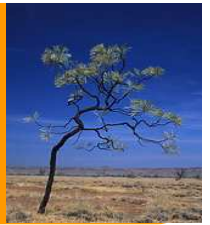


Broome Mental Health Unit—Newsletter



Progress Report

Finding a suitable name for the unit has been quite an adventure which gave us opportunity for wide consultation. I am pleased to confirm the one official name is 'Broome Mental Health Unit' with the Aboriginal name yet to be confirmed. Planning is ongoing to ensure that safe and effective delivery of services to communities in the Kimberley and Pilbara regions will happen. The project team is currently developing the BMHU admission and discharge pathways to ensure equity of access, carer/family involvement in treatment and discharge planning and optimising bed management processes. They are also working on how the new mental health inpatient service will be integrated with Broome Hospital.

Generally people assessed as needing acute psychiatric inpatient care who are currently referred for treatment to Perth will be transferred and admitted to BMHU. However, due to transport limitations for patients on discharge, a possible exception initially may be patients from Pilbara Inland. The Clinical Nurse Manager and Project Officer are preparing to visit the Pilbara in February to meet with as many people as possible to share information about current planning. If you would like to catch up please contact us.

Building Update

The building construction which has been funded by the state government is currently scheduled for completion at the end of March and we are aiming to open the BMHU early May, 2012. The 14 bed unit will open with ten beds initially and be fully operational at twelve months.



Once the building has been handed over, we will organise groups to come for a walk through BMHU with us. Please contact us if this is of interest to you.

The face of the BMHU



Pic above: Left to right: Lee Ingram, Geraldine Rolfe, James Gibson
APU Consultant Psychiatrist, Lee Ingram, APU Clinical Nurse Manager, Geraldine Rolfe and James Gibson, Aboriginal Mental Health Coordinator have commenced employment with KMHDS to assist operational planning. They are key staff who are excited to be part of the team to establish and provide quality inpatient services. All three staff have relocated from Perth metropolitan area and bring with them a wealth of experience to support the new inpatient service. Amongst other things, all are busy attracting and recruiting staff to work on the BMHU.

Exciting work opportunities!

For the first time the northwest will have an acute care mental health inpatient facility offering new challenges and work opportunities for skilled professionals. For emerging mental health practitioners we offer opportunities for professional development, supervision and support by experienced mental health staff.

Recruitment is underway and we are still looking for registered nurses, aboriginal workers, occupational therapist, psychologist and social worker who have a passion for delivering innovative health care in a culturally respectful way.

Are you looking for a rewarding work and a fantastic lifestyle? **Register your interest to work at the BMHU today.** Positions include a great salary and generous range of benefits so check it out!

See below for contact details to register your interest.

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