



Acute Psychiatric Unit—Broome Newsletter

Progress Report

The inpatient facility is to be called the **Acute Psychiatric Unit (APU)** until a formal naming process has taken place. Listings for furnishings, fittings and equipment for the APU is nearing completion and work is continuing to ensure the safe and effective delivery of services to communities in the Kimberley and Pilbara regions. Significant changes will occur in the management of patient admissions and as part of this we are looking at patient travel, how District Hospitals will work with the APU and how beds are managed.



Pic above: Kimberley Mental Health and Drug Service Mental Health Turtle Shell Logo

We are delighted to welcome James Gibson who has been appointed as the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander mental health coordinator position, a key APU staff member who will assist APU planning with particular focus on the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander team and cultural matters. We are in the process of recruiting three trainees: two patient care assistants and one allied health assistant. We are also actively recruiting to other key positions: the clinical nurse manager and consultant psychiatrist. These staff will join the team in advance to assist APU planning. Three clinical nurse positions are also being recruited to in advance to work in a clinical capacity to support mental health patient care and management in a clinical capacity.

Latest News

Exciting new challenges and work opportunities in the brand new Acute Psychiatric Unit in Broome!

We are looking for registered and clinical nurses, occupational therapists, psychologist, social workers and ATSI workers who have a passion for delivering innovative mental health care in a culturally respectful way.

Are you interested in rewarding work and a fantastic lifestyle? **Register your interest to work at the APU with us today.** Positions include a great salary and range of benefits so check it out!

Contact us to register your interest. See below for contact details.

Broome Networked Recovery Centre



Pic above: The home of the new Broome Networked Recovery Centre on the cnr. Forrest and Saville St, Broome

Building Update

It's all go at the APU construction site with progress moving along at a rapid pace! The new APU building is taking shape with lots of on site activity. Structural framework, block laying, plumbing and wall framing is underway and the roof is due for installment soon.

The APU building is scheduled for completion early 2012.

Pictured below: APU building construction site



We are excited to let you know that the Recovery Centre buildings are currently being refurbished in readiness to provide activity related programs for mental health clients. The APU will work closely with the Recovery Centre in supporting people's rehabilitation needs. Refurbishment completion is anticipated mid July, 2011. KMHDS Social Worker, Cameron North has been appointed as the Clinical Coordinator who will develop the service model for the centre.

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