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Controlled Health Sector Conference**

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**This newsletter may contain images of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people that have passed away.**



# Coffee Break with: DES MARTIN



Kaya and Greetings,

The RACGP recently released, for consultation, a draft of the 5th edition of the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP) accreditation Standards. This release has given us a timely opportunity to reflect on how well the WA Community Controlled Health Services (ACCHSs) sector is travelling against the principle "benchmark for quality care and risk management in Australian general practices". The simple answer is – "we have come a long way and are now clearly leading the field in many areas".

In 2010 the government released its Closing the Gap Indigenous Chronic Disease Package, including the PIP IHI. For services to be eligible for this considerable extra funding they needed to have accreditation and a great deal of effort was done by our ACCHSs to achieve this goal - over a surprisingly short space of time. Many of our Services (especially the smaller ones) initially found the challenge daunting and time-consuming and one of AHCWA's roles was to provide extra support for those who needed it. The RACGP did its bit by providing a special "Interpretative Guide for the ACCHSs sector".

Six years on, accreditation has gone from being a stressful three yearly hurdle to something we take in our stride. Not only do we meet the standards comfortably, but in many areas we exceed them enormously. In fact, the RACGP has decided that an "Interpretative Guide" is not needed for the new 5th edition.

One area of particular strength in our sector is data collection and Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI). Since 2012 we have been electronically reporting six monthly to the Commonwealth on a range of procedural and outcome measures (24 national Key Performance Indicators (KPI) measures currently) - and we have been getting better and better at it. Additionally, in January this year all our Services submitted detailed CQI plans to the government, with progress reporting required annually. These plans addressed nine "core components" and five compulsory "elements". The compulsory elements covered: - identifying priority health areas for action within the local context; reviewing patient data and service information to identify baseline data and potential targets; identifying priorities and possible ways to address them; evaluating progress; and reporting back to communities.

Mainstream services, by comparison, have barely begun on this journey. The CQI team leaders in our Services will probably be astonished to learn that the 180 page 5th Edition Standards has only two pages devoted to CQI for "Improving Clinical care" – with one of the suggested activities being at least one PDSA in 3 years.

While we still have much work to do, especially in refining our data collection and analysis processes, our sector has a great deal to be proud of. Among our other achievements, we can rightly lay claim to being at the absolute forefront of strategies for improving the quality of primary care services in Australia.

## 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:

- Sheridan Walley – Indigenous Health Projects Officer
- Gwen Rakabula – TTANGO Coordinator
- Anette Tueger – Data Analyst
- Claire Martin – Senior Quality and Compliance Officer
- Kim Wiggett – Finance Assistant

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

# Staff Profile: Jo Kennedy



Josephine (Jo) Kennedy is an Aboriginal woman from Darwin, her family are Jawoyn/ Dagoman, with family links in the East Kimberley, and she is a mother of two daughters, many nieces, nephews and extended family grannies. Jo moved to Perth over 8 years ago for 12 months for a lifestyle change and to complete her studies at Curtin University.

Jo has been employed for almost 3 years at AHCWA as the Personal Assistant to the CEO Des Martin. Previously Jo has been employed as an Indigenous Employment and Indigenous Programs Coordinator with the WA government and Edith Cowan University, and has worked within the

Aboriginal sector for the greater part of her working life working for many years with ATSIC in the NT and East Kimberley in Human Resources roles and working with the Regional Councils. Jo has also worked in the NT on Aboriginal Community projects throughout the NT and Mining Royalties Equivalents to all NT Land Councils, and as EA/PA to ATSIC State Manager and in the WA Mining Sector.

Jo has travelled extensively, regionally and remotely in WA, particularly the Kimberley, residing in Kununurra for more than 11 years, and also living on Groote Eylandt in the NT. While Jo loves the lifestyle and weather in Perth she also loves the monsoons/tropical weather and lifestyle of Northern Australia. When she has the time Jo enjoys travelling, attending events, camping, fishing, gardening, cooking for and spending time with family and friends, and is interested in her own and others personal growth and development.

Recently Jo joined the University of Sydney Rowan Nicks Russell Drysdale Fellowship Scholarship Committee having received a fellowship previously and is the only member from the NT and WA. The fellowship aims to develop potential workers and future leaders in Australian Indigenous Health and Welfare through scholarships for projects, training, education or research programs. Jo experienced first-hand the benefits of the fellowship for herself and others which assisted with her studies and work and in the delivery of a culturally safe health and well-being program for young Aboriginal women entering the workforce. Jo has a strong interest in Aboriginal health particularly women's health and wellbeing and Aboriginal employment and development initiatives.

## 60secs with Sharna from CMSAC



### **Sharna Oakley (Medical Office Manager)**

**Are you from Carnarvon?**  
Yes, I was born and bred here

**What do you like about your job?**  
It's nice, I enjoy it and it gives me something to do.  
I also like meeting new people, and learning new skills along the way. I like the environment and the staff.

**What do you dislike about your job?**  
I can't find time to get away for holidays; I really want to go to Tonga

**Where have you worked before?**  
I used to work in the Truancy patrol and at the Kuwinwardu Aboriginal Resource Unit (KARU).

**What do you like to do when you're not at work?**  
I like to play cards.

**Favourite food and TV Show?**  
I like chicken and watching the News



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- Audiometry
- Screening / Risk factors
- Ear Health Promotion & Strategies

**"Very professional! Love everything and learnt at a level where I understood. Would do training anytime with AHCWA"**

**"This training was fun!"**

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Designed by Bailey Richards



## SWAMS Youth Event

On the 29th of January the South West Aboriginal Medical Service (SWAMS) with the aid of the Aboriginal Health Council of Western Australia (AHCWA) held a social & emotional summit event in Bunbury. The aim of the event was to discuss sexual health particularly focusing on controlling Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs). The event was held at the Koombana Bay sailing club with 25 youth attending as well as SWAMS staff, Headspace Bunbury and a representative from the Aboriginal Workforce Development Centre.

The day started with a registration where participants received name tags as well as housekeeping information followed by a Welcome to Country presented by the local Noongar kids who were attending the event. SWAMS gave out t-shirts on the day which was designed specifically for the event with the event logo on them. This was to ensure the participants could have something to remember the day by.

SWAMS enlisted the help of Adventure Works in running activities with the youth to keep them engaged and energetic. This started with an icebreaker activity as well as writing down some points of what kind of behaviour and attitude the youth themselves wanted to show on the day. SWAMS had two of their nurses come along to the event, Julie-Ann Dowdell and Peter Robertson. They spoke about STIs and Blood Born Viruses and the effects these can have on our youth in the community.

Jennifer Needham, the Senior Sexual Health Officer and Hayley Thompson the Youth Coordinator both from AHCWA also attended to talk with the youth and run a couple of activities around using condoms, sexual consent and setting future goals.

SWAMS provided morning tea as well as lunch. Following the activities SWAMS staff gave out prizes in the form of gift cards as well as iPads which were used as incentives to get more youth to come along to the event. After lunch the youth filled out a post survey on what they'd learnt about sexual health in particular STIs which coincided with what they had learned from this event. Scott from Adventure Works then took the youth for some fun water-based activities including raft-building and kayaking. This was a great way to spend the afternoon and everyone had a great time. Headspace provided a lot of resources for everyone to have including, gift bags, pamphlets, wristbands and heaps more. SWAMS wrapped up the event and gave out more prizes which included 2 iPads.

The event took quite a few weeks to plan. SWAMS had a very young planning committee, which was a main part of SWAMS objective so that they could better relate to what youth in the community would enjoy doing and what they could really benefit from at the Youth Summit. The committee members included Candii Noble, Whitney Pukallus, Talicia Jetta, Terrence Garlett and Wade Garwood. Everyone showed great attitudes towards learning about and preventing STIs in their community and also participated really well in all activities.





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Aboriginal Health Council of  
Western Australia

The Aboriginal Health Council of Western Australia in conjunction with Communicable Disease Control Directorate Department of Health are looking at expressions of interest for the delivery of the Aboriginal Health Worker Immunisation Course.

This Department of Health approved immunisation course provides the Aboriginal Health Worker the knowledge and skills to safely immunise clients across all ages.

## Course Delivery

The course will be delivered in 2 one week block intensive teaching.  
There will be a 2 week break between the 1st and 2nd Block.

*Assessment is carried out using a combination of the following:*

- Attendance and participation in group discussions and activities
- Role plays
- Quizzes
- On the job assessment
- Completion of activity workbooks

## Course Content

A number of topics will be covered throughout the two weeks.

- How the immune system works
- Vaccine preventable diseases
- What is a vaccine made from?
- Cold Chain
- Administering vaccines

And much more!

*For further information about this course and dates of delivery please contact*

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# Close the Gap: Handprint Campaign

West Australian politicians across the political spectrum have literally put their hands up to urge the community to be involved in National Close the Gap Day on Thursday 17 March, to show support for ending the appalling health inequality that sees Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples die 10 – 17 years earlier than other Australians.



National Close the Gap Day is a way for all Australians to join together and commit to closing the life expectancy gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.

Oxfam Australia's Campaign Coordinator in WA, Paddy Cullen, said he hoped that every state politician would participate by placing their painted handprint on the banner.

"Three -quarters of our politicians have already made their mark for this critical issue including Premier Colin Barnett and Opposition leader Mark McGowan, and many others are coming on board with their sleeves rolled up," Mr Cullen said.

Mr Cullen said Indigenous Australians needed to be consulted, empowered, resourced and supported to address the health issues facing their communities.

"To achieve Indigenous health equality, we need every politician to get involved in genuine long-term partnerships with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples," Mr Cullen said. "This symbolic act is a step in encouraging practical outcomes."

"Showing support on National Close the Gap Day sends a powerful message to governments that Australians will not accept the fact that Indigenous Australians suffer illnesses such as heart disease and diabetes at far greater rates than other Australians."

The Aboriginal Health Council of WA's Chairperson, Michelle Nelson-Cox, said the Aboriginal Health Council of WA (AHCWA) embraces the opportunity to work in alliance with Oxfam and the State Government of Western Australia in its aspirations to improve the Social Determinates of Aboriginal Health in Western Australia.

AHCWA is the State Peak body for 21 Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisations in WA and is also the Affiliate of National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO).

"AHCWA on behalf of its Member Services of WA is committed to "Close the Gap" and strongly advocates that the succession of life expectancy can only be achieved by having on-going investment of resources adequately funding Culturally appropriate health models that have a positive impact on the Quality of care to Aboriginal People.,," Ms Nelson-Cox said.

"Our Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisations are achieving these bench marks and excelling in the delivery of Primary Health and Preventative models of care that are contributing to successful outcomes of Aboriginal Health".

"It is vitally important to work comprehensively with both the State and Commonwealth Government in having a strong position in the development of Aboriginal Health Policies and inclusiveness in the methodology of decision making and determining resources into our Sector that will work effectively with the social responsibility impacting on the high number contentious issues particularly inadequacies of services provision in our Regional and Remote areas"

The Close the Gap campaign is Australia's biggest public movement for health equality. It is a coalition of leading Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and non-Indigenous health and human rights organisations.



# 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

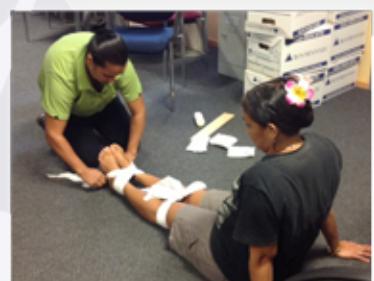


**Duration:**  
Two consecutive days

**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 is trainers, travel cost if outside of Perth Metropolitan area

**Cost: \$100\*** Non - Member Services



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# WA Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Sector Conference

Over 150 delegates from around WA attended AHCWA's annual WA Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Sector conference, titled 'Collective Knowledge and Collective Solutions' in Perth between March 16-17 2016, to identify, discuss and address issues in the Aboriginal health sector.

The conference attracted delegates from AHCWA's 21 Member Services, relevant government departments and other health focused non-government organisations.

The conference held small group workshops on topics affecting the health and wellbeing of Aboriginal people in WA, and used GroupMap, an innovative interactive online program which acts as "virtual butchers paper" to feed their input live onto a big screen.

These issues were chosen by the Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services around the state, and were identified as areas of particular concern for Aboriginal people and their communities. Topics included the health effects of drugs and alcohol, sexual health, suicide prevention, cardiovascular disease, kidney disease and mental health. Each workshop came up with at least one recommendation on how to solve the issues that were discussed. The recommendations from the 12 workshops will now be collated into a report, which will be presented to both the State and Federal governments to form a vital evidence base for future advocacy.

The Conference was opened by an Elder and Youth from each of the 21 Member Services carrying their Services' flag together- a meaningful and powerful gesture to acknowledge the critical relationship between both in improving Aboriginal health.

Following the flag presentation, keynote speaker, Ms. Bobbi Campbell, First Assistant Secretary Department of Health; Indigenous Division spoke of her admiration for the sector and the importance of effective consultation in decision-making by Government. Dr. David Russell-Weisz, Director General of WA Health Department was the conferences, second keynote speaker, presenting on his experience working in remote Australia and the need to address the social determinants of health impacting Aboriginal people to improve health outcomes.

Day 2 was primarily focused on workshops, with all delegates in full swing to contribute and develop recommendations relating to issues such as Family Safety and Respect, Social Determinants of Health, Mental Health and Cardiovascular Disease, just to name a few. To conclude the afternoon, delegates heard from the then Minister for Mental Health; Disability Services; Child Protection, Hon. Helen Morton MLC about the changes relating to mental health in Western Australia, particularly those relating to our Sector.

Over the 2 days, AHCWA's Youth Coordinator, Hayley Thompson facilitated a Youth Conference (see more on pg.12) with Aboriginal young people from our Member Services and surrounding communities. On the final day, each youth delegate had an opportunity to present to the conference attendees on what was discussed and why it was important to them. It was often heard in the crowd how the sector is in great hands with these young leaders to take the reign, and their presentation was an inspiring and motivating session to end the Conference.





# AHCWA: Youth Conference

On Tuesday 15th March, AHCWA held their annual WA Aboriginal Community Controlled State Sector Youth Workshop. Member Services were encouraged to nominate 2 youth from their regions to participate in this workshop.

Hayley Thompson (Aboriginal Youth Coordinator) facilitated the one-day workshop commencing with a presentation on the 2015-2016 Youth Project Report, which consisted of all Social & Emotional Wellbeing youth events funded by AHCWA derived from the 2015 State Sector Conference.



Following the presentation, the group discussed issues affecting Indigenous youth in their regions and stories that have headlined news articles relating to their youth. As a group, they noted why they thought these issues were affecting our youth and what they could do to provide a better future for this generation.

The group agreed on the following list of objectives for a possible future project:

- As all workshops from 2015-2016 were aimed at youth aged between 12-17 (high school ages), the group decided it would be a good idea to focus on the 18-25 age group in the next years projects.
- AHCWA youth committee would like to work together for the next project
- The committee would like to bring all the regions together
- Connecting back to culture
- Enhance opportunities for our youth
- Build social skills
- Minimise the stigma (shame)
- Networking with other regions
- Experience new opportunities
- Increase confidence & self esteem
- Team building
- Independence – Identity exploration

The AHCWA Youth committee currently has 5 members from 3 different regions. AHCWA are pleased to have had several youth participants (from other regions other than the current members) whom participated in the workshop confirming their interest in becoming official youth committee members and assisting in any future youth committee meetings and projects.

On Thursday 16th March, the Youth Committee presented at the WA Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Sector Conference on what they had achieved in the past year. A wrap up of TAHLfest and the organisation behind it was presented by Hemi Hinaki, finishing with a rap song by Nic Te-Aute. The Youth Committee also launched their new official logo.

If you wish to obtain a copy of the report of the 2015-2016 Social and Emotional Wellbeing Project Report please contact AHCWA on (08) 9227 1631 or e-mail [Hayley.thompson@ahcwa.org](mailto:Hayley.thompson@ahcwa.org)



# AHCWA: Awards Night

At the recent WA Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Sector Conference, AHCWA held a special award ceremony to acknowledge several staff members from our Member Services in the health sector.

Held during the 10th Anniversary dinner on the 15th March, the awards recognised contributions from employees and community members in the areas of: Elder in the Community, Young Achiever and Contribution from an ACCHS Employee.

Presented by AHCWA's Chairperson, Michelle Nelson-Cox with the assistance of the Deputy Chairperson, Raymond Christophers and CEO, Des Martin, each recipient received a trophy and certificate.

Below is a list of the Award Winners from our Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisations throughout WA. Congratulations to all of the award winners.

<b>Service</b>	<b>Elder in the Community</b>	<b>Young Achiever</b>	<b>Contribution by an ACCHS Employee</b>
Derby Aboriginal Health Service	Alex Fernandez		Natasha Kitaura
Spinifex Health Service	Josie McArthur		Megan Bates
Kimberley Aboriginal Medical Service Ltd	Maxine Armstrong	Rohani Bin Haji Sahari	Katidjah Bin Rashid
Ord Valley Aboriginal Health Service	Myrtle Ward	Mahalia Wiggan	Jane Cooper
South West Aboriginal Medical Service	Peter Michael	Talicia Jetta	Denise Jetta
Geraldton Regional Aboriginal Medical Service	Bill & Peggy Mallard	Cameron Davies	Margaret Kelly
Mawarnkarra Health Service	Bruce Monadee	Adrainna Irvine-Stanes	Amorette Lockyer
Carnarvon Medical Service Aboriginal Corporation	Susan Oakley		Kevin Capewell
Puntukurnu Aboriginal Medical Service	Peggy Peterson	Jeremy Sammy	Louise Titus
Moorditj Koort	Theresa Walley	Josh Kickett	Grace Ninette
Derbarl Yerrigan Health Service	Dorothy Bagshaw	Crystal Quartermaine	Teresa Isaacs



# Moorditj Moort Festival

To celebrate National Close the Gap day the Tackling Indigenous Smoking Team partnered with the health promotion team at Derbarl Yerrigan Health Service on the 11th of March to hold the 'Close the Gap Moorditj Moort Festival 2016'.

It was beautiful, slightly warm day with a great turn out from local service providers as stall holders and community members. There were stalls from: AHCWA, Derbarl Yerrigan Health Service, Centre for Aboriginal Studies, Curtin University, Cancer Council WA, Boodjari Yorgas Maternity Program, Edith Cowan University, Diabetes WA, Arche Health Ltd, South Metropolitan Population Health Unit 'Yarning it Up Don't Smoke' program, Heart Foundation, the Australian Council of Smoking and Health, Serco – Acacia Prison, Sexual and Reproductive Health WA, BreastScreen WA, Central Institute of Technology, Koorlark Centre for Aboriginal Students, Moorditj Koort and the Communicare 'Get Active' project.

The Daisy Petals and Maarmun Pit Stop from Derbarl Yerrigan Health Service also provided health checks for participants on the day. A huge thank you to all the stall holders!

The day featured amazing performances by students from ABMusic, the Noongar Radio staff band, Angela Rule and David Pigrim, as well as a jumping castle, face painting which was specially designed by the children from the Moorditj Noongar Community College, a petting zoo, bubbles and yummy food by Kuditj Kitchen.

One of the highlights of the day was definitely the volleyball competition. There were five teams on the day. The AHCWA Mob teamed up with Derbarl Yerrigan, Sexual and Reproductive Health WA were the 'Fit People with Attitude', the Mental Health Commission team represented the Strong Spirit Strong Mind Metro Project, the Cancer Council WA team were 'Make Smoking History' and finally, the team from Moorditj Koort were the 'Deadly Cings.'

Competition was fierce and everyone was definitely sweating by the end! Congratulations to the team from Moorditj Koort the 'Deadly Cings' who took out the competition and went home wearing the medals.

All in all it was a fantastic day and we hope this will continue to be an annual event celebrating our commitment to Closing the Gap between the health and education outcomes for Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.





## Nicky Winmar Carnival

On the 6th of March AHCWA's Tackling Indigenous Smoking team travelled to Bendigo Bank Stadium in Mandurah for the Nicky Winmar Football Carnival. It was a fantastic day showcasing so much young talent and good sportsmanship. There were 11 Teams in the competition, and the day had a great female exhibition match with Northside versing Southside (of the river).

The Tackling Indigenous Smoking team ran a health promotion stall with information about quitting smoking, keeping the family safe from passive smoking, poisons in cigarette smoke, healthy recipes and the amount of sugar in popular sugary drinks.

They also had interactive activities for the kids to learn about the harms of smoking, the benefits of being smoke-free, what smoking does to the body, whether passive smoking is dangerous and how many chemicals there are in cigarette smoke.

The team were very impressed with the kids' knowledge and engagement of the activities.

Below a picture of the 'effects of smoking on the body' activity where the kids have labelled everything they know about what smoking can do to our bodies.



# 1st Aid Training: Fitzroy Crossing

AHCWA clinical trainers, Michelle and Kim, delivered 2 sessions of 1st Aid training at the Nindilingarri Cultural Health Service in Fitzroy Crossing from the 15th-19th February.

The first session had 9 students attend from backgrounds in nutrition, admin and first aid. In typical Fitzroy fashion, the heat reached a steamy 44 degrees on the day of training, so lucky it was held in a room with air conditioning, but was shared by continual visits of various size, shape and coloured grasshoppers.

Even though Michelle and Kim had trouble finding their equipment when they first arrived (which was eventually located out the back of the local IGA), the training was very successful with 12 students attending the second session the following day. Once again the students came from different professional backgrounds, including admin, sexual Health, child and maternal promotion and Environmental Health Workers.

Unfortunately though, the air-conditioning had packed it in by morning tea and the class had to re locate to a different location next to the local nursing home, with only one air conditioner, that didn't really work.

Although it was an extremely hot 2 days of training, the students were awesome and didn't complain once. Our trainers said all of the students were absolutely fantastic and they were so excited to learn all the new skills.

Throughout the week, Michelle and Kim had the pleasure of meeting some wonderful people who are doing some fantastic work in Fitzroy Crossing. Well done to Nidilingarri Cultural Health Service on their 1st Aid achievements.



# Cert IV Training: Port Hedland

Students from the Wirraka Maya Health Service Aboriginal Corporation in Port Hedland recently completed their two week block in Certificate IV Aboriginal Torres Strait Islander Health Care.

Facilitators from AHCWA, James Harris and Julie Jones delivered units in Administering Medication and Support the Safe Use of Medications to the four students.

The four students: Erica Thompson, Stephanie Lawrence, Josephine Battle and Sherie Councillor will graduate at a special ceremony in Port Hedland on the 1st July 2016.

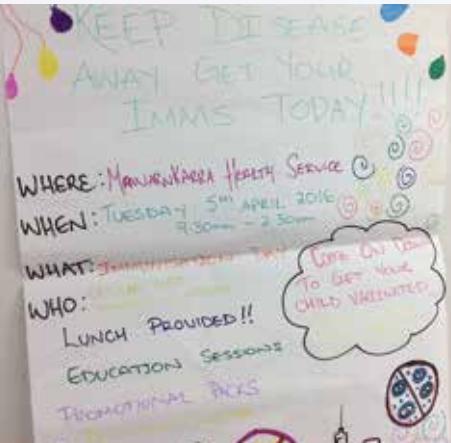


# Immunisation Training: Roebourne

The Aboriginal Health Workers (AHWs) Immunisation training was recently held at Mawarnkarra Health Service in Roebourne (WA). Block one was ran from the 8-11th March, with Block two running from the 29th March – 1st April 2016.

Three Aboriginal Health Workers from Mawarnkarra attended the training, with all 3 successfully completing the course. Congratulations to Amorette Lockyer, Estee Pinder and Adrianna Irvine-Stanes.

The next Immunisation training intake will be held at the end of May. If you would like further details please contact James Harris at AHCWA on (08)9227 1631 or [james.harris@ahcwa.org](mailto:james.harris@ahcwa.org)



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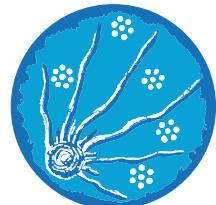
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