



MARRABINYA NEWS

Newsletter

September 2020

Marrabinya Face To Face Meeting

The Marrabinya team will be attending Lightning Ridge on the 14th September for our regular quarterly face to face meeting.

The team will be visiting Lightning Ridge, Walgett and Goodooga Practices, whilst there, we are going to do an in service meeting with Doctors, Nurses and Aboriginal Health Workers to discuss what services Marrabinya can provide to their clients.

Keep an eye out for pictures of the visit in our next Newsletter.

Senior Care Link Worker, Kym Lees, met with Project Manager for WNSWPHNs Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP), Rebekah Bullock in Coonamble on 7th September. Here they spoke with clients Raymond Robinson and Denise Gold on their experiences utilising Marrabinya. Their story will be included in the Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP).



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Introducing Elizabeth Mann

Lizzie joined the Marrabinya team on the 1st June 2020 she is based at Bourke and covers the Gundabooka cluster.

Lizzie is a Darumble, Ngemba, Wiradjuri and South Sea Island woman, she has previously worked in the Education Department, Early childhood and Early childhood intervention.

Lizzie loves supporting families and building relationship within her community.



Maari Ma Health
Aboriginal Corporation

Position Vacant

Care Link Worker - Balranald

Part time, 22.5 hours per week, configuration of hours and days is negotiable.
Contract position until June 2023, then subject to ongoing funding

Salary \$32.03 per hour

Australian Aboriginality is a genuine occupational requirement of this position under section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

Maari Ma Health delivers the Marrabinya Indigenous Health Support Service throughout towns in Far Western NSW. The service supports general practice to assist Aboriginal people with a chronic disease in accessing specialist and other support services.

About the role

You will join a team of Care Link Workers located throughout the region, who combined, work as part of a virtual team to handle client referrals and arrange services. The client liaison work is largely managed by phone and email. You will have a good understanding of the impact of chronic conditions experienced by Aboriginal people living in rural and remote areas, excellent client/customer service and organisational skills. You will use your superior communication skills to promote Marrabinya to general practice and the Aboriginal community.

A great range of benefits including:

- Generous salary packaging options (which can increase your take home pay by several thousand dollars)
- 5 weeks annual leave plus additional paid leave over Christmas period
- Excellent career development opportunities

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If this sounds like you - apply now!*

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Applications close Sunday 20th September 2020

A National Police History Check is essential for this position



Maari Ma Health
Aboriginal Corporation

Position Vacant

Care Link Worker

Brewarrina, Walgett or Nyngan

Full time contract position until June 2023, the subject to ongoing funding
Salary \$62,275 per annum

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- Accrued Days Off (up to 12 per year)
- Excellent career development opportunities

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Introducing Candice Morrison

Candice joined the Marrabinya team on the 24th August 2020 and she is based at Forbes and covers the Kalari cluster.

Candice is a Wiradjuri woman and she has previously worked in the Education Department. Candice enjoys meeting new people and supporting them through her role at Marrabinya.



Referring doctors need to be aware:

- Marrabinya focuses on organising schedule planned care in advance
- We require a minimum of 48 hours notice to review, assess, respond to your referrals and arrange / purchase agreed services
- Marrabinya is not set up to address crisis / acute issues
- The service is for patients, not carers
- Doctors should utilise EPC items in the first instance to refer patients for allied health services and refer to Marrabinya after exhausting EPC appointments
- Patients referred for assistance with CPAP equipment may be assisted only after prerequisite sleep study and diagnosis are completed
- Patients eligible for assistance under the Enable program will be assisted while on the waiting list
- Marrabinya should be seen as a program of last resort after all alternative programs have been exhausted

ALLOWABLE MEDICAL AIDS

Medical aids may only be acquired using Supplementary Services funding where:

- the medical aid is not available through any other funding source in a clinically acceptable time;
- the need for the medical aid is related to the client's chronic disease and is documented in the client's care plan;
- provision of the medical aid is part of a primary health care service provided by a GP, specialist or allied health provider (e.g. a pharmacist or podiatrist); and
- the client is educated on the use and maintenance of the medical aid.

Supplementary Services funds may be used for maintenance costs for the specified list of medical aids.

The medical aids allowable under Supplementary Services are:

- Assisted breathing equipment (including asthma spacers; nebulisers; masks for asthma spacers and nebulisers; continuous positive airways pressure (CPAP) machines; accessories for CPAP machines);

- Blood sugar/glucose monitoring equipment;

Continuous glucose monitoring (CGM) devices are not eligible for funding under Supplementary Services. Eligibility for access to subsidised CGM products under the National Diabetes Services Scheme is available from <https://www.ndss.com.au/CGM>.

- Dose administration aids;
- Medical footwear that is prescribed and fitted by a podiatrist;
- Mobility aids (e.g., crutches, walking frames, or non-electric wheel chairs) or shower chairs.
- Spectacles (special conditions)

Where possible, spacers should be used rather than nebulisers.

Dose administration aids, blood sugar/glucose monitoring equipment and most assistive breathing equipment is currently available under the Quality Use of Medicine Maximised for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People (QUMAX) program for clients of participating AMSS.

For eligible clients of AMSS, QUMAX must be used to acquire these items rather than making an application to use Supplementary Services funding.