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## **Regional News at CSU**

### **Dubbo sees launch of two Oral Health partnerships**

Recognising the urgent need for adequate Aboriginal oral health in western NSW, Charles Sturt University (CSU), Greater Western Area Health Service (GWAHS) and Bila Muuji Aboriginal Health Service Inc. will join forces, launching two oral health partnerships in Dubbo on Monday 6 April. A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between CSU and Bila Muuji will be signed to establish a Student Clinical Placement Program for CSU Dentistry and Oral Health Therapy undergraduates at regional Bila Muuji sites and to investigate opportunities of joint research projects. Furthermore, a partnership between CSU, Bila Muuji and GWAHS will see the appointment of Oral Health Promotion Coordinator, Ms Kay Thompson. The School of Dentistry and Health Sciences is particularly excited by this partnership. "Bila Muuji clinical activities and CSU's educational footprint very neatly dovetail across western NSW," says Professor Ward Massey, Head of School. "The MoU will result in Bila Muuji input into curriculum content and delivery, provision of scholarships for CSU students and patient care at Bila Muuji sites by CSU students and staff."

**Media note:** Attending will be the Acting Chief Dental Officer with NSW Health, Dr Peter Hill, CEOs of Aboriginal Medical Services in Western NSW, representatives from Aboriginal Health Medical Research Council, and representatives from CSU, GWAHS and Bila Muuji. Contact CSU Media.

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