



WAMS

Open Day

Wednesday, 8 July 2015



On Wednesday, 8 July 2015, the Walgett Aboriginal Medical Service Limited held an Open Day in conjunction with NAIDOC Week.

Fliers were distributed throughout the community, inviting them to gather at the Chronic Disease building at 10am for the official welcome before walking through the service with lunch to follow. In total, approximately one hundred and fifty community members attended and it was satisfying to see so many families taking part in the event.

Christine Corby, CEO, opened proceedings, welcoming everyone and reciting a poem she had written on the theme of NAIDOC 2015 – 'WE ALL STAND ON SACRED GROUND'.

Deborah Walford, one of WAMS youngest staff members, performed the 'Welcome to Country' and also outlined how NAIDOC came about and what it stood for. Another young member of staff, Nichole Kennedy, was asked to raise the Aboriginal flag.

Once the official part of the day was completed, the public were invited to register to be part of the 'Treasure Hunt'.



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The Treasure Hunt involved answering two questions about NAIDOC at each WAMS site with prizes awarded at the conclusion. Staff were on hand at each site to explain what their role is and to answer any questions about WAMS operations.

Representatives came from
Home Care - Trina Brown
Walgett Health Service - Kevin Behm
The Spectator - Jo Coleman, who took photos
Shire Staff & Stormco - Played games with the children



Other activities held during the event were two jumping castles hired from Brewarrina and the PCYC Van. These were set up on the grassed area of the Clinic at 37 Pitt St where everyone convened after the walk through and whilst they waited for lunch. Games were played and the 'Smoothie Bike' was in full operation. The bike was a hit with over seventy five smoothies made during the event. Many children had three to five different types of fruit in one drink. The activity had to stop at 1.30 pm so children would eat lunch.



The winners of the Treasure Hunt were
Nateisha Jones – 1st place
\$50 meat voucher
Ella Tedim – 2nd place, \$30 meat voucher
Phillip Pitt-Dowse – 3rd place, \$20 meat voucher

The winners of the lucky ticket prize were Ugur Cagala and Shalai Tittums who one a male and female gift pack respectively.

Lunch consisted of a selection of curries and rice which was prepared by the Walgett District Sporting Club.

