



**Aboriginal  
Health Council  
of Western Australia**

Djeran 2025

# AHCWA Newsletter



**Kaya,**

On Whadjuk Noongar Boodja, April brings the start of Djeran, the Noongar Season of Adulthood. A time of red flowering gum, summer flame, and of shorter days, cool winds, and morning dew.

As the weather continued to cool Djeran was traditionally a time to repair and update mia mias (shelters) to ensure they were waterproofed.

With the colder weather also comes increased chances of sickness, so it's important to make sure immunisations are up to date. Our AHCWA-designed immunisation resources have been created to help vaccine uptake. To access them, click [here](#).

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## Honouring Marcia Greddon's 30 year Legacy at Ord Valley Aboriginal Health

# Service



This year marks a remarkable milestone for one of Ord Valley Aboriginal Health Service's most respected and enduring team members — Marcia Greddon — who celebrates 30 years of service, commitment, and care to the East Kimberley community.

If she could offer advice to her younger self or to new Aboriginal Health Practitioners starting out, Marcia would say: "You can do it. Don't give up. Be proud of who you are and the impact you can have. We can advocate for better health outcomes for our mob."

To read more about Marcia's tenure at OVAHS, click [here](#).

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# Pre-Budget Submission

For the 2025-26 State Pre-Budget Submission,  
**three discrete funding proposal areas** were  
identified.



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The 2025-26 State Pre-Budget presents an opportunity for the newly elected WA Government to commit funding and resources that will strengthen future-focused health policies and programs, improve Aboriginal health and wellbeing, and close the gap in health outcomes and life expectancy for Aboriginal people. AHCWA's Pre-Budget Submission includes costed proposals to address Aboriginal community health needs by addressing critical gaps.

To read AHCWA's Pre-Budget Submission, click [here](#).

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## AHCWA-designed Measles Resources

# Get vaccinated against measles

The measles vaccine is the best way to protect yourself and your family from measles, and stop measles in its tracks.

The vaccine is free for:

- kids—at 12 and 18 months old
- adults—born after 1965 who haven't had two measles vaccinations

If you were born after 1965—ask the clinic if you need a measles vaccine.



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Measles cases have been active in Western Australia. This highly infectious virus can lead to serious sickness in our communities.

AHCWA has developed a suite of resources to assist with preparing and responding to measles in your ACCHS.

You can download and share our AHCWA-designed resources [here](#).

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# AHCWA celebrates Executive Manager Amanda Collins-Clinch's Five-Year Milestone



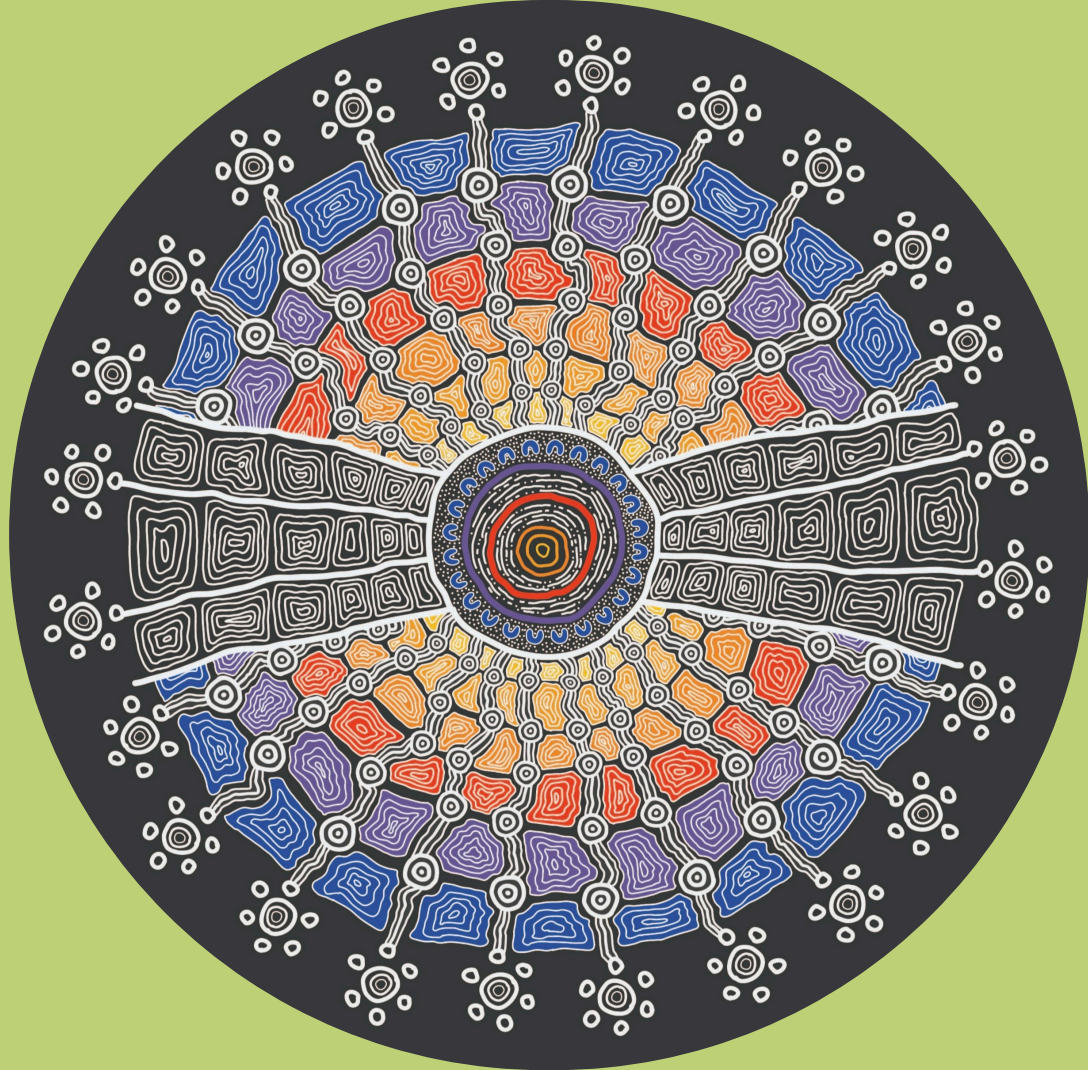
This year, Amanda Collins-Clinch marked five years of outstanding service as an Executive Manager at AHCWA, and 22 years working at a peak level in the Aboriginal Community-Controlled Health Sector.

Amanda has brought to AHCWA a sense of calm and a strong leadership approach, continuously gone above and beyond to deliver exceptional results, and created an open space for all AHCWA staff.

Read more about Amanda's contribution to the organisation and the sector [here](#).

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**2025 WA Aboriginal Community  
Controlled Health Sector Conference |  
Registration Open**



Registrations for the WA Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Sector Conference 2025 are now open.

Connect with your mob and communities while diving into the Aboriginal Health Sector, exploring diverse health topics and services across the state. You'll hear from government representatives, NACCHO, and guest speakers as they inspire positive change and showcase the exemplary work of our Member Services.

Save the Dates:

**2025 WA Aboriginal Youth Conference:** 30 June 2025

**AHCWA Member's only Forum:** 1 July 2025

**2025 WA ACCHS State Sector Conference:** 2–3 July 2025

**Location:** The Esplanade Hotel in Walyalup (Fremantle), WA

To register, click [here](#). We can't wait to see you there!

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**2025 State Sector Conference Coffee  
Cart Sponsor | Kimberley Aboriginal  
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Thank you to Kimberley Aboriginal Medical Services, our Coffee Cart sponsor for the WA Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Sector Conference 2025.

We greatly appreciate your support, your generosity allows us to create a platform for delegates to connect, learn, and grow. Together, we are creating a lasting impact.

To find out more about our sponsor, click [here](#).

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## The Birds and the BBVs | Upcoming Training



The Sexual Health and Blood Borne Virus (SHBBV) Program is designed to develop policies and effective strategies, including training and health promotion, with the aim of decreasing the incidence of Sexually Transmitted Infections and Hepatitis C in Aboriginal Communities across Western Australia.

AHCWA is running two separate trainings in May as follows:

**Where:** Geraldton

**When:** Two Day Delivery from Tuesday, 13 May 2025 – Wednesday 14 May 2025

**Where:** Perth Metro

**When:** Two Day Delivery from Tuesday, 21 May 2025 – Wednesday, 22 May 2025

To register online, click [here](#).

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## Immunisation | Upcoming Training



Immunisations save millions of lives every year worldwide. AHCWA's Immunisation Training can help you to become an immunisation provider where you can assist in closing this gap in healthcare.

The next training will take place at **AHCWA** on **Tuesday 27** and **Wednesday 28 May, 2025**, with the registration form found [here](#).

For more information or to register, please contact AHCWA's Immunisation Educator via [public.health@ahcwa.org](mailto:public.health@ahcwa.org)

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## Remembering the Pilbara Aboriginal Stockmen's Strike | 1946–1949





On 1 May 1946, one of the longest and most significant industrial actions in Australian history began—the Pilbara Aboriginal Stockmen’s Strike. This strike would last until 1949 and saw hundreds of Aboriginal stockmen, domestic workers, and station hands throughout Western Australia’s Pilbara region walk off in protest of the harsh conditions they lived and worked under.

Today, the Pilbara Strike is remembered not only as an act of resistance but as an expression of dignity, asserting the right to determine one’s own life and labour. It showed the world that Aboriginal people were active agents of change and remains a powerful reminder that the path to justice often begins with a single, determined step away from injustice.

To find out more about the Pilbara Aboriginal Stockmen’s Strike, click [here](#).

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## **Interim Findings Highlight Positive Impact of AHCWA’s Social and Emotional Wellbeing Model of Service**



A recent evaluation of Aboriginal Health Council of Western Australia's **[Social and Emotional Wellbeing \(SEWB\) Model of Service](#)** has highlighted positive impacts in supporting health outcomes for Aboriginal people and communities. This evaluation was undertaken by researchers Patricia Dudgeon, Rama Putu Agung-Igusti, and Emma Carlin from the School of Indigenous Studies University of WA and the University of WA, and Broome Rural Clinical School Division.

To read more about how the study was conducted and the interim findings, click [here](#).

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## Employment Opportunities at AHCWA

AHCWA is currently advertising for new positions, including:

- [Cancer Liaison Officer](#)
- [Policy Officer \(50D\)](#)
- [SEWB Capacity Building Program Officer \(50D\)](#)
- [Traineeship Program Coordinator \(50D\)](#)

Find the full list of AHCWA's current vacancies [here](#).

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## AHCWA Courses and Training Programs

Actively responding to the needs of our Member Services, AHCWA offers a series of courses and training opportunities.

The following courses and training opportunities are currently available:

- [Ear Health Training](#)
- [Immunisation Training](#)
- [Young Leaders Training](#)

- [Eye Health Training](#)

Call **(08) 9227 1631** to book or click [here](#) to find out more.

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## Compliments & Suggestions

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