



# BLOODWOOD TREE BANTER

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## WIRRAKA MAYA JOINS FORCES TO PROVIDE FREE HEALTH CHECKS



Wirraka Maya Aboriginal Health Service has partnered with Bloodwood Tree to provide free health checks to vulnerable and at-risk clients, as a part of the Hedland Homeless Breakfast Program service.

The collaboration sees a Wirraka Maya Community Health Registered Nurse and Aboriginal Health Practitioner visit the Sobering Up Centre (Wapa Maya) twice weekly (Mondays and Fridays) to provide health check services. Services range from blood pressure tests, blood sugar level checks, to advice on weight/diet, medication checks, as well as minor wound and abrasion dressings.

The health checks are a great way to identify ailments and issues that may otherwise go unchecked and/or untreated. It also provides a way in which clients can be referred to the full Wirraka Maya Aboriginal Health Service if there is a more serious or underlying undiagnosed condition.

Feedback from the Hedland Homeless Breakfast Program service clients to date has been positive. Many reported that they were not aware of blood pressure and/or potential diabetic health concerns. Several who live a transient lifestyle through circumstance means some are unable to access regular health care services.

With the dreaded 'flu season' soon approaching, Bloodwood Tree looks forward to continue working with Wirraka Maya as well as the WACHS (Pilbara Public Health unit), to assist those locally homeless and transient with child immunisations and flu vaccinations. For more details regarding Hedland Homeless Breakfast Program Health Checks, please contact: Sobering Up Centre Coordinator on 9138 3040 or email: [coordinator@bloodwoodtree.org.au](mailto:coordinator@bloodwoodtree.org.au)

Workshops are free and a valuable training opportunity, open to both local services and individual community members. Spots fill fast! To book yours, please contact the friendly Bloodwood Alcohol and Other Drug Support Services Coordinator 9138 3006.

**ALTERNATIVES TO VIOLENCE FREE WORKSHOPS**  
**28 MAY to 1 JUNE 2018**



## BLOODWOOD WELCOMES NEW MENTAL HEALTH WORKER

Last month, Bloodwood Tree was very happy to welcome our Cultural Mental Health Worker - Sarah Thomas. Sarah joins our Alcohol, Other Drug and Mental Health Support Services team. She recently moved from Perth for this position and has already introduced herself and commenced assisting our vulnerable and at-risk clients. Her role is important within Bloodwood Tree. It will focus on facilitating the connection of our clients to locally available services and supports. Sarah's position is made possible through a partnership Bloodwood Tree has with Mission Australia - Pilbara and is part of the Integrated Mental Health Network - Pilbara. Bloodwood Tree acknowledges WA Primary Health Alliance.

## POPULAR 'CAREER AND TRY-A-TRADE EXPO' TO RETURN DURING 2018

The annual 'Career and Try-A-Trade Expo' is to return with a bang. This year's event is to be held at Wanangkura Stadium, on Friday 15 June 2018 from 9.00am-3.30pm.

Traditionally, the 'Career and Try-A-Trade Expo' has been a wonderful way to showcase to local High School students and community members the diverse array of local employment opportunities available.

This year, EPIC as well as members of the Hedland Collective, have joined forces with Bloodwood Tree to assist in the planning the event. Two months to go and already, the event looks to be bigger and better than ever.

Over 650 visitors attended last year. There were 23 different stallholders in attendance from education institutions, recruitment agencies, local businesses and industry. They included: Compass Group, ISS, Roy Hill, YMCA Mirnutharntu Maya, YMCA Aquatics, Gravity Cranes, Goodline, TOPH,

WA Police, Wirraka Maya, Pilbara Regiment, YIC, MCS Security, BHP, Mission Australia and St John Ambulance.

Organisers are grouping trades together this year. Plus, there will be a broader array of locally available trades in addition to representatives from local employment sectors like community services, Government, military and healthcare.

Given the popularity of adult apprenticeships, adult traineeships, the constant need to re-train, and importantly, the societal change away from 'jobs for life', the 'Career and Try-A-Trade Expo' is a great way to inform all community members what is locally available and to help all members of our community with their career journey into the future.

Spots for stalls at this popular event fill fast. To secure your free stall site at the '2018 Career and Try-A-Trade Expo,' please contact Bloodwood Tree on 9138 3000 or email: [reception@bloodwoodtree.org.au](mailto:reception@bloodwoodtree.org.au)



Pilbara Regiment display - one of the most popular stalls at the 2017 event

### BLOODWOOD TREE CLIENT SERVICES : MARCH

<b>Alcohol &amp; Other Drug Services</b>	
Counselling appointments	38
Drug & Alcohol education sessions	8
Community Visits - Marble Bar	2
Community Visits - Yandeyarra	4
Community Visits - Warralong	4
Stakeholder Meeting Attendance	5
<b>Aboriginal Training &amp; Employment</b>	
Resume Assistance	42
Work Ready Program participants	12
Clients Into Employment	2
Aboriginal Youth Career Plans	6
Jobs displayed	72
<b>Driver Training</b>	
Justice interventions	52
Driving Lessons delivered	78
Driver Education Workshops delivered	2
Vehicle Licences obtained	9
<b>Administration</b>	
Identification provided	221
Emergency relief cards	14
<b>Wapa Maya/Sobering Up Centre</b>	
Homeless Support Breakfast program	521
Sobering Up Centre overnight stays	156
<b>Housing Support</b>	
Healthy Living participants	17
<b>Community Patrol</b>	
Water Bottles distributed CBD	1,224
Referrals from Sth Hedland CBD	35
Community Patrol Service pick ups	1,472



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