



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **SWAMS Aboriginal Health Workers graduate**

Four SWAMS Aboriginal Health Workers celebrated their graduation after 18 months of juggling work and studies, at an official ceremony on Friday night.

The graduates, Natalie and Talicia Jetta, Tammy McGrath and Elizabeth Narkle, were honoured for completing their Certificate IV Aboriginal Health Work, through the Aboriginal Health Council of Western Australia (AHCWA).

SWAMS CEO Lesley Nelson congratulated the graduates and acknowledged the vital role they play in helping SWAMS provide a culturally focussed health care service to the South West.

“It’s important for our clients to have the opportunity to be cared for by an Aboriginal health worker, it supports culture and empowers our Noongar community,” Ms Nelson said.

“SWAMS is made up of dynamic teams, of many ethnic backgrounds, and as the CEO I am pleased and honoured to see this diversity working together for the greater good of our clients.

“These graduates join many other Aboriginal health workers across the nation, who dedicate themselves to helping their people, their communities and in many ways, themselves.

“SWAMS fosters and promotes a great working environment, where our staff are supported to pursue professional training and development, as we continue to pursue the delivery of best-practice holistic health care services for our community.”

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**Caption: SWAMS' Certificate IV Aboriginal Health Work graduates (from left) Natalie Jetta, Tammy McGrath, Elizabeth Narkle and Talicia Jetta with CEO Lesley Nelson at Friday night's graduation.**

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