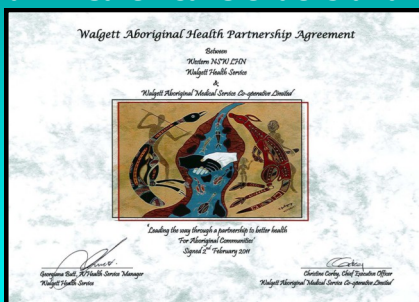


Christine Corby spoke of the partnership that was entered into in 1995 between AMSs and the NSW Health Department and already in evidence by naming the many activities and services where WAMS and various Health Services worked as a team to deliver health care.

She then went on to say that WAMS see that the signing of this document now will ensure that we both have an equal voice in decision making, equal recognition of the skills and qualifications that we both bring to the Partnership and both having vital roles in delivery of health care to Aboriginal people.

In closing she hoped that, most importantly, this Partnership will demonstrate there is strong commitment and goodwill by both parties to ensuring that Aboriginal people in Walgett and surrounding areas receive optimum health care that is available in our rural area.



Also present at the signing were

Rana Tonkin	-	WHS	Elizabeth Kennedy	-	WHS
Kristy Thomas	-	WHS	Mary Purse	-	WHS
Don Ramland	-	WSC	Jenny Trindall	-	WSC
Rebecca Williams	-	WFVPLS	Sandra Dowse	-	WFVPLS
Judy Johnson CEO	-	Bourke AHS	Stuart Johnson	-	Bourke AHS
Anne Dennis	-	LALC	Jack Johnson	-	LALC
Taryne Albert	-	MPREC	Mary Sands	-	MPREC
Steve Ruttley	-	AECG	Geoff Duton	-	BM
Vera Dennis	-	Resident	Tessa Dennis	-	Resident
Wendy Moore	-	WLHN			

WAMS Directors and staff included

Iris Hall	-	Director	Bert Gordon	-	Director
Reg Humphreys			Maryanne Rutene		Naomi Barrett
Stephanie Shepherd			Maria Hammond		Simone Morgan
Patricia Murray			Roslyn Peters		Fay Wood
Karen Rutterman			Trevor Simpson		Ricco Lane
Jessie Richardson			Kelly Rowe		Mark Dennis
Justin French			Rosalyn Fernando		Bill Peacock
Donna Thurston			Reg Rutene		



On Wednesday, 2nd February 2011, the Walgett Aboriginal Medical Service Co-operative Limited (WAMS) and the Western NSW Local Health Network signed a partnership agreement.

This partnership will enable Local Service Agreements to be entered into which will assist in providing culturally appropriate and quality health services to the Aboriginal community of Walgett, through joint planning, community development and clinical service delivery.

Signing the agreement were the CEO of WAMS, Mrs Christine Corby OAM, the Chairperson of WAMS, Mr Bill Kennedy, the Acting Health Manager of the Walgett Health Service, Ms Georgiana Butt, and the Acting Director Health Service Operations, Western Local Health Network, Ms Belle Mangan.



# WALGETT



Travelling from Sydney and also attending this historic event were the CEO of the Aboriginal Health & Research Council, (AH&MRC) Ms Sandra Bailey, who acted as MC for the occasion and the Western NSW Local Health Network Area Manager Aboriginal Health, Ms Linda Williams, from Dubbo.

# ABORIGINAL HEALTH PARTNERSHIP

Ms Williams spoke of the historic partnership formed in 1995 between the NSW Dept of Health and the Aboriginal Health & Research Council of NSW and how this re-signing will facilitate both the Western NSW Local Health Networks and the Walgett AMS working collaboratively to ensure positive health outcomes for the Aboriginal community of Walgett.

