

KDT Update May June 2016

We have now completed two KDT Kimberley trips and are preparing for a return to the region on the 6th August for two weeks.

The May trip started from Broome on 30th April

May 2016 Teams:

Week 1. The team came in through Broome and we set off to Halls Creek on Sunday morning with the KAMSC truck, and KDT vehicles including the new dental truck from Queensland. Following an overnight stay we headed south down the Tanami Road arriving in Billiluna in time to examine the children at Billiluna School. Tuesday saw us set up at the clinic and treat lots of adults and children. Wednesday we headed off to Balgo, arriving in time to screen children and set up a clinic at the school and the Balgo Health Clinic. Thursday half the team went to Mulan to screen children and treat people at the clinic. Friday and we hit the road returning to Halls Creek in time for sunset and to enjoy dinner at the Kimberley Hotel.

Dr Tim Clair, Dr Daniel Cocker, Dr Ian McAtamney, DA Ruth Warden, Dr Ann McAtamney, Alex Easton, Geoff Owen, Jan and John.

Week 2. After seeing the team off to Broome on Saturday morning John, Jan and Ruth prepared for the incoming team who arrived Sunday afternoon after a seven hour drive. The main teams had a busy week at the hospital dental clinic and in the KAMSC truck at the IGA Clinic and smaller teams went to Frog Hollow Community. We enjoyed some great meals together and finished the week with a trip to China Wall followed by a sausage sizzle at Caroline Pool.

Dr Brian Hurwitz, Dr Brett Abbott, Dr Shaun Goh, DA Ruth Warden, DA Rozelle Doody, DA Caitlin Wain, Stephen Doody, final year dental student Lisa Otway, Jan and John.

Week 3. Our final KDT week was spent visiting Warmun Community and then back in Halls Creek at the hospital clinic and opposite IGA with the KAMSC truck. A small team returned to Frog Hollow to treat children identified earlier as needing care, and also out to Ringer Soak to screen children in readiness for a visit in June. The team then left Halls Creek at midday and travelled to Fitzroy Crossing for an overnight stay before heading back to Broome on Saturday arriving in time to enjoy a dinner at Aarli Bar.

Dr Jilen Patel, Dr Chaturi Neboda, Dr Ruchira Singh, DA Emily van Rooyen, DA Kylie Clark, DA Jessica Bucholz, final year dental student Stephanie Mulcahy, Jan and John.

Thanks again to Maven Dental Group and Denticare for their generous sponsorship of KDT. Maven Group participating volunteers were Dr Shaun Goh, Ms Caitlin Wain in week 2 and Dr Ruchira Singh, Ms Jessica Bucholtz in week 3. Dr Sophie Halpin, Ms Megan Cook joined us during the June trip.

In June we returned to the Kimberley for two weeks

June 2016 Teams

Week 1. This team came in through Broome and we set off to Halls Creek on Sunday morning. As well as working at the hospital clinic and IGA clinic, small teams visited Halls Creek Aged Care and also travelled to Ringers Soak for an overnight visit. On Thursday the team packed up and drove to Yiyili Community where we screened the children and treated many community members well into the afternoon and again on Friday morning. With the KAMSC truck, and KDT vehicles, we pushed on to Fitzroy Crossing for an overnight stay before the teams headed back to Broome on Saturday.

Dr Jilen Patel, Dr Clare Lin, Dr Sophie Halpin, DA Atti Daavittila, DA Megan Cook, Sue Worsley, final year dental student Kate Winstanley, Jan and John.

Week 2. Incoming teams stayed in Broome overnight and headed to Fitzroy to meet us as we had stayed in Fitzroy Crossing over the weekend. The KAMSC truck was set up at the Fitzroy Valley District High School and many children were treated during the busy week. A second team visited Bayulu Community School on Tuesday and Wednesday and Muludja Community on Thursday. KDT's Broome representative Trish Pepper arrived after lunch, and as usual she came bearing delicious gifts to share over dinner. After the morning at FVDHS on Friday, we travelled back to Broome in time for a wind down dinner at our Broome base.

Dr Moses Lee, Dr Jane Lee, Dr Natalie Leow, Dr Holly Edwards, DA Emily van Rooyen, DT Sharon Tunbribge, Tracy Sandercock, Ken Mullin, Jan and John.

Thank you to the Australian Dental Association (WA Branch), for their ongoing support of KDT in general and especially for awarding final year dental students with very significant financial support with Remote Area Student Scholarships to assist with their remote placement.

KDT teams always work very hard but in a great friendly and happy team environment sharing many memorable moments. We cover thousands of kilometers in a region twice the size of Victoria. Halls Creek teams enjoyed visits to China Wall and sausage sizzle sundowners at Caroline Pool while those on the Kutjungka week enjoyed the odd barbecue around the campfire. Broome based teams shared wine, cheese and gorgeous sunsets at Cable Beach.

A big thank you to our fabulous volunteers, sponsors and supporters without whom these results could not be achieved.

The KDT Board is very happy to report that the Team has comfortably completed and undertaken all of the requirements for our 2015/16 Grant through the WA Oral Health Improvement Unit.

STOP PRESS: We have just heard the exciting news that we have once again been awarded a CommBank Community Grant of \$10,000. These grants are made possible by the CommBank staff who donate to their Staff Community Fund. Thank you so much.

Follow our 2016 travels and adventures on the [Craig the Croc Facebook](#) page.

Jan and John Owen

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