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Health Pathways Project Newsletter



Latest updates from the HPP

As we reach the second half of the year it's full steam ahead for 2026 projects and there's plenty to share from the KAMS Health Pathways Program (HPP). There are 28 students still studying their Cert IV Aboriginal Health Practitioner (AHP) and Cert IV Mental Health qualifications at KAMS and 9 students who've started their Cert II in Community Health & Wellbeing in Halls Creek. The RTO team continue to support these students from across the Kimberley region to achieve their training goals.

The HPP team were excited to hold the first meeting of the HPP Expert Advisory Group in June, with representatives from various stakeholders who will come together every 6 months to review our activities, share their expertise and ensure we are working towards the Health training and employment needs of the region.

In Solid Leadership, our second cohort of Rising Leaders have started training, while the first cohort have just graduated with their Diploma! In addition to this, Solid Connections is coming to Dampier Peninsula in August, we've run the first ever AHP Graduate Program this semester and have also just kicked off a peer mentoring program for RTO students!

Please enjoy reading our updates from Semester 1, as we look forward to the second half of 2026.

What's been happening?



PEER MENTORING

The new peer mentoring program is off and running for KAMS RTO Cert IV students. Thank you to everyone who has agreed to be a mentor!

We hope to expand this mentoring to other cohorts and program participants in future. If you'd like any more information

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SOLID CONNECTIONS

Solid Connections 2 ran in Kununurra earlier this year with 5 participants attaining their First Aid certificate and completing modules including digital literacy, personal and career planning and conducting manual tasks safely.

Solid Connections 1 & 2 will be delivered in Dampier Peninsula starting in August, in partnership with Kullari (KRCIC) and NR TAFE.

If you'd like more information on Solid Connections, please contact coordinator

Renae Fong, 0457 521 031 or renae.fong@kamsc.org.au



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Connect, Learn, Grow



CERT II COMMUNITY HEALTH & WELLBEING IN HALLS CREEK

With not many enrolments in the Cert II in Kununurra, a late decision was made to move it to Halls Creek. 9 students who started their Cert II studies in April are already gaining lots of new skills and knowledge. This delivery has been made possible through partnership with Yura Yungi Medical Service who are committed to up-skilling their staff, and with the ongoing support of North Regional TAFE, who are providing a venue and Skills for Study literacy support staff for the course.



ABORIGINAL HEALTH PRACTITIONER GRADUATE PROGRAM

In February 2026, KAMS first ever AHP Graduate Program began with 8 participants from Broome, Derby, Halls Creek, Bidyadanga and Beagle Bay communities.

So far, our Grads have done training including goal setting, clinical skills updates, patient based manual handling, trauma informed care, Aboriginal mental health first aid, a sexual health workshop and a remote wound care workshop, phew!

The AHP's are now undertaking placements in areas that they may want to specialise in and the final week of the program will involve a trip to Perth to visit hospitals and patient accommodations.

Applications for the 2027 AHP Grad Program will open later this year. If you'd like any further info or to express interest, please reach out to our Clinical Educator.

Amanda Cornwell, at amanda.cornwell@kamsc.org.au



WOUND CARE TRAINING

A highlight of the AHP graduate program was the remote wound care training, facilitated by the Australian Plastic Surgeons Foundation. This was part of the KAMS professional development week for Aboriginal Health Workers held in May. Attendees practiced suturing and cleaning wounds using pig trotters.





CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR RISING LEADERS

Huge congratulations to our Rising Leaders group who graduated with their Diploma of Leadership & Management in February! All 11 of these participants have gained valuable new skills and some were also recognised in the recent Rio Tinto Leadership Awards.

All of our Solid Leadership participants are reporting increased confidence in their capacity both individually and as leaders.

Congratulations!



Our Next Generation of Leaders



HIGH POTENTIAL PROGRAM

The High Potential Program is also coming to an end with 11 participants having completed varied Leadership Training modules that have up-skilled them in areas such as feedback fitness, reflective practices, communication and public speaking.



SOLID Leadership
Learn, Lead, Succeed

Introducing new project team members...

While it's been sad to say goodbye to some of our Health Pathways Project Team, we've got some exciting new additions!



Renae Fong

Health Pathways Project and Solid Connections Coordination

Renae is the new Workforce Programs Team Leader and will be coordinating Solid Connections as well as leading the HPP team.

Louise McKenna

Solid Leadership Coordination

Lulu has been working with KAMS RTO for 35 years and has been supporting the Health Pathways Project since 2024. Lulu will be taking on coordination of the Solid Leadership program and supporting our new Rising Leaders group.

Sheridan Jaffrey

Certificate II in Community Health & Wellbeing Trainer

Sheridan is an RTO Trainer at KAMS who has previously taught the Cert III Aboriginal Health Worker qualification and has now stepped in to deliver the Cert II in Halls Creek.



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