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New SWAMS Busselton outreach clinic to boost services

The South West Aboriginal Medical Service (SWAMS) will boost services in Busselton with the opening of its new outreach clinic this Thursday.

SWAMS CEO Lesley Nelson said the new clinic, located at the Busselton Health Campus, would enable SWAMS to improve access to primary health care services for the Noongar community.

“Being able to provide quality health care to our community is vital. It’s about building capacity to our services, so our clients have more opportunities to access support,” Ms Nelson said.

“We are proud that Busselton is our fourth outreach clinic located in the South West, including Brunswick Junction, Collie and Manjimup.

“SWAMS is pleased the Busselton clinic will operate from the Busselton Health Campus, as this prime location means easier access to additional services for our clients, if needed.”

The Busselton clinic will operate from 10 am to 4 pm on Mondays and Thursdays, and include a Women’s Health Clinic on the last Thursday of every month.

Clients will have access to GP’s, Aboriginal Health Workers and Indigenous Health Workers on-site, with referrals to other specialised SWAMS staff available.

“SWAMS supports Aboriginal health through a range of tailored programs and services, which can include bulk billing, patient transport and home visits,” Ms Nelson said.

“This clinic would not be possible without the support of the WA Country Health Service (WACHS) and our partnership with GP Down South, for our chronic disease program.

“Establishing an outreach clinic in Busselton further cements SWAMS’ vision to provide high-quality, holistic and accessible services to the South West Aboriginal community. SWAMS looks forward to collaborating with other agencies on this vision.”

To make an appointment contact the SWAMS Clinic on (08) 9726 6000 (anytime) or (08) 9753 6000 (Monday or Thursday).

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