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SWAMS claims three awards for NAIDOC Week

The South West Aboriginal Medical Service capped off a stellar NAIDOC Week by claiming three awards at the South West NAIDOC Ball on Saturday night.

SWAMS took home Youth of the Year (Female): Tia Ashwin, Community Person of the Year (Female): Lesley Nelson and Community Achievement of the Year: SWAMS.

SWAMS CEO Lesley Nelson said the awards were a reflection on how much support SWAMS provided to its Noongar community, through vital health care services.

“The SWAMS Board and employees should be very proud of the services and programs we provide to our Noongar community and NAIDOC Week is a chance for us to celebrate together,” Ms Nelson said.

“NAIDOC Week is about celebrating the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, and SWAMS was able to do that through our two key community events, the Elders Luncheon and Family Fun Day.

“SWAMS was overwhelmed by the community’s support for our Family Fun Day with more than 800 people attending our free event.

“It was such a great day and the feedback we’ve received makes us even more determined to improve on next year’s event.

“I’d also like to thank the Yaka Dandjoo Aboriginal Events Committee for all their hard work in creating a festive NAIDOC Week, which provided a culmination of diverse community events for the people of the South West.”

Caption: South West Aboriginal Medical Service (SWAMS) CEO Lesley Nelson with one of the three awards SWAMS claimed for this year’s NAIDOC Week.

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