

RED LILY News



MESSAGE FROM THE CEO:

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*You would be forgiven for thinking we had disappeared given the lack of any newsletters in the past few months. **Of course we are definitely still here**, we've been extra busy as we approached the completion of the transition plan for West Arnhem region.*

There was much to do including the completion of funding negotiations. Thanks go to Chris Hosking, CE of NT Health who was excellent to deal with as we progressed to an agreeable outcome in sufficient time to prepare the funding agreement prior to the Gunbalanya transition. In fact, all of our funders are great to deal with as we all seek to reduce bureaucratic waste in our processes. This is particularly visible in the consolidation of 6 different agreements into just one funding agreement with NT Health along with annual reporting instead of the quarterly reporting of not so long ago.

Our thanks also go to those people who helped to make the final slice of transition a smooth transfer. The continuing and new staff on the ground, the NT Health nurses and doctors that stayed on for a few weeks to assist with handover, community members and stakeholders who had their usual services disrupted but were patient with us, Council staff, Gunbalanya Club management, transport services, our Corporate team and colleagues at Jabiru; they all pulled together to make things work. *Thank you.*

Speaking of Gunbalanya, the community was none too pleased to hear that the much vaunted new Health Centre building, promised to the community by NT Government, had lost its funding allocation in the NT Budget.

The Centre had been designed and tender specifications prepared and it was good to go but now it is unclear if it is to be built and, if so, when. Watch out for more information on this subject in the media soon. Given the age of the current building and the length of time that it has not been considered 'fit for purpose' we cannot let this situation drag on.



Top & bottom: Architectural design views of Main entrance of the new Gunbalanya Health Centre that has since been axed from the NT Budget.



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Whilst all of this was going on, we managed to finalise two key documents since our last communication, the Red Lily Health Board Strategic Plan and the Red Lily Workforce Development Strategy. We'll publish them on our website very soon.

We have received funds via NACCHO, our national peak body, to embark on 2 new programs. One is to provide health promotion and support services in our communities dealing with issues related to cancer and to support a good uptake of screening opportunities coming soon. The other is to address the drop in vaccination in West Arnhem. This is an issue across the country generally attributed to the COVID pandemic causing a break in focus on the many vaccine-preventable diseases that had previously been kept under control. We aim to send dedicated teams to our communities to assist our Health Centre teams to offer services to help people get back up to date with their immunisations.

I'd also like to welcome all of our new staff that have joined us since April. Most of these folks are connected to the transition at Gunbalanya but we also welcome Georgia at Jabiru, Fatima at Minjilang and Jade and Olivia based in the Darwin office. Hopefully we can convince them to say hi to you via the Spotlight in a future newsletter 😊

I hope you enjoy this edition of the newsletter and a little notice to Jabiru and Gunbalanya residents over the next few months, watch out for the Bibi Plane doing daily flights between the two places over the next few months. I hear the kids at Gunbalanya School are going to get a close look at the drone at an upcoming event soon. Exciting.

Brad Palmer

Red Lily Health acknowledges the traditional owners and custodians across the lands on which we live, work and we pay our respect to elders both past, present and emerging.



Hoops 4 Health lights up

Warruwi &
Minjilang

Over the past few weeks, the energy on the courts of Warruwi and Minjilang was off the charts as we teamed up with Hoops 4 Health, delivering a jam-packed program that blended basketball, culture, and community yarns.

This wasn't just about sport—it was about connection, confidence, and conversations. And it couldn't have happened without the deadly collaboration between our **Tackling Indigenous Smoking (TIS)** and **Social and Emotional Wellbeing (SEWB)** teams.

A big thanks to **Kia (Tackling Indigenous Smoking Officer)** for bringing their heart, hustle, and community-first spirit to the courts. This was a powerful introduction for Ed to our island communities, and the perfect opportunity to build trust and relationships through fun and meaningful activity.

We're also sending massive shoutouts to:

-  **Hoops 4 Health** - for bringing the skills & the good vibes
-  **West Arnhem Regional Council (WARC)** - for backing the program locally
-  **Minjilang & Warruwi Schools** - for showing up, supporting the kids & getting involved!

Our young people were the stars of the show – showing strength, talent, and leadership with every bounce of the ball. Their participation reminded us all why community-led programs matter.

We *can't wait* to get back out on the islands (and the courts)!

**Next Stop: Jabiru - 23 July 2025. Stay tuned for all the details
- it's going to be another cracker!**



GUNBALANYA

Careers Expo

In June, Red Lily had the absolute pleasure of joining the Gunbalanya School Careers Expo and what a deadly day it was!

From the moment we set up, the students were keen to engage, checking out the Red Lily stall, spinning the prize wheel, having a yarn with the team. What was amazing to see was the recognition and excitement from the students, we heard plenty of "That's clinic mob!" As they passed by. Even though Red Lily hadn't officially moved into Gunbalanya at this time, it's clear the community already knows who we are and are looking forward to what's to come.

*One of the standout moments? Watching the students express their ideas of what being healthy means through art. Their pieces were thoughtful, vibrant, and full of heart, we left feeling incredibly inspired. **These artworks will soon have a permanent home on the walls of the Gunbalanya Health Centre**, and we are so proud to be able to celebrate their talent in such a meaningful way.*

Of course, it wouldn't be a Red Lily visit without a bit of fun! Our spinning prize wheel brought plenty of laughs (and a few friendly debates over which prize was the best!) The students absolutely lit up the room with their enthusiasm and cheeky charm.

Huge shoutout to the amazing team at **Gunbalanya School** for hosting such a well-run and welcoming event. It's clear that this community is growing future leaders, thinkers, and changemakers and we're honoured to play even a small part in that journey.

We'll be back soon, and we'll be bringing more opportunities, more yarns, and more of that Red Lily spirit



Leading Our Ways: My Program Journey with IAHA

from Renae

Block One - Grounded Beginnings: Strength in Culture & Connection



IAHA's 2025 - Leading our Ways Program Participants

With bags packed and an arvo flight, I headed off to Block One of IAHA's Leading our Ways Program - hosted in the Red Centre!

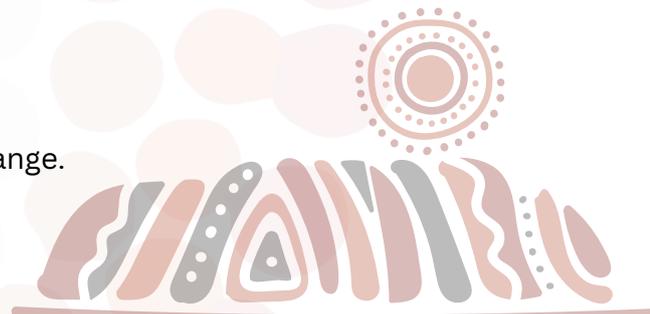
With a smidge of anxiety but a whole lot of excitement, I landed in Alice Springs with no expectations, no pre-made connections, just an open mind and, gosh, aren't I ever so glad I did! Block One was intense (12-13 hour days) filled with powerful learnings.

We explored worldviews, how it has shaped this country, “**Knowing, Living & Being**” as Indigenous individuals and our personal styles. We unpacked the unique spaces we move through as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, what defines Indigenous leadership, and the challenges we face. We spoke about racism; its impacts & discussed strategies on how to address it. More importantly, we explored our values – individually & collectively and completed **A LOT** of reflective practice each day, together as groups and on our own when we retreated for the night. A component of this program is participants are to complete a leadership project; we reviewed this item and brainstormed as a group some ideas. We also received letters from last year's participants and even had a couple of them attend to talk about their experience in the program. You honestly cover so much, I couldn't possibly note everything I took away from this block in this summary (from both a content and life experience perspective) and don't even get me started on the connections/people...

I didn't know a soul starting this program. We all had only spent three days together but the bond we have formed as a collective is nothing I have ever experienced. As a mob, we tend to lean more on the shy side, *not me (of course)*, but most do, till a sense of familiarity/comfort sets in. We had 20+ participants from all different parts of the Territory, connected and descendants from all parts of country. Different ages, from different industries and bringing all different work & life experiences. Differences aside, I think the level of openness/sincerity, acceptance to the anxiety surrounding the unknown, commitment and effort each participant presented with, is a tribute to the level of connection we all left with.

If I had to summarise, 3 impactful take aways from Block One:

- Leadership isn't a position, it's a practice.
- As a collective, we have strength to influence and enact change.
- I *really* need to start paying attention to politics...



Leading Our Ways: My Program Journey with IAHA

from Renae

Block Two - From Reflection to Action: Where Purpose Meets Practice

Block Two of IAHA's Leading our Ways program had me hitting the road to Katherine for another jam-packed week of learning, connection and growth.

IAHA generously covers all your travel, accommodation and meals, though I'm not sure I'll ever get used to being fed 6 times a day! This time, I chose to drive myself (*mostly to save the coach passengers from enduring my passionate renditions of Megan Moroney and Luke Combs on repeat*).

We kicked off this block with self-reflection activities, revisiting our time in Alice Springs and unpacking the individual takeaways from Block One. From there, we dove into the power of relationships, circles of influence, and the importance of meaningful stakeholder engagement. We explored concepts like personal branding, (never thought I would ever write a personal biography but here we are), visioning, and goal setting and each of us were expected to present or "pitch" a breakdown of our leadership project plan for feedback. We had time to review and get support from the IAHA team to polish our plans, including the opportunity to sit down with IAHA CEO (and one of our facilitators), Donna Murray, to refine my plan and draw from her incredible insights and experience.

With the hard yakka done, this block was a little different but a whole lot of fun. We had the privilege of learning from the hilarious Maddy Bower and the wonderful Aunty Miliwanga Wurrben, who shared their knowledge of bush medicine. With mortar and pestle in hand, we picked, bruised and infused eucalyptus leaves in oil to turn it into an ointment, it was honestly a beautifully grounding experience.

To finish off what was already an amazing week, IAHA treated us to a **Nabilil Dreaming Sunset Dinner Tour** at **Nitmiluk Gorge** on Jawoyn Country.

What made the experience even more sacred was having the Jawoyn women call on their ancestors for our safe passage and perform water blessings ceremony.

Truly an unforgettable experience.

Sunset on the tour



Water Blessings



Bush Medicine Learning



Gorge Photo



JUNE WAS
BOWEL CANCER
AWARENESS
MONTH



Bowel Cancer
AUSTRALIA

Bowel Cancer is preventable & treatable

Bowel cancer claims the lives of 101 Australians every week - but it's one of the most treatable types of cancer when detected early.



14,534

Australians are told they have bowel cancer each year

5,276

lives lost to bowel cancer each year

99%

of cases can be treated successfully when detected in the earliest stage

160,000+

Australians living with or beyond bowel cancer

More info: <https://www.bowelcanceraustralia.org/>

HEALTH VISITS @redlily

Minjilang Health Centre
Jul/Aug Health Visits

 Wednesdays 

Child Health Nurse	14-16 Jul	Paediatrics	11 Aug
Child Health Nurse	5-7 Aug	Physiotherapist	20 Aug

Warruwi Health Centre
Jul/Aug Health Visits

 Wednesdays 

Renal	15 Jul		
Dietician	23-25 Aug	Child Health Nurse	18-20 Aug

Jabiru Health Centre
Jul/Aug Health Visits

 01-31 July
01-15, 25 - 31 Aug 

Paediatrics	30 Jul		
Physicians	31 Jul	Dietician	25-28 Aug
Physiotherapist	5-8 Aug	Child Health Nurse	25-28 Aug
Child Oral Health	11-13 Aug	Speech Pathology	25-27 Aug
Ultrasound	13 Aug	Occupational Therapy	25-27 Aug
Adult Oral Health	18-22 Aug		

Gunbalanya Health Centre
Jul/Aug Health Visits

 01-31 July
01-31 Aug 

Child Health Nurse	21-24 Jul		
Child Oral Health	28 Jul-01 Aug	Child Health Nurse	11-14 Aug
Paediatrics	30 Jul	Dietician	11-14 Aug
Adult Oral Health	11-15 Aug	Child Cardiology	12 Aug
Physiotherapist	11-14 Aug	Physicians	14 Aug

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Darwin, NT

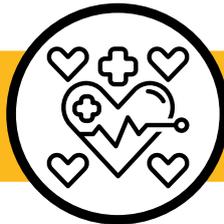


Finance Manager
Darwin, NT

Director of Medical Services
Darwin, NT



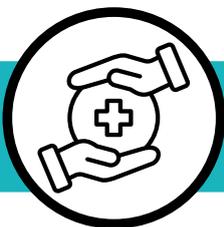
Remote Area Nurses (Multiple Positions)
Gunbalanya & Jabiru, West Arnhem Region, NT



Remote Health General Practitioners
Gunbalanya & Jabiru, West Arnhem Region, NT



Locum Remote GP's
All locations, West Arnhem Region, NT



Expressions of Interest are welcome
All roles & locations, West Arnhem Region, NT



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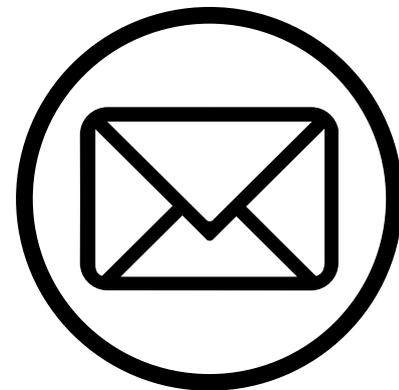
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Red Lily Health Board Aboriginal Corporation was formed in 2011 to empower Aboriginal people of the West Arnhem region to address the health issues they face through providing leadership and governance in the development of quality, effective Primary Health Care services, with a long-term vision of establishing a regional Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Service.

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