

CAREER'S HEALTH EXPO 2011



On Monday, 22 August 2011, the Career's Health Expo was held at Goodooga in the Public School. Commencing at 12 noon and running for approximately two hours, it was an opportunity for the Walgett Aboriginal Medical Service Co-operative Limited to talk to students in an informal setting describing the benefits of working in an organization such as WAMS.

Jessie Richardson, WAMS Clinic Manager and Kellie Hooper, Aboriginal Health Worker for the Family Centred Primary Health Care Program, represented WAMS. They gave promotional packs to the students which included a Newsletter, a Profile of Service, numerous pictorials, contact details and more.





The Greater Western Area Health Services' RN, Rona Garry, and Jessie Richardson spoke on a number of subjects which included

- **Working in health in a Public Health Care Setting and the job satisfaction.**
- **The challenges that working in a rural and remote area created**
- **Multiple areas of the health arena need specialized professionals to work in isolated towns**
- **Universities have mentors and coaching staff available to Aboriginal students if required**

They concluded by asking the students if any were interested in the health field with one Year 12 student saying she would like a career as a dentist while the others were unsure.

Nikki Orcher, the Murdi Paaki Regional Enterprise Administration Officer cooked a BBQ lunch which was appreciated by those attending.

**Numbers were down which was disappointing to those who were present representing these organizations -
Pre School - Goodooga CDEP - Murdi Paaki - GWAHS - WAMS**

