



MEDIA RELEASE

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Three SWAMS staff receive award honours

Three South West Aboriginal Medical Service (SWAMS) staff received award honours at the Aboriginal Health Council of Western Australia (AHCWA) conference in Perth recently.

The award recipients were Joyce Dimer (Elder in the Community Award), Wade Garwood (Young Achiever Award) and Dr Arman Yazdani (Contribution by an ACCHS employee Award).

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

“Each of these award winners are valued staff members of SWAMS, that all bring different attributes and such dedication to their roles,” 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.”

As the key Social Worker with SWAMS for many years, Joyce has held various roles and supported countless families in the community, professionally and personally.

Her passion for the community saw Joyce start three groups, a Men’s, Women’s and Youth group, aimed at empowering, educating and supporting the Noongar community.

As one of SWAMS’ youngest staff members, Wade has taken on the full-time Logistics Assistant role with confidence, while also undertaking his Certificate IV in Leadership and Management.

Through his involvement in the 2016 Noongar Youth Summit, Wade engaged with his community as a positive role model for Noongar youth in the community. He is also a member of the AHCWA Youth Council.

Dr Yazdani has been a valued General Practitioner with SWAMS for almost four years.

He is renowned for his commitment to his role. He does not like to take time off and continually goes the extra mile for his clients.

Dr Yazdani prioritises the needs of others (patients and staff) before his own and is described by his peers as being empathetic and committed to helping the community's disadvantaged.

“SWAMS is proud of these well-deserving award winners, who join a 50-plus team of staff that dedicate themselves to helping their people and communities.

“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.”

Photo: SWAMS staff (from left) Dr Arman Yazdani, Social Worker Joyce Dimer and Logistics Assistant Wade Garwood, were all honoured with awards at a recent Aboriginal Health Council of Western Australia (AHCWA) conference in Perth.



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