



Social and Emotional Wellbeing Partner Network Monthly News

April 2022

SEWB Team Update

The SEWB Team have welcomed Jacob Smith he is a proud Yawuru and Nyul-Nyul man born in Darwin, raised in Broome.



Jacob's journey in the health space started when he attended the Kimberley Aboriginal Youth Suicide Prevention Forum 2017, and was elected by his peers to be one of the two youth delegates to sit on the Kimberley Suicide Prevention Trial Site roundtable working group and voice the report's recommendations to the Commonwealth minister.

This led to the opportunity to be employed at the Kimberley Aboriginal Medical Services where he completed a Cert IV in Training and Assessment, Cert IV in Mental health, Cert II in Family Wellbeing, and trained to deliver the Aboriginal Mental Health First Aid (AMHFA), Youth Mental Health First Aid (YMHFA) course, the Kimberley Empowerment Healing and Leadership Program (KEHLP) and the Mooditj Sexual Health Training. This gave him the experience in delivering and working in some of the most remote and isolated places in the Kimberley region.

He attended the World Indigenous Suicide Prevention Conference in Perth 2018 and is the Australian Youth Representative on the 2021 World

Indigenous Suicide Prevention Conference Steering Committee. Jacob received the Aboriginal Health Council of Western Australia's Young Achiever Award in 2019 and led the coordination of the Kimberley Empowered Young Leaders Regional Forums and Report during this year.

In 2019 he pursued a role at **headspace** Broome as a Social and Emotional Wellbeing Worker to gain experience working with young people at the grass roots level. Jacob undertakes his work utilising both his learned skills and lived experience. The young people he engages are often experiencing similar challenges as he did growing up. Jacob has been supported to complete the Jawardani Jan-ga Equine Assisted Learning Practitioner training and now also delivers culturally secure Aboriginal led and run Equine-Assisted Learning sessions to young people weekly. He was employed by headspace National as one of the Australian Youth Advocates for Mental Health where he helped design, develop and implement a national initiative called Project Visible. He is one of the young people on the Aboriginal Health Councils for Western Australia's Youth Committee. Jacob has recently joined the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Lived Experience Centre's National Advisory Group.

Jacob is passionate about mental health and suicide prevention as he understands first-hand the impacts these issues have on individuals, families and communities.

Jacob's resilience and courage in standing up for his community contributes to changing the narrative of how young people view themselves, and provides hope, guidance and inspiration for emerging young Indigenous leaders.



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The Rainbow Knowledge Kimberley project

The Rainbow Knowledge Kimberley project is an Aboriginal and Aboriginal LGBTQA+ lead research project looking at the social emotional wellbeing, mental health and service needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander LGBTQA+ young people (14-25 years) living in Broome and Kununurra. The project is seeking Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people who are LGBTQA+ to join the project advisory group. The project advisory group will meet regularly throughout the 2-year project to guide project research questions, data analysis, and knowledge translation. Members will be financially reimbursed. No prior experience with research or advisory groups is needed! We are hoping you will kindly share the attached EOI with your networks. Interested young people should contact Rainbow.Knowledge@telethonkids.org.au or 08 6319 1062.



KAMSC vaccination team and SEWB outreach service:

Our KAMSC staff flew out on a Monday and returned on Friday to Billiluna and Balgo supporting their community clinics. Our workers were responsible for doing house to house visits asking patients if they would like covid vaccinations. These were offered to both children and adults. Staff supported with transport, communication between staff and community members and educating them on the importance of vaccinations. Staff were responsible for ensuring that community members were eligible for each of the vaccinations and providing pre and post educational support.

SEWB SUPPORT

13 Yarn (13 92 76)

13-Yarn is an aboriginal life/crisis-line run by Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander crisis support line.

We work to explore options for ongoing support and community members will always be reassured they will be connected to another Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander person who will understand where they are coming from and value knowing HOW to listen, without judgement or shame

For all general enquiries, please email enquiries@13yarn.org.au.

For all media enquiries, please email media@13yarn.org.au or call 0408 407 376.



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KASPP Community Wellbeing Sponsorship Program

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Be an Aboriginal community member and or apply on behalf of an Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisation

Be located in the Kimberley region of Western Australia;

Clearly demonstrate how their proposed project relates to the Kimberley Aboriginal Suicide Prevention Plan recommendations;

Complete an application by **7th June 2022**.

How to apply?

Applications can be sent through on request by contacting the KAMS wellbeing officer and are available in hard copy form at your local AMS or clinic

Applications will be assessed against the eligibility criteria, support in completing applications can be requested through contacting the KASPP Wellbeing Officer. via email: kasppsponsorship@kamsc.org.au or phone **(08) 91943 200**

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KIMBERLEY ABORIGINAL SUICIDE PREVENTION PLAN
Community Sponsorship Flyer

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Legal disclaimer: By submitting your sponsorship application you have read and agree to our terms of agreement and privacy policy as detailed in the Community Sponsorship Guidelines (PDF).

MHC commonwealth funded sponsorship program, commissioned through KAMS.



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COVID Resources

Please visit the KAMS COVID page to find information and resources about the how to keep your community safe – [Click Link](#)

Coronavirus (COVID-19)

COVID-19

It is a time of great uncertainty as the Kimberley faces the threat of COVID-19. KAMS and our member services are working hard to keep you and your community safe and strong. The following site pages can be used to help the region stay educated and informed about COVID-19:

1. Community information and resources
2. Workforce resources (including COVID-19 travel policies and leave policies)
3. Clinical links and information
4. Reach our – SEWB resources
5. COVID-19 Vaccine Frequently Asked Questions
6. COVID-19 Vaccine Clinical Resources
7. COVID-19 Vaccine Information Resources

Job Opportunities

Client Liaison Officer – Suicide Prevention

Location: OVASH – Kununurra

For more information or to apply please send resumes to: mgrsec@ovahs.org.au

Please [click](#) on link for other Job Opportunities

Upcoming Training

Engaging Communities

Transforming facilitation and conflict resolution masterclass

3-day workshop - Broome 22nd - 24th February

Course is fully catered and resources provided. Very limited places available! (12 - 16 participants) Venue details available on registration.

To book or for more information

Email: alexis.harper@health.wa.gov.au

Phone: 08 9194 2663

RSVP: 21st January 2022 (book early to avoid disappointment)

For more information on Working Visions visit: workingvisions.com.au

If you would like to attend, please RSVP to louella.monaghan@health.wa.gov.au before Friday 27 May 2022. Please include the dietary requirements form in your email.



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Future Training

To check out all future training and events please visit the SEWB Training & Events Calendar.

To put in an Expression of Interest for SEWB training please see links below:

For organization's:

http://kams.org.au/kamsc-services/social-emotional-well-being/eoi_org/

For community members: http://kams.org.au/kamsc-services/social-emotional-well-being/eoi_community/

<https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/9789240025707>

If you have any questions relating to our April newsletter or if your organization is keen to share any good news or up and coming events and training in your local community, please email the details through to our SEWB Admin officer at sewbadmin@kamsc.org.au