



Be More Active – Moranbah (BMA-M)

An innovative local partnership linking community health promotion strategies with the mining workplace to 'step' towards better health outcomes





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What is Be More Active – Moranbah (BMA-M)?

 3 year partnership between Moranbah based BHP Billiton Mitsubishi Alliance (BMA) mines and Queensland Health to increase physical activity levels in BMA employees and the Moranbah community as a whole





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 Partnership approach to increase collaboration between the participating mines and Qld Health to assist with projects and linking services



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- Funded through:
 - BMA Community Partnerships Program
 - BMA Peak Downs Mine HSEC Dept
 - BMA Broadmeadow Mine HSEC Dept
 - BMA Goonyella Riverside Mine HSEC Dept
 - Qld Health Mackay Health Service District
 - Qld Health Tropical Population Health Unit





Why promote physical activity?

- Physical inactivity is second only to tobacco as a risk factor for disease and premature death in Australian men and it is the leading contributor in women
- 13,000 deaths each year to contributed to physical inactivity. That is 36 deaths per day, 1.5 per hour.



Social benefits

- encourages family/community connectedness
- improves social skills/networks
- reduces isolation, loneliness
- enhances self-esteem, confidence

Physical and mental benefits

- improves quality of life
- reduces risk of chronic diseases
- manages weight
- improves sleep
- develops motor skills
- improves concentration, enhances memory & learning

physical activity participation

Environmental benefits

- reduces traffic congestion
- reduces air pollution
- reduces greenhouse emissions
- reduces noise pollution
- creates safer places with people out and about

Economic benefits

- creates employment
- draws tourism
- becomes a means of transport
- supports local business
- reduces absenteeism
- reduces crime
- produces health savings

Why promote physical activity in the workforce?

- Reduced work-related injury
- Reduced accident costs
- Reduced absenteeism
- Improved employee morale and job satisfaction



Why promote physical activity in the workforce?

- Improved ability to cope with work-related stress
- Improved health and well being
- Reduced health costs and shorter hospital stays in injured employees

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Richmond et al., 1998; Bishop, 1990)

(Chu et al., 2000; Veitch et al., 1999;

Recent physical activity trends



Best Practice PA Promotion

- Current literature suggests that strategies must be comprehensive and:
 - Community-wide
 - Multi-faceted and across multiple sectors

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- Promote consistent messages
- Advocate for policy and environmental change
- Include monitoring and evaluation





Best Practice PA Promotion cont...

Must address *The Ottawa Charter's* key areas for action



How is BMA-M doing this?

Using an 'upstream' approach based on recent research into factors contributing to physical inactivity

WHY upstream?

To reap the best benefits and get the 'biggest bang for our buck' we need to get more people, more active, more often.





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Upstream BMA-M strategy focus

Downstream

Individual focus that aims to reduce avoidable complications of established disease

Upstream

Population focus that aims to create conditions which foster the wellbeing of the whole population



Tertiary Prevention e.g. **Complication or** relapse prevention Patient education rehabilitation Screening

Secondary **Prevention** e.g. Early detection Harm minimisation

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Primary Prevention e.g. Prevention of chronic disease risk factors Immunisation Health education

Healthy Supportive Environments e.g. Social policies Legislation Environmental/ organisational change





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Project Goals

- The two goals of the project:
 - In the community setting to increase the proportion of the Moranbah community who are achieving sufficient PA by 5% by October 2008
 - In the workplace setting to increase the proportion of BRM, GYRS and PDM employees who are achieving sufficient PA by 10% by October 2008.





How do we hope to achieve this?

 By linking the community and workplace strategies to achieve the 13 objectives which should in turn help to achieve the long term goals



- GP and allied health strategy PABI
- Social support strategies Strollers, JWI
- Moranbah Interagency Action Group
- Peak Downs Health & Wellbeing Committee
- 10,000 Steps Moranbah









 Moranbah Interagency Action Group

 Aiming to increase membership and participation in sporting and recreational







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- Library Pedometer
 Loan Scheme
- Environmental Change Strategy
- 10,000 Steps
 Workplace and
 Community Challenge
- Media Strategy









Project Evaluation

- Rigorous project evaluation measuring percentage change between baseline (Oct 05) and project completion (Oct 08)
 - Includes:
 - Community CATI surveys
 - Employee surveys
 - Ongoing process evaluation



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