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Health Pathways Project Newsletter



Welcome back in 2026

After a well deserved holiday break, most of us have hit the ground running with a busy start to the new year. At KAMS we look forward to continuing successful programs such as our Solid Connections and Solid Leadership offerings, and excited for new projects such as commencing our peer mentoring program and delivering the Certificate II in Community Health & Wellbeing in Kununurra for the first time. We're welcoming a fairly large cohort of new Certificate IV students at our Broome RTO in February who'll be studying Mental Health or Primary Health Care, and we'll also see the first ever cohort of Rising Leaders participants graduate from their Diploma of Leadership and Management!

Please enjoy reading our updates from Semester 2 of last year and as always, we welcome involvement, feedback and queries from stakeholders and community, so feel free to reach out at any time!

SOLID CONNECTIONS

SEMESTER 2 UPDATE

Semester 2 of 2025 saw Solid Connection 1 (SC1) delivered in Halls Creek and Kununurra with 13 participants gaining new skills in first aid, communication, numeracy and digital literacy.

Solid Connections 2 (SC2) will be delivered in Kununurra in early 2026, followed by the Certificate II in Community Health & Wellbeing. If you'd like any further information about the SC programs

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SOLID LEADERSHIP

Some of our Rising Leaders and High Potential program participants were invited to speak at the Social and Emotional Wellbeing Forum held in Kununurra in November '25, where they shared stories of their inspiring journeys to becoming leaders in their families, jobs and communities.

This was followed by an opportunity for some participants to speak at the National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation's (NACCHO's) 2025 Youth Conference in Sydney!

There was much to share with 13 of these participants having been given promotions or filling higher duties roles in 2025. The KAMS Workforce Team is proud to be supporting local people to achieve their leadership goals.



Solid Leadership Participants Jodie Bedford and Shakana Garstone presenting at the NACCHO Youth Conference



Janice presenting at the SEWB Forum in November 2025

We're in Kununurra!

Introducing Charmane Johnson, our new Workforce Navigator based in Kununurra. Charmane will be coordinating a new peer mentoring program for students at KAMS RTO, as well as helping out with other programs in the East Kimberley.



Certificate II in Community Health & Wellbeing

Certificate II in Community Health & Wellbeing will be delivered in Kununurra starting in April. This qualification can help prepare you for a career in the Community Services or Health sector, or be a pathway to a higher Certificate III or IV course.

If you are interested in doing this course, we'd love to hear from you! Please contact us for an information flyer and an expression of interest form at rtocoordinator@kamsc.org.au or phone **0432 648 293**.

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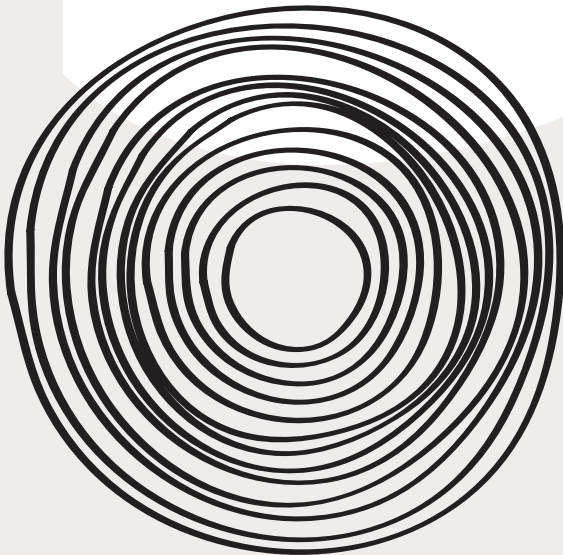
Unit	Description	Block	2026 Delivery Dates
Non Accredited	Orientation and Kimberley Empowerment, Healing and Leadership Program (KEHLP).	1	20th – 22nd Apr
HLTAID011	Provide First Aid	1	23rd – 24th Apr
HLTWHS006	Manage personal stressors	2	11th – 15th May
CHCCOM005	Communicate and work in health or community services	3	25th – 29th May
HLTINF006	Apply basic principles and practices of infection prevention and control	4	8th – 17th Jun
ALL UNITS	Scheduled class time to complete assessments	4	18th – 19th Jun
HLTWHS001	Participate in workplace health and safety	5	29th Jun – 3rd Jul
HLTARES001	Gather information and report on community health	6	20th – 24th Jul
CHCDIV001	Work with diverse people	7	10th – 14th Aug
CHCDIV002	Promote Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander cultural safety	8	24th – 28th Aug
HLTPOP031	Provide information and support on environmental health issues	9	7th – 11th Sep
ALL UNITS	Scheduled class time to complete assessments	10	21st – 25th Sep

NEW PEER MENTORING PROGRAM

We are now recruiting peer mentors for our 2026 Certificate IV Aboriginal Health Worker and Mental Health students!

If you can spare an hour or two per month to support these students through their studies, we'd love to hear from you. Peer mentors will be paid for their time.

If you'd like more information Please send your name, contact information and work role through to,
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