

RED LILY News



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MESSAGE FROM THE CEO:

August and September seem to have flown by as Red Lily continue to establish ways of working beyond the transition story.

We really do appreciate the insights that audits present and so were very happy to undergo our ISO Surveillance Audit in August. On the whole we were reassured we are on the right track. We had a few minor non-conformances that have already been closed out. These are opportunities for improvement and we look forward to the re-certification audit process next year.

Another exciting development during this period was the arrival of a full time pharmacist at Jabiru. Our pharmacy partner, Northpharm, came good on their ambition to find a pharmacist with the eventual aim of running a pharmacy proper out of the Health Centre. This could give rise to a local support system within our region that will benefit our other communities too.

This dry season has unfortunately seen a lot of sorry business in the region. Our hearts go out to all the family groups who have lost loved ones this year. We particularly felt the loss of our former Chair at her funeral in August. It was a significant event in Red Lily's (and Injalak's) story acknowledged by many community members and visitors. Big acknowledgements go to Shirley Spicer, our Board Secretariat, who worked closely with the family on the arrangements.

It is great to see our teams getting out into community. You will see reference to attendance at festivals and running vaccination campaigns out and about in the newsletter. We are also seeking to grow our connections with local leadership through the WARC Local Authority Group meetings in each community every quarter. This is a great opportunity to listen to community as well as offer updates on health business locally.

Hearty congratulations also go to Luke at Warruwi. It's a sign of our growing maturity that we have staff with 3 years' service in our midst. Thank you, Luke, for all you do for folks at Warruwi and for hanging in there. Another seven years and we'll have to figure out how we reward 10 years' service (apart from Long Service Leave of course)!!

We are entering the end of year awards season and Red Lily staff have been nominated in several categories. We appreciate the recognition this might bring for our people. They are all working hard to grow a top quality, caring, culturally smart health service. Fingers crossed.

Enjoy our latest newsletter.

Brad Palmer

fip WORLD 25 SEPTEMBER PHARMACISTS DAY

Northpharm



Red Lily Jabiru recently had the pleasure of co-hosting a Coffee and a Yarn at Marrawuddi Arts & Culture Centre on Thursday 25 September.

The day brought the opportunity for community to come together to connect with the Jabiru Health Service team over free coffee, catering by Deadly Meals and Wheels, and plenty of good yarns. There were giveaways on the day, including an AFL guernsey, adding to the fun and community spirit.



STONE COUNTRY FESTIVAL

GUNBALANYA

30 - 31 of August saw the Stone Country Festival return to Gunbalanya this year for two days of culture and connection.

The Red Lily Gunbalanya team were out on site hosting a stand and connecting with community. Things got wild when a huge gust of wind came through which saw gazebos of all shapes and sizes throughout the festival take a hit! With the Red Lily marquee looking a bit worse for wear! (It was described as “a soldier who had stepped on a land mine”). Despite the chaos, the team kept their spirits high and made this a great opportunity for Red Lily to be a part of community life. Big thanks to Jarrad for coordinating and to the remaining Red Lily team for being part of such an unforgettable experience!





FLU SHOT



Continuing on with Gunbalanya, the team back up the Festival the following Friday and ran a Flu Shot BBQ at the park.

They managed to give a few flu shots and have some good yarns with community before activity picked up at the clinic and they had to wrap things up a little earlier than planned, still a great effort getting out there and raising awareness.

Whether it is hosting or participating in such community events highlights the team's dedication to getting out into the community, raising awareness, and creating positive engagement. Overall, it was a rewarding experience that showcased the Gunbalanya Team's commitment to community.



Happy 3RD ANNIVERSARY

Luke!



Red Lily RAN Lynda & AHP Luke who are based in Warruwi

The team at Warruwi Clinic would like to share and extend a warm congratulations to Luke on his 3-year anniversary with Red Lily! 🎉

Luke joined Red Lily in Warruwi not long after the transition of the clinic and has been a key member of the team ever since. Over the past three years, he has developed an impressive and wide-ranging skill set as an Aboriginal Health Work practitioner, becoming a reliable and valued presence in the clinic.

Warruwi staff often encourage Luke to pursue his Registered Nurse (RN) training, or to consider moving into the Warruwi Clinic Manager role. Whatever path he chooses, we're confident Luke will continue to grow, succeed, and remain a tremendous asset to both Red Lily and the Warruwi community.

Well done Luke and thank you for everything you do!

The Warruwi Team

UPDATE FROM THE PRIMARY HEALTH CARE DIRECTOR

*There are a lot of updates to cover
out in the bush...*



Gunbalanya has taken some considerable focus through the middle of the year, and we are still working to consolidate the service. The good news is that we have managed to recruit a permanent health centre manager, Michele Smith. Michele will commence in the role from October 6th. We have also been lucky to recruit two permanent RANs and reduce the reliance on Locum Nurses. Along with our two AHPs, Daniel Siebert and Paul Bourke, we feel we are progressing in building a Red Lily team at Gunbalanya. We are in the process of recruiting local Service Support Officers, and we are advertising for community members who may be interested in applying for AHP traineeships, with fingers crossed.



Minjilang has seen some significant changes in staff, and the community have been very patient in waiting for some permanent staff they can get to know and rely on. We have also recruited a new health centre manager, Fatima Tualau (Tima to all). Tima has acted in the role for a few months and has done a fantastic job so far, and we have every confidence she will do well, and ensure the community receive a great service. A new Permanent RAN, Dianne Lewis will join Tima in early November. SO things progressing there also in terms of a permanent team forming to provide community with some continuity.



Warruwi is travelling well as always, with a stable team there. There will be some staffing changes towards the end of the year that we can talk about in subsequent newsletters. Congrats to Luke on his milestone, and we are always thankful for the stability our dedicated team provides at Warruwi, that's health centre manager, RANs, AHP, SSO's and FIFO GP. We all know who they are.

UPDATE FROM THE PRIMARY HEALTH CARE DIRECTOR



Other news

The Jabiru team has also stabilised with all clinical staff now permanent Red Lily employees. Jabiru has been quite busy trying to meet the dry season demand from tourists in Jabiru and responding to the needs of the township residents and Homelands people. To add some capacity and to be able to continue outreach to Homelands, we are trialing a 5th RAN role. We will review this through the coming months.

The remote Pharmacist project has commenced, and we are now trialing and developing the role, and developing new processes in partnership with Northpharm to essentially embed the Pharmacist in the Jabiru team and working out how to promote this new role and provide access to a community Pharmacist. This is a huge step forward and Red Lily is amongst only a handful of ACCHO's that have a full time Pharmacist in the team. The role will develop to support the region over time.

Lots of other news, and we will do some introductions in the next newsletter, hopefully with some photos. We have recruited a Director of Medical Service, Katherine Zippel, who starts in late October, and Thanks to Dr Brad Martin in covering this work up to now. We are very excited by this development. In addition, we have recruited another casual Red Lily GP, Eric Sambaiew, who also starts in Mid October, and will be assisting Red Lily at Gunbalanya and Jabiru.

The Social and Emotional Well Being Manager role is finally filled and after long vacancy, and Lynda Rooth will be joining us in October, based in Jabiru. Lynda comes with a wealth of experience working in remote Indigenous communities and working with community in other parts of the NT.

Last but not least, we have been very lucky to have recruited Jade Hammelmann the role of Clinical Systems and Quality Manager. Jade has surprised me in how quickly she has consolidated this new regional support role in a few short months. A bit more about Jade (and some pics), next newsletter.

HEALTH VISITS @redlily

Minjilang Health Centre

Oct Health Visits



Wednesdays



Dietician 27-29 Oct

Child Health Nurse 27-29 Oct

Waruwi Health Centre

Oct Health Visits



Wednesdays



Respiratory (Telehealth) 01 Oct

Child Health Nurse 13-15 Oct

Physiotherapist 20-22 Sep

Ultrasound 29 Oct

Jabiru Health Centre

Oct Health Visits



01-30 Oct



Midwife 29 Sep-02 Oct

ENT 10 Oct

Hearing Services 13-15 Oct

Optometry 13-15 Oct

Mental Health 15-17 Oct

Paediatrics 17 Oct

Physiotherapist 29 Sep-02 Oct

Gunbalanya Health Centre

Oct Health Visits



01-30 Oct



Dietician 29 Sep-01 Oct

Child Health Nurse 29 Sep-02 Oct

Physiotherapist 29 Sep-02 Oct

Mental Health 13-15 Oct

Diabetes Educator 13-16 Oct

Physiotherapist 13-16 Oct

Physicians 16 Oct

Paediatrics 17 Oct

Dietician 20-23 Oct

Child Health Nurse 20-23 Oct

Hearing Services 20-23 Oct

Physicians 27 Oct

VACANCIES @redlily



Remote Area Nurses

Gunbalanya & Jabiru, West Arnhem Region, NT



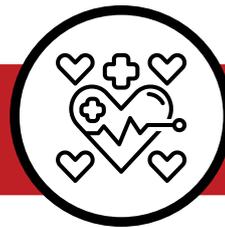
Remote General Practitioners

Gunbalanya & Jabiru, West Arnhem Region, NT



Service Support Officers

All locations - West Arnhem Region, NT



Locum General Practitioners

West Arnhem Region, NT



Expressions of Interest - All roles

All locations - West Arnhem Region, NT

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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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