

Governor's Visit

30TH JULY 2022



After a visit to Gingie & Namoi, Her Excellency the Honourable Margaret Beazley AC QC and Mr Wilson, attended the premises of WAMS as part of her regional visit of Lightning Ridge and Walgett.

Chairperson Mary Purse and Directors Carol Janissen and Doreen Peters attended the scheduled visit along with CEO Christine Corby and staff members Mathew Baker, Phillip Dowse and Rhiannon Peoples.

The Governor was shown our "Snake Puzzle" which is a journey of Aboriginal history in Australia. Many discussions were had including successes of WAMS, funding issues, culture & language, the Freedom Ride Project, drought and water quality,

Lunch was provided followed by a tour of the "Community Garden" which is a program in partnership with the local Elders and the UNSW. Further discussions included, the produce grown, the quality of the soil for growing, and how Dewhurst Reserve was the first location for Aboriginal People to be allowed inside town limits. The Governor asked for a photo near the spinach as it was so shiny. We said we polished it yesterday to impress her.

The tour concluded back at the main premises where the Governor extended an invitation to visit Government House. WAMS provided a package and the CEO gave personal thanks for the invitation.

Overall, the visit was a success and provided Her Excellency with a broader understanding of the good work and programs on offer.

