



Broome Mental Health Unit Newsletter

Building Update

Planning for the Broome Mental Health Unit building is now complete and the contract will go out to tender for a builder in March 2010. Once a builder is secured, the building is expected to take 12-18 months to complete before opening in 2011/12.



Broome Hospital Mental Health Turtle Shell Logo

Progress Report

We are making progress with our **Indigenous Staff Training Project**, where we plan to employ up to six indigenous staff who will gain mental health care skills in advance of the unit opening. The positions include a Mental Health Worker/Professional, two Mental Health Liaison Officers, two Patient Care Assistants (one part-time) and a part-time Therapy Assistant. We hope to advertise for these positions in the new year and employ people with excellent cross-cultural communication skills and an interest in mental health care. We will provide on-the-job training including mentoring and support. Please contact us for more information and to register your interest (contact details below).

Latest News

Are you interested in rewarding work and a fantastic lifestyle? **Come and work at the Broome Mental Health Unit.** We are looking for registered nurses, clinical nurses, enrolled nurses, psychiatrists, occupational therapists, psychologists and social workers who have a passion for delivering innovative inpatient mental health care in a culturally respectful way. The Broome Mental Health Unit will be a great opportunity to gain experience in rural mental health care while enjoying the fabulous lifestyle Broome has to offer. Already working in Broome? We would welcome your experience and knowledge in providing care to people of the region. Contact us now to register your interest (contact details below).

Healthy WA Award for Broome Mental Health Unit Consultations

Kimberley Mental Health and Drug Service (KMHDS) has received a State award acknowledging the ground-breaking work being done to develop culturally respectful mental health care in Northwest WA.

The Health Department's annual Healthy WA Awards showcase the innovative work being done by WA Health employees to provide quality health-care to the people of this State.

Senior Project Officer, Dr Beth Wilson said that she was delighted to accept the Healthy Partnerships Award on behalf of KMHDS for her consultation strategy entitled "Culture and care: Planning an inpatient mental health service for the North West."

"This award is recognition of all the hard work that KMHDS and the WA Country Health Service Kimberley has put in to developing a strategy which will enable the Broome Mental Health Unit to deliver appropriate care to Kimberley and Pilbara residents."

KMHDS scooped the top award, which was presented at a recent function hosted by HESTA Superfund at the University of Western Australia, from a pool of 25 nominees and two other finalists.



(L-R) Suellen Tapsall from Australian Institute of Management-University of WA Alliance (Award Sponsor), Beth Wilson from Kimberley Mental Health and Drug Service and Hon Dr Kim Hames, MLA, Minister for Health

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