

# MINISTERS COME TO WAMS

On Thursday, 28 April 2011, the Minister for Citizen, Communities and Aboriginal Affairs, Mr Victor Dominello and Minister for Mental Health, Healthy Life Styles and Western New South Wales, Mr Kevin Humphries, came to the Walgett Aboriginal Medical Service Co-operative Limited.

Mr Dominello was a new visitor to WAMS as it was his first tour as Minister, while Mr Humphries had been a number of times before in his role as Member for Barwon.

They began their visit with a walk through of the Clinic and the Administration Building before making their way to the Program Building where a simple afternoon tea was arranged in the Conference Room.

They both wanted an informal visit, preferring to hear from the staff about the problems they were faced with in bringing better care to the Aboriginal People and the ways in which they dealt with these problems.



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# CHATTING WITH STAFF

Mr Humphries did hold an impromptu meeting with the Mental Health team to discuss the ongoing issue of Mental Health Care for the Aboriginal People while Mr Dominello was happy to chat with other staff members and look through the photo albums of WAMS' Twenty Five Year Celebrations.

The WAMS Chairperson, Mr Bill Kennedy, the CEO, Mrs Christine Corby OAM and the Deputy CEO, Mr Reg Humphreys were pleased with the interaction between staff members and the visitors.

Other WAMS Staff who were present included -

- Phillip Dowse - Senior Aboriginal Health Worker
- Maryanne Rutene - Executive Support Officer
- Karnie Walford - Midwifery Health Worker
- Naomi Barrett - Administration Officer
- Patricia Murray - Goonimoo Assistant
- Roslyn Peters - Goonimoo Assistant
- Ann Megalokonomos - Public Health
- Karen Rutterman - Records Officer
- Kylie Gilmore - Program Manager
- Trevor Simpson - Mental Health
- Gail Kennedy - Dental Assistant
- David Kennedy - Ear Health
- Kirin Rose - Receptionist
- Neroli O'Neill - Midwife
- Lisa Burns - Counsellor

