



# Broome Mental Health Unit Newsletter

## Project Officers



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## Progress Report

### Community Forums

In October and November we ran a series of public forums across the Kimberley and Pilbara. The forums provided information and a chance for people to ask questions and make comments about the proposed mental health unit. 140 people attended from Broome, Fitzroy Crossing, Halls Creek, Kununurra, Wyndham, Port Hedland and Karratha. Thanks to all who came along and contributed ideas. See below for the questions people asked.

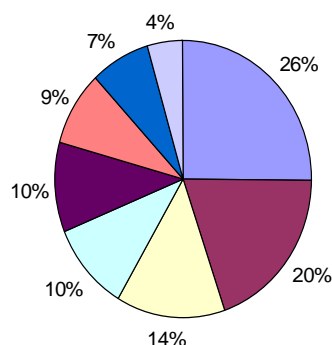
### Employment Opportunities

We are working with the Positive Employment Opportunities for Aboriginal People Project, which aims to increase the ability of the WA Country Health Service - Kimberley to recruit and retain indigenous staff. We are creating a marketing campaign for some of the jobs we will have on the unit to attract people with the cultural skills and knowledge that we will need to care for Aboriginal people who have a mental illness.

### Forum Questions



What did people ask about at the forums?



These issues will be our focus for the next stages of planning

## Building Update

- The design development phase for the unit including the interior fit-out, fixtures, furniture and finishings is drawing to a close and we are now ready to have the unit costed by the Quantity Surveyor.
- The unit is situated on the Broome Hospital site so we are waiting for the existing laundry and kitchen to be demolished and re-sited before building can start.
- The landscape designer has drawn the first concept plan for the courtyards based on community ideas from our forums and group consultations.
- We are looking forward to an early 2009 start date for the build.

## Mental Health Unit for the Kimberley and Pilbara



The 14-bed mental health unit will part of the redeveloped Broome Hospital. There will be approx 26 staff including psychiatrists, nurses, allied health and indigenous mental health workers. If you would like to be on the jobs database please contact Beth Wilson on 9194 2680 or [beth.wilson.kmhds@health.wa.gov.au](mailto:beth.wilson.kmhds@health.wa.gov.au)



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