



DHARAH GIBINJ
"Rubbing & Healing"

NEWSLETTER Issue 1



Dharah Gibinj newsletter will

1. Keep you informed of what is happening in your area.
2. Promote health and community Information.
3. Up to date information will be distributed quarterly..

Aboriginal Medical Service Aboriginal Corporation aims to improve service delivery and better communication with our Aboriginal communities in Tabulam, Casino, Coraki, Muli, Kyogle and in the near future Bonalbo.

Board Of Directors

The new Board of Directors were voted in at the Oaks Centre Casino on the 18th December, 2006.

There were approximately 70 members from the various Aboriginal communities.

Annabelle Walker and Bruce Walker were nominated and accepted to represent Tabulam.

Lena Kapeen and Lorraine Williams were nominated and accepted to represent Coraki.

Gloria Williams and Robert Williams were nominated and accepted to represent Muli /Woodenbong.

Noelene Hickling and Tracey Duval were nominated and accepted to represent Casino.

Wayne Walker was nominated and accepted to represent Kyogle.

The new Board of Directors plan to make changes for 2007.

1. Meeting with staff on a regular basis.
2. Improve communications with all staff.
3. Understand staffs programs.
4. Board of Directors will undergo training with staff members.
5. Enhance a positive direction for the betterment of the service.

The new Board of Directors will receive Business Governance training in the next month. Some of the units will cover:-

- Meet the Roles & Responsibility of a Board Members
- Use the Constitution
- Manage a Board Meeting

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Positions

The previous CEO and Program Coordinator left Dharah Gibinj in Sept 2006. Which meant that there was no CEO or Program Coordinator for approximately three months.

Appointed by the Board of Directors Annette Olive has been acting CEO since early December 2006.

Annette has worked in the health field for about fifteen years and has liaised with many of the Aboriginal Elders, key people, government and non government organisations.

Currently Marlene Binge is the acting Program Coordinator who is taking six months leave from her Aboriginal Health Worker role. Marlene has been with the service for approximately seven years.

The positions for the CEO and the Program Manger has been advertised in January the Northern Star and the Koori Mail 13 & 20 2007.

The closing date was 21st Feb, 2007. These two positions were left open for one month.

Lindsay Gordon is the Practice Coordinator is working closely with the receptionist, doctors and the nurses to improve service delivery for the organisation and to our many clients.

Tiani Browning is currently assisting Debbie Caldwell in the front reception area for a period of six months.

Karen Day has been the Aboriginal Health Worker for approximately six months. Karen has been working on Safe Motherhood program, outreach with the doctors and diabetes clinics.

Sarah Dollison is Dharah Gibinj part-time nurse who works Tuesdays and Wednesdays when our Outreach teams goes into the community.

Fran Johnson is the RN who works with Graeme Walker on the Vascular Health Program. Fran and Graeme will be contacting key people to visit your community.

Jenny Horsley Registered Nurse is currently on six months leave.

Tabulam Outreach Days

6 & 20 Feb
6 & 20 March
3 & 17 April
1st , 15 & 29 May
12 & 26 June
& 24 July
7 & 21 Aug
4 & 18 Sept
2, 16 & 30 October
13 & 27 November
11 December

Coraki Outreach Clinic Days

14 & 28 February
14 & 28 March
11 April
9 & 23 May
6 & 20 June
4 & 18 July
15 & 29 August
12 & 26 September
10 & 24 October
7 & 21 November
5 & 19 December.

.Muli Community Outreach Days

16 & 30 Jan
13 & 27 Feb
15 & 27 March
10 & 24 April
8 & 22 May
5 & 19 June
3,17 & 31 July
14 & 28 Aug
11 & 25 Sept
9 & 23 Oct
6 & 20 Nov
4 & 18 Dec

Boomerang Caring Program

Hank & Billy

Muli- Tuesdays
6 & 20 Feb
6 & 20 March
3 & 17 April
1,15 & 29 May
12 & 26 June
10 & 24 July
7 & 21 Aug
4 & 18 Sept
2nd ,,16 & 30 Oct
13 & 27 Nov
11 Dec

Otitis Media (Hearing)

Irene Briggs and Jan Davies will be carrying out hearing tests for students at each school.

Mon/ Tues 5-6 March

Casino West School

March 7-8 Wed/Thur

Casino Public

March 12-13-14 Mon /Tue /Wed

Casino High

March 15 Kyogle Primary

March 16 Kyogle High School

Safe Motherhood Program

The Safe Motherhood program is in partnership with Community Health and Dharah Gibinj and every second Tuesday during the school term mothers will meet at Djanenjam Pre-school at 10am until 1:30pm.

3 & 27 Feb

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8 & 29 May

5 & 19 June

3 & 17 July

14 & 28 Aug

11 & 25 Sept

9 & 23 Oct

6 & 20 Nov

Membership

A reminder to community members if you need transport please ring Dharah Gibinj on 66623514 by 10 am except for Mondays.

Dharah Gibinj staff are as follows:

Marlene Binge Acting Program Coordinator

Michelle Sharpe Finance Officer

Phil Patchett Doctor

Anthony Solomon Doctor

Elizabeth Honey Doctor

Anthony Hickling D & A Worker

Billy Walker Social & Wellbeing Worker

John Breckenridge. Male Health Worker

Irene Briggs Otitis Media Worker

Karen Day Female Health Worker

Glenda Mason Nurse

Tristan Charles Assistant Finance Officer

Debbie Caldwell Receptionist

Tiani Browning Receptionist

Noelene Laurie Transport

Darryl Walker Transport

Survey

Do you have a suggestion or complaint that will help us improve service delivery to your community. Please fill in the bottom of this newsletter or ring us on 66623514 on any suggestions/complaints or comments that you want to share.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your assistance.

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Complaints:

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Comments:

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