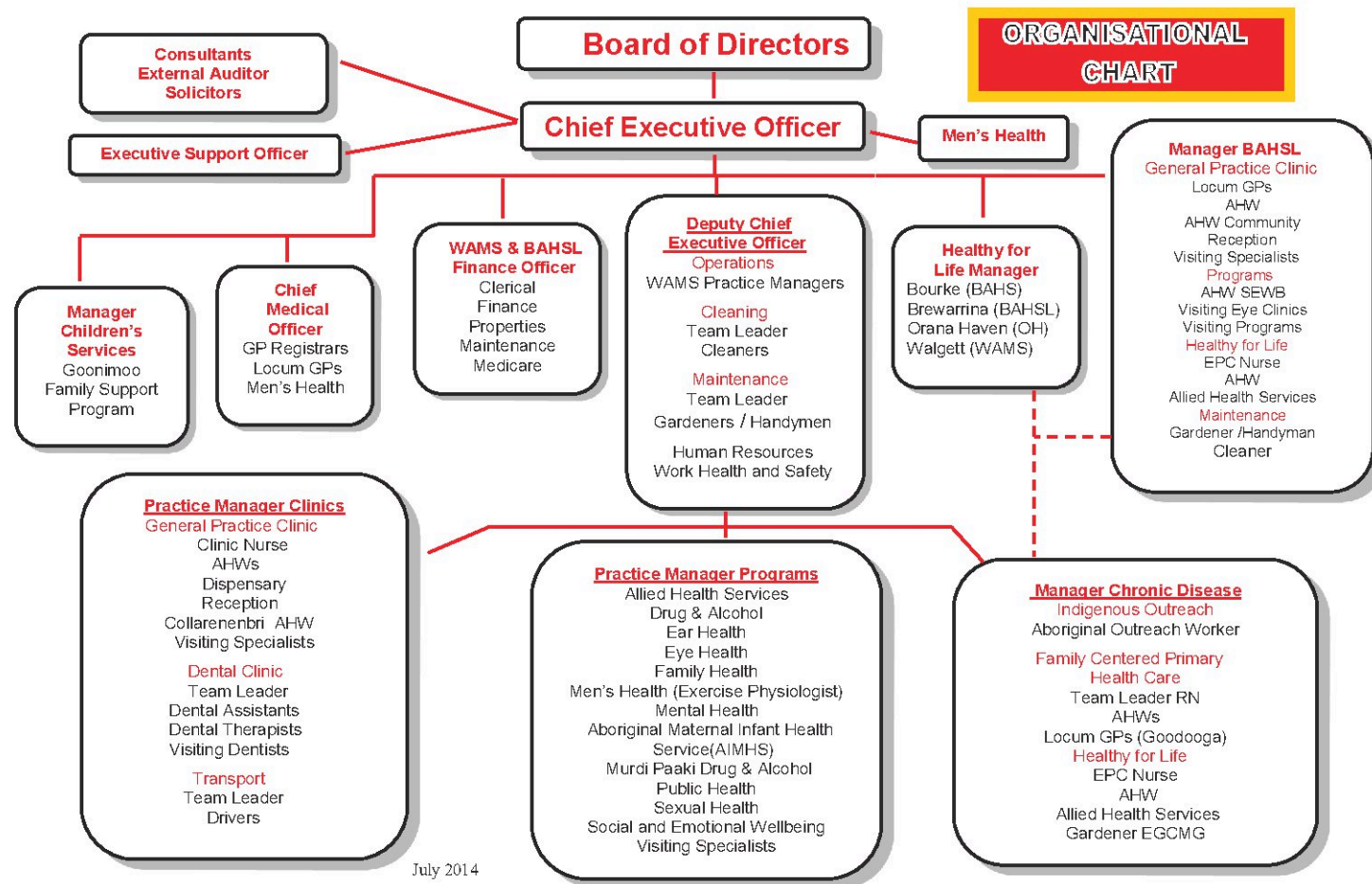


WALGETT ABORIGINAL MEDICAL SERVICE CO-OPERATIVE LIMITED



HOURS OF OPERATION

WAMS are open between 9.00 am and 5.00 pm every weekday.

Our Doctors and Dentists have lunch between 1.00 pm and 2.00 pm.



SUPPORT US

WAMS is a non-profit organisation which relies on public support from individuals, community groups, corporations, trusts and foundations as well as government funding to continue to improve the health and well-being of our clients and community.

There are countless ways that you can help WAMS. The choice is yours. Here are some ideas to get you started:

1. Make a donation.
2. Arrange a fundraiser.
3. Leave a bequest.
4. Remember someone by making an in-memoriam gift.
5. Mark a significant occasion by making a celebratory gift.

If you would like further information on how you can help please contact WAMS on phone (02) 6820 3777 fax (02) 6828 1201 or email walgettams@bigpond.com.

Are you a MEMBER of the WALGETT ABORIGINAL MEDICAL SERVICE (WAMS)?

If not, why not join today. We are here for all members of the community. As a MEMBER you have the right to vote at the Annual General Meeting to elect the Board of Directors for the year. The Board of Directors is the controlling body of WAMS.

As a MEMBER you can help us to provide the types of services needed in our community. Our aim is to service all of the community. We would like to encourage all of the community to be members.

Cost of membership is \$3.30 per person.
Please enquire at the Reception.



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"for the community - by the community"



Spring/Summer 2014

Welcome to the latest edition of our Newsletter.

We want your stories for future newsletters!

Stories can be up to 200 words and might be about your service, your project, coming events, conference reports or anything else to do with Aboriginal health and community programs within the Walgett Shire. Photos would also be great. You can email your story to walgettams@bigpond.com or drop into the WAMS reception.

Clinic Capers

WAMS, from across all disciplines of the service, continue to provide holistic care to the community and districts and supports the delivery of best practice in health care.

RECEPTION:

The Team ensures patient flow runs smoothly and staff continue to liaise with other health services and organisations regarding all aspects of patient care.

DISPENSARY UNIT:

The Senior Aboriginal Health Worker (SAHW) maintains the medications are current and along with other qualified WAMS staff continue to dispense medication to the community. The SAHW also coordinates patient transport for Specialist appointments in regional centres.

CLINIC STAFF:

The Aboriginal Health Worker (AHW) works with the Clinic Nurse. Increased patient activity keeps the staff busy with basic diagnostic testing, observations, dressings and other health related care.

DENTAL:

The Team Leader manages the Dental Surgery, liaises with the WAMS Dental consultant who recruits Dentists. WAMS have employed a Dental Therapist who sees children between the ages of 0 - 17 years of age. The team are proactive with oral health promotion in the community and visit the local primary school and day care centres on a regular basis.

DOCTORS:

WAMS work with the Chief Medical Officer and GP Consultant for the recruitment of Doctors and supervising Registrars. WAMS currently have three full time doctors.

COLLARENEBRI:

The AHW works two days in Walgett and three days in Collarenebri. The AHW has a very good working relationship with the community and assists with maintaining visiting services to their community that WAMS support and provide.

MEDICAL STUDENTS:

WAMS host 5th Year Medical Students from John Flynn Placement Program, the University of Western Sydney and other health-related fields. The students are provided with a roster for placement which is designed to give them the maximum exposure for all clinical and non-clinical facets of our organisation.

CLINIC PRACTICE MANAGER:

This position ensures the smooth running of the clinic as well as attending meetings with other health organisations and agencies. This position networks with other Managers within the service to ensure patient care is maintained at all times and is also currently managing the Family Centred Primary Health Care outreach program.

**Jessie Richardson, Registered Nurse
Clinic Practice Manager**

Snakes ...

Snakes come out of hibernation during the warmer months and in urban areas will inevitably move into, or near places where people live and work in search of food or a mate. Snakes may look for shelter at your workplace, school or home. Cool, dark protected areas such as under buildings and near sheds, around rubble and stored materials, and in long grass are typical areas that snakes may be found. As with all Australian native animals, snakes are protected under the Nature Conservation Act 1992 and cannot lawfully be killed or taken from the wild and held in captivity.

It can often be difficult to tell the difference between a venomous and non-venomous snake therefore people are wise to call for professional help as snake bites can easily occur if inexperienced people interfere with snakes. Snakes are not usually aggressive and do not seek confrontation with humans but may retaliate if provoked.

DO NOT approach, attack or otherwise provoke the snake. REMEMBER - IF PROVOKED IT MAY STRIKE.

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