

OFFICIAL NAMING OF MIDWIFERY WING



"YINARR GAAYILI"



The Official Naming Ceremony of the WAMS Alternative Birthing Wing "**Yinarr Gaayili (Mother and Child)**" was held on Tuesday, 27th October, 2009, at the WAMS Midwifery Wing.

The aim of the Ceremony was to identify the Alternative Birthing Services with a local name. Yinarr Gaayili is a place which the women and children of the community can identify with as "*their program, their service, their health*".

In attendance were the WAMS Board of Directors and Staff, community members and service providers.

Special Guests included:

- Aunty Dulcie Dennis Welcome and Official Naming
- Aunty Fay Green Smoking Ceremony and Prayer
- Mrs Christine Corby Program History



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Twenty helium balloons were released during a minute silence in remembrance of those babies who are in our hearts but not with us today.

Special acknowledgements to the following people:

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Margo Anderson, RM
Kylie Gilmore
Visiting Midwives
Diana Dalley
Dr Christel Smit
Greater Western Area Health Service staff

for her vision
continued support
previous Midwife, and now managing the program
now providing fortnightly ante/post natal clinics
for her advocacy on behalf of the program
for her ongoing commitment to the program
for their continued support

Although the weather was not kind on the day it was pleasing to see all attendees join us for morning tea and networking. A local child protection health promotion DVD produced by Karnie Walford was played during the morning tea.

WAMS is committed to continue to provide ante and post natal care to our mothers and their families.

