



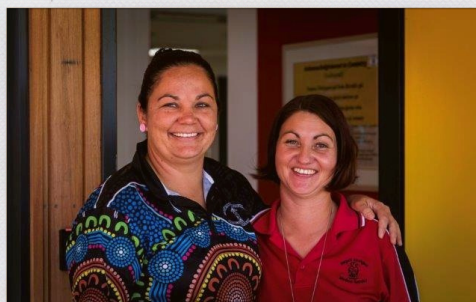
The expansions were officially opened on 14 April 2021 by the Honourable Mark Coulton, MP (Minister for Regional Health, Regional Communications and Local Government), supported by Chairperson Bill Kennedy and CEO Christine Corby.

**Walgett
Aboriginal
Medical
Service Ltd**

**OPENING OF
EXPANSION
APRIL 2021**



Goonimoo offices



Staff members L to R: Tara Smith & Amy Townsend

Having a traditional welcome spoken in our local language, Gamilaraay, gave cultural strength and meaning for the event. Mrs Amy Townsend, Manager of the Children's Services, took particular care in ensuring our culture was recognised.



Mark Coulton MP (Minister for Regional Health, Regional Communications and Local Government), Christine Corby - CEO & Bill Kennedy - Chairperson



(L-R) Amy Townsend, Alexis Townsend & Mary Purse-Chairperson. Three family generations



Mark Coulton MP (Minister for Regional Health, Regional Communications and Local Government)



PCYC Dancers



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Whitney Skuthorpe - Acting Chronic Disease Manager

The local PCYC dance group thrilled the audience with several dance performances about animals and stories. A very memorable day was had by all who attended.



(L-R) Frank Wright - Local Artist, Bill Kennedy- Chairperson, Christine Corby- CEO, Whitney Skuthorpe - Acting Chronic Disease Manager, Phillip Dowse - Acting Clinic Manager & George Williams - Local Photographer

The winner of WAMS art completion was Frank Wright's work of "My Home, My Country. He had his works displayed on promotional materials including the gazebos, tablecloths, mouse pads and bunting. He also painted six animals on six circles of timber which shall be framed and hung in each of the buildings in the expansions. In addition to this, corporate clothing will be ordered.



Thank you to Mark Coulton



Congratulations



Ian Woodcock-Mayor, Lawrence Walford-WSC



Nick Seemann-Architect Constructive Dialogue



Community Hall



(L-R) Melissa Sutton-Business Development Manager Illawarra AMS, Nicki Turner-Aboriginal Workforce Engagement Manager NSW RDN, Director Peters, Christine Corby-CEO, Kane Ellis-CEO Illawarra AMS



Phillip Dowse-Acting Clinic Manager



Dr Erica Fairburn & Dr Brian Soundy



(L-R) Kerrie Hamilton RDN, Sarah Dowe-Operations Manager - Regional, Pip Lyndon-James-Manager Education Family Planning NSW, staff members Marissa Walford, Phillip Dowse, Nichole Kennedy & Gail Kennedy



Exercise Therapy room



Nick Seemann & Jocelyn Fu - Constructive Dialogue



Open for business



Erin McGrath & Rivka Meijer - Blend & Co



(L-R) Ian Raymond - Senior Project Officer & Ashley Brown - Team Manager Centre for Aboriginal Health, NSW Ministry of Health & Frank Wright - Local Artist



(L-R) Mark Banasiak Shooters Fishers and Farmers Party NSW Upper House Member, Melissa Meadowcroft Media and Comms for Roy Butler Member For Barwon & John Clements

Community celebrations were held the very next day in recognition of WAMS's milestone at the local oval. Amusement rides for the young, family entertainment. Musicians who had local connections to Walgett performed into the end of the evening. We are grateful that one of Walgett's local band members, Trevor Simpson, returned "home" to be the host and emcee for the day