



Media Release

Passport to Better Health

The Griffith Aboriginal Medical Service will continue its Passport to Better Health program with program days being held at the following locations:

Hillston – Wednesday 17 May 2017 – Hillston Community Hall – 10-00am – 12-00pm

Hay – Wednesday 17 May 2017 – 2-30pm – 5-30pm – Hay War Memorial Hall – 2-30pm – 5-30pm

Darlington Point – Thursday 18 May 2017 – 10-00am – 12-00pm – Waddi Housing

The Passport to Better Health days combine a number of key health programs for the Aboriginal community to help improve their health outcomes as part of the “Closing the Gap” campaign. The campaign's goal is to close the health and life expectancy gap between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and non-Indigenous Australians within a generation.

Chairman of the Griffith AMS, Lynette Kilby said “We continue to put in place community initiatives that help improve health outcomes. Passport to Better Health Days have been extremely popular in the past and we continue to hold these as a way of promoting the services the AMS provides”.

People attending the day will participate in a number of activities and education on the various services provided at the Griffith Aboriginal Medical Service. Various screenings are conducted on the day including:

- Blood Pressure
- Blood Sugar
- Weight
- Kidney Health
- Body Mass Index

Information on all programs provided at the GAMS such as Tackling Indigenous Smoking Program, Drug and Alcohol Program, Mum’s and Bub’s Program, Our Mob’s Gym as well as the Doctor Services will all also be available.

CEO Stacey Meredith said “We encourage the Aboriginal communities of Hillston, Hay and Darlington Point to attend. We try and make this a fun and enjoyable day for all. It has led to more people accessing our services which is what it is all about”.

Anyone wanting further information on the day can ring the Griffith Aboriginal Medical Service on 69620000.

GAMS is located at 38-42 Jondaryan Ave and continues to provide professional health services to both the Aboriginal and Non- Aboriginal community. CEO Stacey Meredith commented “Whilst some of our programs are tailored specifically for Aboriginal clientele. Other services such as the provision of four General Practitioners (GP’s) are available for the wider community.”

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