

GOVERNOR BASHIR visits WAMS



Her Excellency, Professor Marie Bashir, Governor of NSW, visited the Walgett Aboriginal Medical Service Co-operative Limited, with her Aide de Campe, Captain Paula Barter on 20 April 2011.

Also present, from the Walgett Shire Council, were the Mayor, Ian Woodcock, General Manager, Don Ramsland and the Director of Engineering, Fred Coralde.



The Governor was welcomed by Chairman of WAMS, Bill Kennedy. All staff present introduced themselves by name and role.



Governor Marie Bashir apologized for her inability to attend WAMS 25 Year Celebration and spoke of her interest in and passion for Aboriginal Health including access to fresh food and commented on the benefit to community of projects such as the Healthy for Life Community Garden adjoining Euragai Goondi.



CEO, Christine Corby, responded with fond memories of Governor Bashir's support for WAMS over the years.

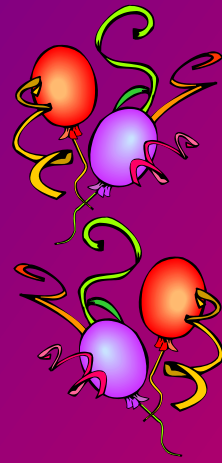
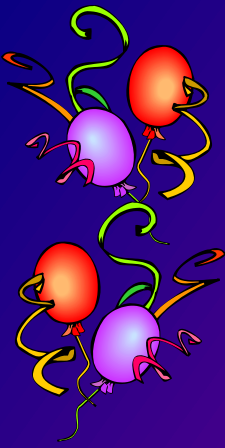


All present partook of morning tea and individual conversations with the Governor and her ADC before watching a DVD compilation of photos and memories of WAMS staff and activities over the past 25 years.



This was followed by presentations beside the Community Garden by WAMS Chairperson, CEO, Walgett Shire Council Director and MPREC staff on the partnership responsible for the Healthy for Life Community Garden.





The Governor signed the WAMS Visitors' Book, taking the time to write a very warm and encouraging piece about the work WAMS has done over the last twenty five years and her pleasure in visiting WAMS again.

To conclude, the Governor was taken on a tour of the WAMS premises. She spoke with the staff members that were unable to be at Euragai and was happy to have photos taken with them.

The Dental Wing impressed her immensely and she compared it to some of the larger dental surgeries she had visited in Sydney and other major cities.

The most remarkable part of her visit was her willingness to listen and spend time with all those she spoke with.

A very open and caring woman, it was a privilege to have her visit WAMS.



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