritt	Leroy Comeagain	Cherylee Whitby
Broome Regional Aboriginal Health Service	Kathleen Watson		
Carnarvon Medical Service Aboriginal Corporation	Maria Poland	Shaquille Oakley	Sharna Oakley
Puntukurnu Aboriginal Medical Service	Jimmy Williams	Jeremy Sammy	Julius Barker
Bega Garnbirringu Health Service			Dena Rundle
Ngaanyatjarra Health Service	Bernard Newberry	Karen Kairupan	Michelle Doyle

Please note: Not all ACCHSs nominated award winners





World's Biggest Playgroup

Wednesday 29th March saw thousands of children attend the World's Biggest Playgroup Day at Whiteman Park.

The event hosted by Playgroup WA invited children aged zero to five to enjoy a dinosaur themed fun day, filled with plenty of activities for the children to participate in.

The free family fun day promoted the importance of play and included activities such as sand play, messy play and water play, and including playgroup activities, an animal farm, face painting and many more fun activities for the children to enjoy.

There was also a variety of event attractions, including stilt walkers and live stage shows.



AHCWA Staff set up 'Koorbaniny' the Inflatable Ear which entertained thousands of children who enjoyed the bouncer throughout the day while being educated on the importance of ear health. Our staff were also kept busy at our stall with tiny little visitors stopping by for a chat.



A great day was had by all AHCWA staff and we look forward to participating in the event next year.



GRAMS: Centre of Excellence

The Geraldton Regional Aboriginal Medical Service (GRAMS) officially opened their \$3.8 million Centre of Excellence for Aboriginal Health on March 9.

The centre has been developed in partnership with the WA Centre for Rural Health and will combine clinical primary health care with training, workforce development and research opportunities.

The new facility will allow GRAMS and other registered providers to deliver new training opportunities for people working in Aboriginal health.

CEO Deborah Woods says "It will help us create a future workforce with cultural and practical skills to work within Aboriginal organisations and with Aboriginal colleagues, patients and community," Ms Woods said.

"The aim is also to get people to reconsider the aim of taking on tertiary education in the health sector particularly in areas that are of great need for Aboriginal people.

Developed with the purpose of maintaining Aboriginal community input and control over all GRAMS operations, GRAMS aim is to increase staff and community understanding of the GRAMS mission, vision and values as well as preparing plans for the future growth of the organisation.

The Centre was developed in partnership with the WA Centre for Rural Health (WACRH) and will enable both organisations to create a centre of excellence that blends clinical primary health care with training and research opportunities. It currently offers three pillars of service delivery: Family Health (child and maternal health); Social and Emotional Wellbeing; and Chronic Disease care.

The Centre includes a newly built training area in which GRAMS and registered training providers can deliver new training opportunities for people working in Aboriginal health. This will provide opportunities to upskill local Aboriginal health staff to more advanced professional roles as well as opportunities for training non-Aboriginal providers in a high functioning Aboriginal community controlled health service in how to best support Aboriginal people in managing their health.

The Centre is located at the GRAMS premises on Rifle Range Road in Geraldton.



Former CEO, Terry Brennan, current CEO, Deb Woods with MC and Elder, Dr Richard Walley OAM

PROVIDE FIRST AID: HLTAID003

Who should have a Senior First Aid certificate?

If you work in health or a clinical setting it's extremely important to keep your first aid skills up to date. In fact, many employers require you to have a first aid certificate.

Even if you don't work in a health setting, having first aid skills is so important when it comes to helping your family, friends or someone else in your community when they need it most.

About the Senior First Aid course

Our Senior First Aid course runs for two days and you will graduate with a certificate that will remain current for 3 years and gives valuable life-saving skills in the following areas:

- Applying basic first aid principles
- Basic physiology and anatomy, heart conditions
- Managing emergency situations, unconscious casualties, burns, bleeding and Diabetes
- Life threatening breathing problems, such as Asthma and Anaphylaxis
- Adult, child and infant CPR and using an Automated External Defibrillator (AED)
- Spinal, head, ear and eye injuries
- Fractures, bites, stings and poisons



Duration:
Two consecutive days

Location:
Aboriginal Health Council of Western Australia
Training and Development Centre
450 Beaufort Street, Highgate
Perth, Western Australia

* The Senior First Aid course is free to AHCWA Member Services.
All Member Services need to pay for trainers, travel cost if outside of Perth Metropolitan area

Cost: \$100* Non - Member Services



For more information and course bookings please contact Michelle de La Haye via e-mail or phone:

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OVAHS: Easter and 715s

The Ord Valley Aboriginal Health Service (OVAHS) recently held their Kids Easter Egg Hunt and Kids 715 day. Just like OVAHS Christmas party and (Adult) 715 day it was a great success with 24 x 715's conducted and 2 GPMP completed. All of the kids had an absolute ball with a huge thank you going to all involved in making the day so successful.



Staff Profile: Dawn Flanagan



My name is Dawn Flanagan, and I am the Administration Officer for the Sector Development Team at AHCWA. I have worked here for the past 4 years and have really enjoyed my time here.

I previously worked in a busy recruitment agency as an administration assistant and I also have experience working in hospitality.

I have been living in Australia for over 6 years now, but am originally from Ireland. My hometown is a beautiful coastal town in County Donegal in the North West.

I love to travel and visit new places but I do miss my home in Ireland so I try to travel back there to visit family and friends whenever I can.

I feel lucky that I have made some great friends here and consider Perth to be my home away from home.

Good News Story: Harrison Schildbach

Harrison is 12 years old and sports mad. Ever since he was 2 and a half years old he has played some sort of sport, starting with basketball at the YMCA in the USA! This was a fun social outlet for all the young children with lots of energy to burn.

Harrison's love for basketball continued and he played domestic competition in the USA for his school township. In between basketball he also participated in gymnastics, baseball and wrestling. Harrison started wrestling when he was 7 years old and competed for 2 years, including winning a medal at an Indiana State Meet in his 50 pound weight class, where he met Rulon Gardner (2000 Sydney Olympics Gold Medallist) who is a great role model.

On his return to Perth, Harrison has continued his love for sports and played Aussie Rules and Cricket for the first time. He loved playing and learning these sports, but his first loves are basketball and baseball. Harrison can name all the players on the teams he loves with Kevin Durant and Steph Curry being his idols. He has also played WABL (Western Australian Basketball League) with Perth Redbacks as well as domestic teams associated with the club and their district.



Harrison is currently playing baseball with the AK Strikers and has been training with the Southern metro area Charter Team in Baseball, The Southern Hills Warriors. The team played over the Easter weekend, but unfortunately they did not make it through to the Australian Little League Nationals in Lismore NSW where the winner has the opportunity to compete at the Little League World Series in America. However, the comraderies and friendships formed between these young men and the support they offer to each other is amazing no matter who they play for.

Harrison was recently selected, along with 13 other outstanding young sportsman to play for the Perth All Stars Under 13's in the SEABYST (South East Asian Baseball Youth and Softball Tournament) The competition was hosted in Perth where the entire team did a fantastic job to go through undefeated against, Singapore, Bangkok, and Jakarta and on to win the Grand Final.

Close the Gap Day

AHCWA Youth committee members Luke Austin & Hayley Thompson were recently invited to attend the Sacred Heart College school assembly (located 20 mins North of Perth) to deliver a presentation on Closing The Gap!

Luke invited 5 staff members to join Hayley on stage, including Principal Peter Bothe, to participate in the Close the Gap (CTG) game in front of the whole school.

The CTG game includes questions relating to culture, health, family & education. If the answer is 'yes' to a question then the participant stepped forward, if 'no' then they take a step back. This generally creates "The Gap" between Indigenous people and non-Indigenous people.

Great work Luke & Hayley!!



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