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SWAMS hosts Federal members

SWAMS had the opportunity to showcase its state-of-the-art clinic and discuss health care challenges affecting the community, with the Minister for Aged Care and Indigenous Health Ken Wyatt and Federal Member for Forrest Nola Marino today.

SWAMS CEO Lesley Nelson, said opportunities to highlight the needs of the Aboriginal community with key politicians was encouraging for the future of targeted health care in the South West.

Ministers Wyatt and Marino had a tour of SWAMS' main clinic at Forrest Avenue and also the Clinic On Wheels, before meeting with the SWAMS Board of Directors and staff to discuss achievements, challenges and future plans.

"It's an honour to meet with Minister Wyatt, who is the country's first Indigenous Minister," Ms Nelson said.

"Our vision is about providing high-quality, holistic and accessible services to the Aboriginal people of the South West, and making sure our clients have more opportunities to access support."

Since opening its new clinic in August 2015, SWAMS has seen a steady increase in client numbers, resulting in boosted health screening rates and regular visits to all clinics.

SWAMS opened its fourth outreach clinic in March, to now operate from Brunswick Junction, Busselton, Collie and Manjimup.

"SWAMS is also focussed on bringing specialists to our clinics to help bridge the gap for our clients and community," Ms Nelson said.

"We recently held an Ear, Nose and Throat clinic with renowned Clinical Professor Harvey Coates, which saw more than 30 children attend.

“SWAMS supports Aboriginal health through a range of tailored programs and services, we are committed to being able to provide quality health care; it’s a vital need.”

Photo caption: SWAMS Board of Director Karim Khan presents a message stick to Minister Ken Wyatt.



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