



# South West **AMS** Aboriginal Medical Service



**Annual Report 2015-16**



## The South West Aboriginal Medical Service supports Aboriginal health through tailored programs and services

### Services:

- Doctors' appointments
- Aboriginal Health Workers
- Preventative health screening
- Dietician/nutritional services
- Immunisation
- Counselling

### Programs:

- Antenatal and postnatal
- Child health
- Playgroup
- Chronic disease management
- Sexual and reproductive health
- Mental health

### Plus:

- Bulk billing
- Patient transport
- Home visits
- Walk-in appointments
- Recall and reminder system

### Bunbury clinic

Mon: 9.00 am-5.00 pm  
 Tues: 9.00 am-5.00 pm  
 Wed: 9.00 am-2.00 pm  
 Thurs: 9.00 am-8.00 pm  
 Fri: 9.00 am-5.00 pm

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### Outreach clinics

Collie  
 Mondays 10am-3pm  
 Collie Hospital

Brunswick  
 Tuesdays 10am-12pm  
 St. John Ambulance Building  
 1 Ridley Street

Manjimup  
 Thursdays 10am-3pm  
 Unit 7-8/30-32 Rose Street

### Administration

Mon: 8.45 am-5.00 pm  
 Tues: 8.45 am-5.00 pm  
 Wed: 8.45 am-2.00 pm  
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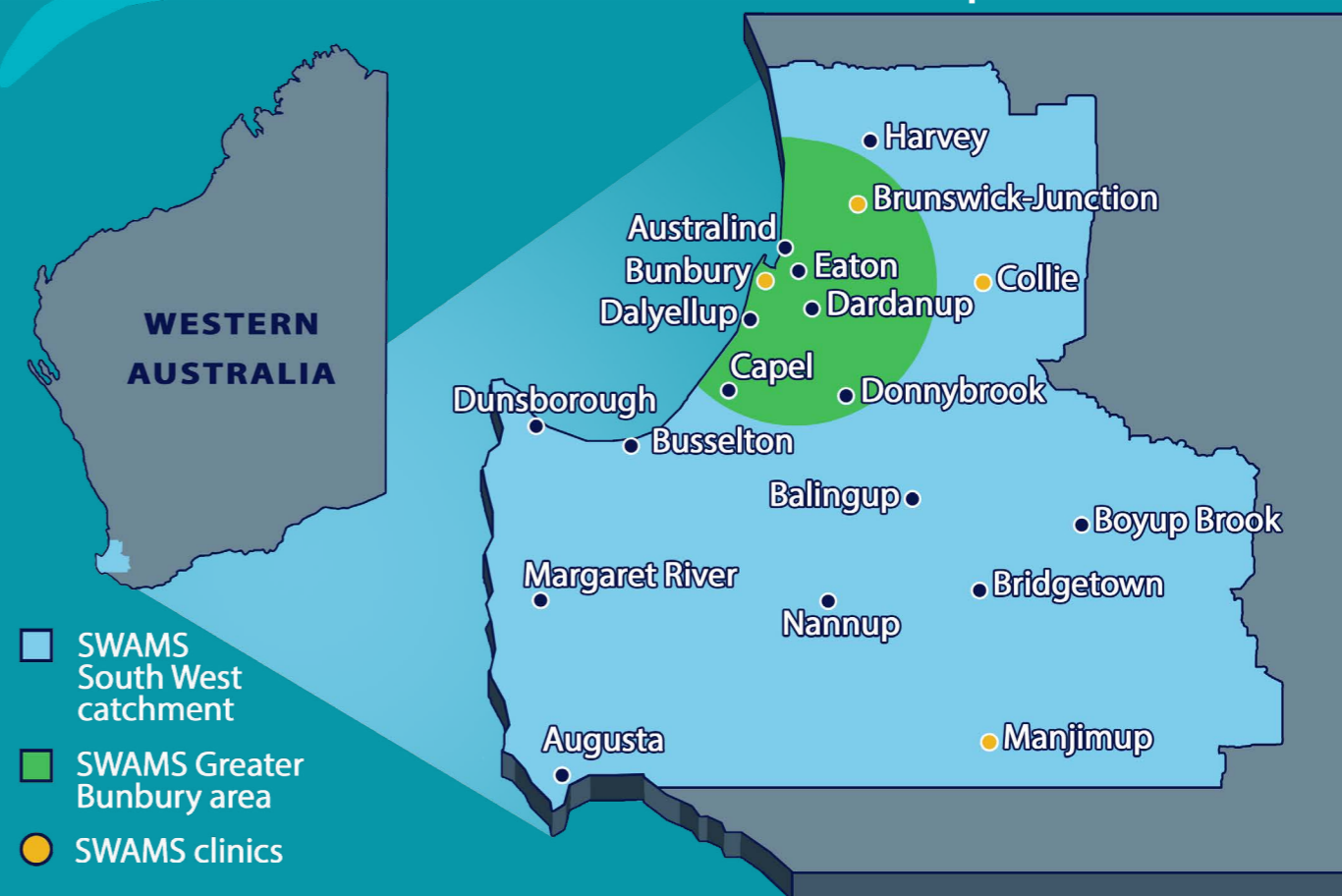
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# Leadership: Board of directors profiles

## Karim Khan (Donnybrook) - Chairperson

Karim has been Chairman of the SWAMS Board since 2015, and is a familiar face in the Aboriginal community.



He has worked for the Department of Parks and Wildlife for 20 years and through his role with the Conservation and Land Management Act (CALM), Karim helped Aboriginal people reconnect with country and customary activities, including bush medicine.

Karim has a Diploma of Business, a Certificate IV in Training and Assessing, and a Certificate in Governance Training. He is passionate about the health and wellbeing of the Noongar community to be healthy physically, mentally and spiritually.

Karim loves spending time with his two grandchildren, camping, fishing and watching the West Coast Eagles win.

## Dean Colbung (Brunswick Junction) - Vice Chairperson

Dean has been a SWAMS Board Member since 2011 and is currently the Vice Chairperson.

He is dedicated to establishing health services in his ward Brunswick Junction, including promoting the town's outreach clinic.

Dean has undertaken governance training to help support his role as a Board Member and is passionate about improving access to SWAMS services and programs, to ensure the South West Noongar community benefits from SWAMS' culturally focussed health care.

Away from his role at SWAMS, Dean enjoys spending time with his family.



## Eddie Barron-Ugle (Collie)

Eddie has worked hard to improve Aboriginal Health services for his ward Collie, and surrounding areas, since becoming a SWAMS Board Member in 2013.

Eddie has extensive governance knowledge and has been involved with and held director roles with many Aboriginal organisations, and was a member of the Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes. He has a Certificate in Agriculture and has owned and operated businesses in the agricultural industry over the years.

Eddie is passionate about seeing the youth of today enjoy a quality of life and having access to the vital health care services that SWAMS provides.

In his spare time, Eddie enjoys spending time with his family.



## Lera Bennell (Bunbury)

Lera is a passionate advocate for ensuring the Aboriginal community has a quality, culturally-focussed health care service to enhance quality of life.

With a Masters in Indigenous Social Policy, a BA in Aboriginal Community Management and Development and a Certificate IV in Business, Lera is the Elder in Residence at Edith Cowan University in Bunbury. Lera has worked with the WA Police Force, Crown Land Department, the Aboriginal Legal Service, the Noongar Warda Newspaper and was Managing Director of Black in Business Pty Ltd, where she received the inaugural Henry Mayer media prize.

Lera holds many board positions and loves spending time with family, gardening and watching football and cricket.



## Gwen Gray (Busselton)

As a Board Member, Gwen feels lucky to see firsthand how vital SWAMS is in the Aboriginal community.

She is passionate about education and the importance it plays in providing better outcomes for children.

Having completed a Certificate III in Education, Gwen currently works at Geographe Primary School as an Aboriginal Islander Education Officer.

She has completed training in governance, culture awareness and strategic planning and is also involved with the Koolmal Dreaming Cultural Tours. Gwen likes to spend time with her family, being out in the bush and fishing.



## Robyn McCreanor (Manjimup)

Since joining the SWAMS Board in June 2015, Robyn has been an advocate for her ward, Manjimup.

She currently works as a Relief Education Assistant for East Manjimup Primary School and cares for her two granddaughters.

Her background includes an Aboriginal Land Conservation and Restoration traineeship, a Certificate III in Horticulture, a Certificate IV in Business Governance and also a Certificate IV in Educational Support.

Robyn is passionate about the health and mental wellbeing of children who are affected by domestic violence from drug and alcohol abuse.



## Michelle Munns (Bunbury)

Michelle's drive to make a positive difference in Aboriginal health has led her to key career opportunities, including her current role as a Senior Aboriginal Liaison Officer at the Western Australian Country Health Service, South West.

With three Certificate IV's in Business-Human Resources, Frontline Management and Logistics (Transport), Michelle understands the need for good governance and also completed training with the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

She is currently attending Aboriginal Health Council of Western Australia (AHCWA) board meetings as a SWAMS representative.

Michelle enjoys camping, marroning, crabbing and spending time with her family.



## Bill Turner (Bunbury)

Bill is a familiar face in the Aboriginal community and joined the SWAMS Board in January 2015.

Bill has been on the Goomburrup Board for many years and currently supports Bunbury's In Town Lunch Centre.

He works in the Department of Health's Mental Health Unit and has previously worked in community health.

Bill has a Certificate IV in Alcohol and Drugs and has completed governance training.

He is passionate about helping his community with mental health needs, particularly around alcohol and drug abuse.

Bill enjoys spending time with his family, hunting, volunteering and watching AFL.



# Leadership:

## Your elected board representatives



Board member attendance at meetings for the 2015/16 financial year:

BOARD MEMBER	2015						2016						AGM DEC 2015	SGM FEB 2016	STRATEGIC PLANNING			TOTAL	
	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN			DEC 2015	FEB 2016	MAY 2016		SEP 2015
Karim Khan (Chairman)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	17
Dean Colbung (Vice Chairman)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	19
Eddie Barron-Ugale	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	17
Lera Bennell	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	18
Gwen Gray									✓		✓							✓	3
Robyn McCreanor	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	17
Michelle Munns	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	18
Bill Turner								✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	9

Your elected board representatives since:

Karim Khan	23/11/2013
Dean Colbung	11/10/2011
Eddie Barron-Ugale	23/11/2013
Lera Bennell	10/11/2011
Gwen Gray	17/03/2016
Robyn McCreanor	25/06/2015
Michelle Munns	23/11/2013
Bill Turner	11/01/2016

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**SWAMS' Board meetings visit**  
**[www.swams.com.au](http://www.swams.com.au)**



# Chairman of the Board's: Introduction

**K**aya wandju. Hello and welcome.

On behalf of the Board of Directors it is my privilege to present the South West Aboriginal Medical Service's (SWAMS) 2015-16 Annual Report.

What an exciting year it has been for SWAMS. We welcomed the opening of our new clinic on Forrest Avenue, Bunbury, in August 2015.

This is something the Board was extremely excited to witness, as it cemented the next step in strengthening SWAMS' culturally focused service.

I would like to thank those Board members, past and present for their vision in enabling this to happen.

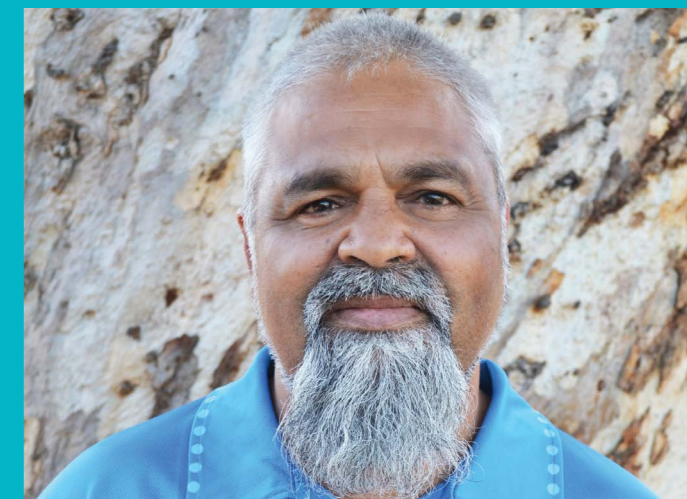
In recent times the Board saw three new members join the table: Gwen Gray, Robyn McCreanor and Bill Turner, who have been welcomed additions to our team.

The Board's focus has been on ensuring we maintain stability in the organisation, while we all work together to position SWAMS as the authority in Aboriginal health care for the South West region.

As Chairperson, I have been extremely proud of the Board's commitment to representing their respective wards.

Each board member regularly attends and supports not only SWAMS, but many community events.

We continue to pro-actively seek new and innovative ways to engage in partnerships with our community and look forward



to doing so in the next financial year.

A highlight for the Board was the launch of the South West Aboriginal Medical Service Aboriginal Corporation Rule Book.

This document is important to ensure good governance of our organisation.

The Board will continue to review and update the rule book as necessary to maintain an acceptable level of governance, for and in partnership with our members.

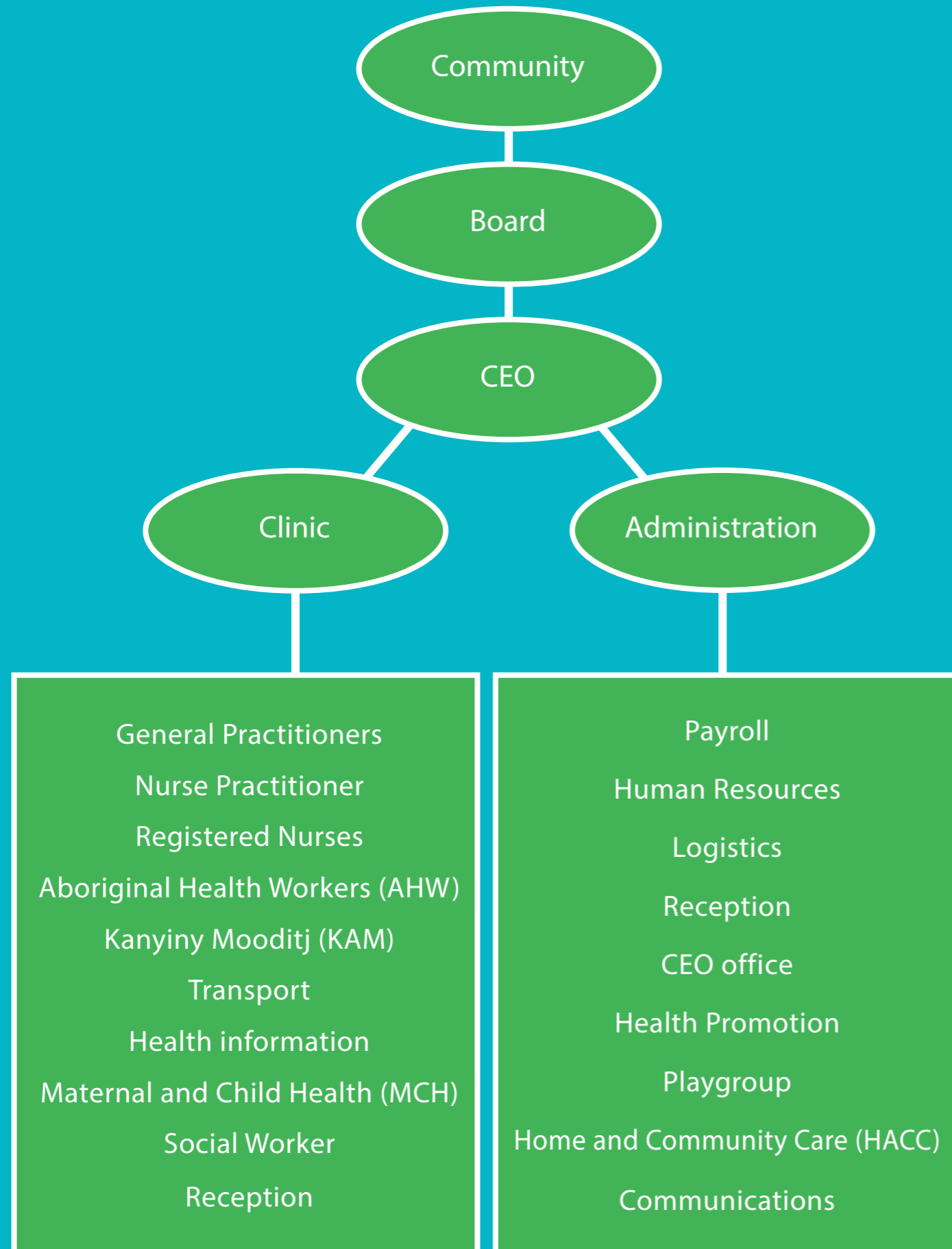
The Board also made a start on the Strategic Plan for 2017-21, which will be a key document in leading SWAMS into the future.

In closing, we would like to thank and acknowledge Lesley Nelson (CEO) and all the SWAMS team for their commitment and hard work in ensuring we deliver a quality service to our community.

**- Karim Khan, Board Chairperson**



# Organisational structure



## Chief Executive Officer's: Review of the year

**K**aya wandju. Hello and welcome.

I am proud to present to the Aboriginal community the South West Aboriginal Medical Service's (SWAMS) 2015-16 Annual Report.

The last financial year has been an exciting one for SWAMS, especially with the opening of our new state-of-the-art clinic in August 2015 at Forrest Avenue in Bunbury.

This facility has enhanced SWAMS' ability to provide a culturally focused health care service for our Aboriginal community.

The additional room to service SWAMS clients, together with highly dedicated staff, has seen SWAMS provide holistic care to almost 3000 patients and their families.

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

I'd like to thank the Board of Directors and staff across all areas of the organisation, who have worked extremely hard in often challenging circumstances this year.

Their dedication to our community in ensuring SWAMS provides best-practice has been second to none. Our community benefits from this passion and professionalism.

I have been working alongside our Board and key staff members on SWAMS' Strategic Plan for 2017-2021. This will guide SWAMS forward strategically into the next five years of growth and change.

We want our service to reach all corners of the South West region and we are striving to achieve this through our three outreach clinics in Brunswick Junction, Collie and Manjimup.



SWAMS is a non-government, not-for-profit organisation that relies heavily on government funding and assistance.

I would like to thank those government bodies and organisations that financially support SWAMS in its quest to provide a vital health care service.

Also to our partnerships with key organisations like the Aboriginal Health Council of Western Australia (AHCWA) and the National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO), our collaboration is important and builds significant community confidence.

In closing, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our community members for supporting SWAMS and choosing us to help you and your families in the quest for a better quality of life.

As our motto states "Our Health, Our Way". This is something SWAMS continues to pursue every day through professional training and development of our staff and by listening to what the community wants and needs.

Thank you for taking the time to read this report.

**- Lesley Nelson, CEO**



New clinic

# New clinic opening:

## SWAMS' NEW STATE-OF-THE-ART CLINIC

It was the end of an era for SWAMS when it farewelled the old clinic and welcomed the new last year.

Located at the South West Health Campus for 16 years, SWAMS relocated to the new purpose-built clinic on the corner of Forrest Avenue and Blair Street in August 2015.

SWAMS Chief Executive Officer Lesley Nelson said it was time for the service to move after significant growth in client numbers and services.

"The new clinic is about three times bigger and is purpose built to create an inviting and professional atmosphere for our clients," Ms Nelson said.

The clinic is home to General Practitioners, Nurses, Aboriginal Health Workers, Indigenous Outreach Workers, Maternal and Child Health Nurses, a Social Worker, Transport staff and Medical Receptionists.

The open spacious waiting room with a children's play area is inviting for SWAMS clients, and features a public notice board for the community.

The additional room to service SWAMS clients, together with highly dedicated staff has seen SWAMS provide holistic care to almost 3000 patients and their families.

"The move was about SWAMS improving access for Aboriginal people by enhancing our programs, services and reach within the Aboriginal community," Ms Nelson said.

"We farewelled the old clinic with an afternoon tea, which gave everyone the change to reminisce as many staff had been there since the beginning."

Ms Nelson said the service's catchment area had grown to include Busselton, Manjimup and other locations around the South West. SWAMS also has three outreach clinics in Brunswick Junction, Collie and Manjimup.

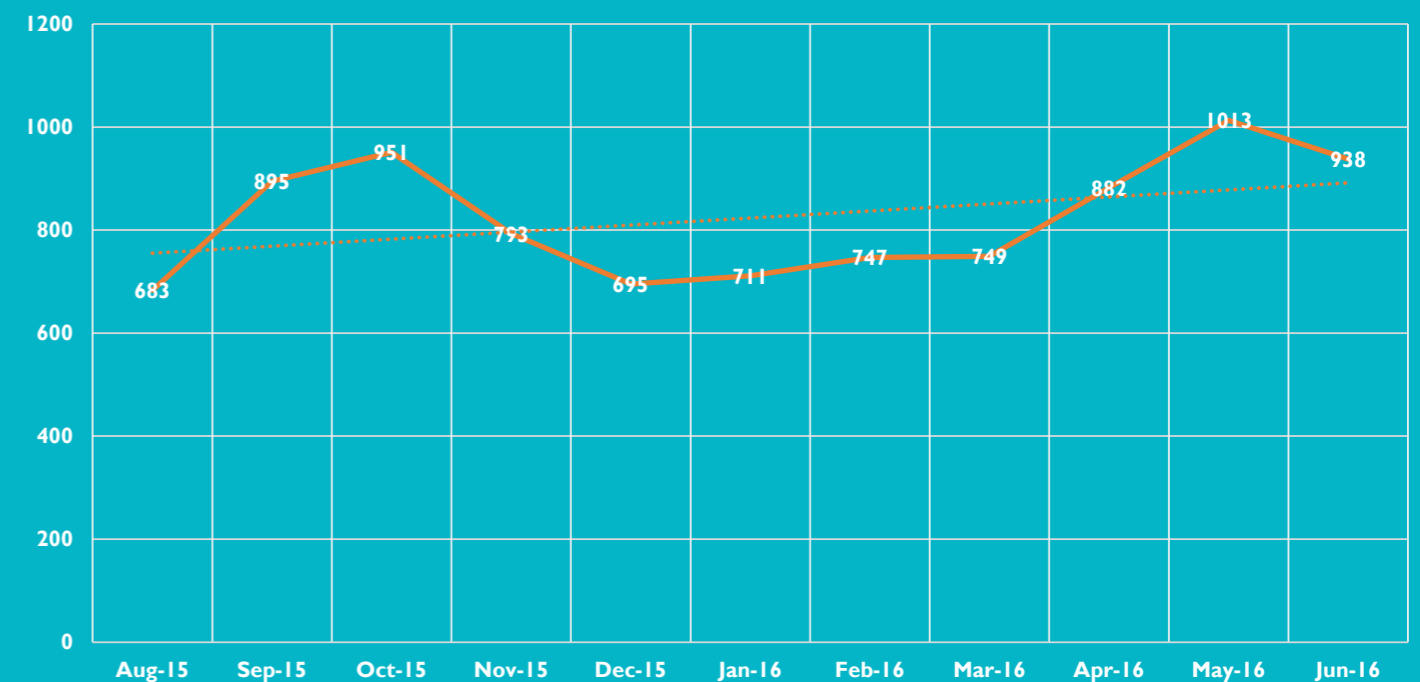


**New clinic opening  
18 December 2015**



Old clinic

## SWAMS clients (clinic attendances)



Since the new SWAMS clinic opened in August 2015, new clients have visited the purpose-built facility (as this graph depicts), which is located on the corner of Forrest Avenue and Blair Street.

# CLINICAL SERVICES



*Karrak, Red-tailed black cockatoo (Roelands)*

# Clinical services overview:

## SWAMS' NEW CLINIC

This financial year has brought new and exciting changes for SWAMS, especially with the new clinic at Forrest Ave in Bunbury. The additional room to service SWAMS clients, together with highly dedicated staff has seen SWAMS provide holistic care to 2992 patients and their families (see Pages 10-11). SWAMS also maintained AGPAL accreditation and ISO accreditation.

## OUTREACH CLINICS

SWAMS offers outreach clinics in Collie, Brunswick Junction and Manjimup one day a week in each location. Collie operates Mondays, Brunswick Junction on Tuesdays and Manjimup on Thursdays.

## EVENING CLINIC INTRODUCED

SWAMS introduced an evening clinic on Thursdays in February 2016. The clinic runs until 8:00 pm, with the last appointment being 7.30 pm. The evening clinic has improved accessibility for those who are unable to seek medical care during normal business hours.

## CLIENT NUMBERS INCREASE

Over the 2015-16 period, SWAMS serviced 61% of the Aboriginal population in the South West region of WA, as recorded in the 2011 Census (Australian Indigenous HealthInfoNet, 2014). SWAMS has increased the number of episodes of care from the previous year by more than 700,

signifying that SWAMS clients were more likely to come back for follow-up care at a SWAMS clinic. The number of new SWAMS clients has remained steady, with a slight trend upwards.

## STAFF TRAINING AND EDUCATION

SWAMS prides itself on supporting employees to further education with four staff studying a Certificate IV in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Primary Health Care Practice. A SWAMS Registered Nurse has successfully completed her practitioner course and is now employed as a Nurse Practitioner, dedicated to improving sexual health in the community.

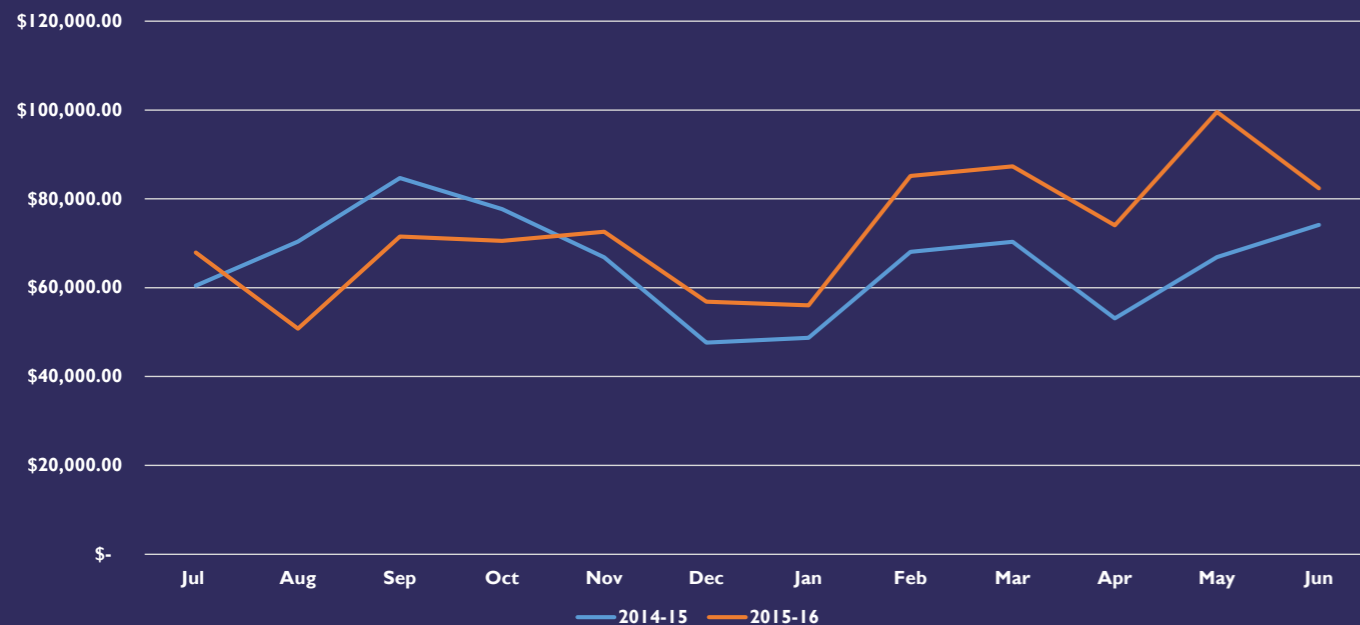
## TRANSPORT

The transport team had a rewarding year supporting patients in the Greater Bunbury area. This service has been offered to 425 patients totaling 1664 trips. Patients have used the SWAMS transport services to attend various medical and specialist appointments locally and also in Perth.

## MEDICARE REVENUE

As a result of practice improvements, SWAMS had significant increase in its Medicare revenue in the 2015-16 financial year with an increase of 11%, compared to the previous financial year. This is exciting for SWAMS as the additional revenue is used for the SWAMS Subsidy Scheme, which allows patients access to specialist care.

SWAMS Medicare revenue comparison 2014/15 and 2015/16



## IRON INFUSION CLINIC

Due to the increasing numbers of clients requiring intravenous iron replacement therapy, an iron infusion clinic commenced in April 2016. The clinic is held every Friday from 9 am until 1pm, each appointment lasting for an hour. The appointments are booked by your doctor. Maternal Health also does iron infusions on a Thursday, for maternity clients as required. This is a great alternative to Bunbury Regional Hospital for SWAMS clients.

## INFLUENZA VACCINATION PROGRAM.

It has been a successful flu vaccination program in 2016, which was promoted at all the clinics and also on local radio. From January to September 2016, SWAMS staff performed 502 flu vaccinations, which was up from 279 for the same time the previous year. The total number of children vaccinated in 2016 has increased significantly.

## CLINIC ON WHEELS (COW)

The Clinic on Wheels (COW) was part of the SWAMS Hot FM promotion for health awareness. Aboriginal Health Workers, Nurses and Health Promotion staff managed the COW, at various locations including Back Beach, Koombana Beach and Busselton Jetty over a selected period, twice a week in the late afternoon, promoting the service, and providing basic health checks if requested (i.e. blood pressure, blood glucose level).

## NATIONAL HEALTH CAMPAIGNS

There have been various national health campaigns promoted at the SWAMS clinic throughout the year. May 2016 was Women's Wellness month, with the women's health team travelling to Brunswick Junction, Harvey, Bunbury, Collie, Manjimup, Donnybrook, Margaret River, Bridgetown and Busselton. The focus was on Pap Smears, women's issues and health awareness, as well as promoting SWAMS. For more information on this program go to page 23.





### NURSE PRACTITIONER SERVICE

The Nurse Practitioner role commenced as a new service for SWAMS in February 2016.

This has been a period of opportunity, as the new position embeds as part of the core clinical workforce for SWAMS.

#### Key service improvements the position includes:

- Outreach services to South West towns: The Nurse Practitioner worked collaboratively with clinical and health promotion staff to ensure targeted and focused women's cervical screening across the South West during the month of May. This event used the Clinic on Wheels and improved access to high-risk and under-screened groups. This has raised the profile of SWAMS across the South West.
- Increase of Women's Health checks, STI screening, Pap Smears, immunisations and Adult Health Checks. These include consultations on contraception, unplanned pregnancy counseling and referral, influenza clinics, immunisations, women's health, healthy lifestyle advice, medication advice, pregnancy testing, insertion and removal of implanon implants, pre-conceptual care and postpartum care. The Nurse Practitioner is working collaboratively with Aboriginal Health Workers, clinic staff and doctors to leverage opportunities to ensure the patient journey is client focused and streamlined, addressing clinical gaps and captures revenue opportunities.
- Education and service development: Needle and Syringe Programs and screening for Hepatitis C are areas of need for the South West Aboriginal community. Clients with current or past intravenous drug use are not always aware of services, resources and screening available to them. With the new Hepatitis C medications now listed on the PBS, the Nurse Practitioner position is working with SWAMS staff to ensure Aboriginal clients with identified risk factors are provided the services they need.



### KANYINY MOODITJ (KAM)

The KAM team – (Kanyiny Mooditj “keeping solid”) focuses on clients with a chronic condition and works with individuals, families and community groups.

Made up of Aboriginal Health Workers, Aboriginal Outreach Workers, an Aboriginal Registered Nurse and a Registered Nurse Diabetes Educator, the team's aim is to work with clients to reach their health goals and in turn live long and strong with a chronic condition.

The team can assist clients to coordinate their care and appointments with external agencies, organise medications, provide transport and advocate for client needs. This year's focus has been on education about blood pressure and how high blood pressure can reduce life expectancy. Clients have been able to record their blood pressure at home, thanks to the team purchasing two home-recording blood pressure machines.



These results are then reviewed by the client with their GP and after consultation, changes may be made to their health plan. The KAM team is passionate about ongoing education on being active, safe consumption of alcohol and quitting smoking.

The team's vision is to empower its clients to work towards their own health and personal goals and to provide support on their journeys. Individual successes improve overall health and wellbeing of the community.

### MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH

Improving the health of Aboriginal mothers and babies is the key to closing the gap in mortality rates and chronic disease.

SWAMS is investing in this area through the provision of high quality culturally sensitive maternity and child health services.

Our antenatal program has seen more women presenting earlier in pregnancy allowing time for our midwives to provide antenatal education.

Our midwifery and child health program is a community based service driven by primary health care principles.

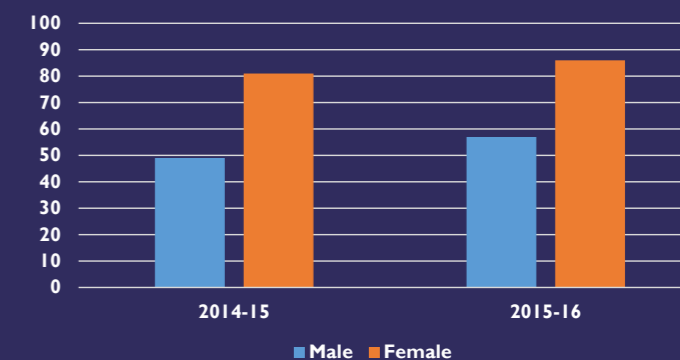
This allows our team to do home visits, provide support for families to attend appointments with specialists and other agencies, and also the regular follow up of children following an acute presentation.

Our statistics for primary health interventions are healthy with increases in our immunisation rates and child development checks. A key to the success of our program has been the development of partnerships and good working relationships with other Maternal Child Health providers, in particular Western Australian Country Health Services (WACHS).

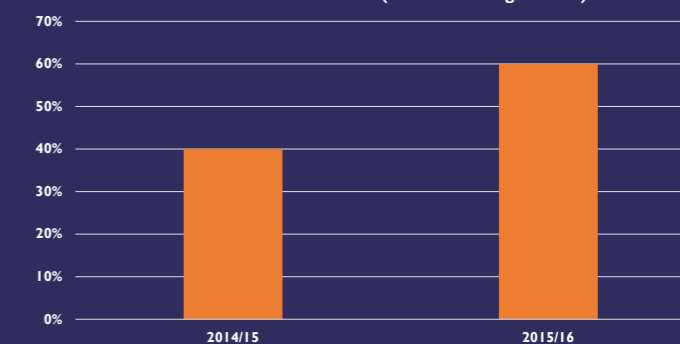
Our future direction is to develop partnerships with other service providers to address the impact of family violence and trauma on children.

SWAMS Maternal Child Health is currently taking a lead

SWAMS' ATSI (715) health checks 0-4 year olds



SWAMS' antenatal checks (before 13 wks gestation)



in strengthening maternal child health services within the Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisation sector across Western Australia, by facilitating networking meetings and professional development in Bunbury.

Our vision is to build upon this by facilitating collaborative research projects and audits across the sector and produce more culturally appropriate health education resources for our women and children.

# ADMIN SERVICES



Collie River (Eaton)



# Admin services overview:

SWAMS entered into an exciting development phase during the financial year.

The Administrative Services team provide support services to SWAMS staff and management at the Clinic and Administration premises.

The team consists of Logistics, Payroll, Admin Services Manager, Human Resources Co-ordinator, HR Assistant, Quality Control and Reception. In providing support to the CEO, the board is assisted with financial and operational information.

The Administration team is focused on establishing SWAMS' profile as a professional and well recognised organisation both within the local community and amongst key stakeholders.

Engagement with key stakeholders such as funding bodies, local community services providers, key suppliers and regulatory organisations ensures that SWAMS maintains and builds on important relationships with partners that influence the future of SWAMS.

The Human Resources team has worked towards SWAMS being an employer of choice through transparent and comprehensive processes using advanced recruitment programs.

The quality controls in place ensure that SWAMS maintains its ongoing accreditations and audit compliances, including ISO 9001, AGPAL and external audit requirements.

With effective systems and controls in place, SWAMS is well placed to apply for additional funding as opportunities arise.

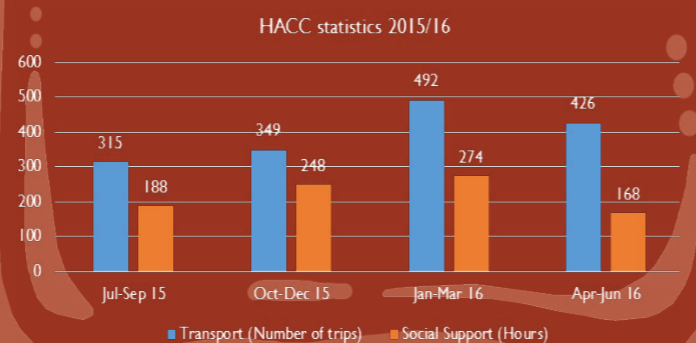
## HOME AND COMMUNITY CARE

The Home and Community Care (HACC) program aims to support HACC clients to be independent at home and in the community, whilst providing social support services, advocacy and ensure health and wellbeing.

SWAMS supports our HACC clients through providing social support such as group events and social activities, one-on-one home visits and through the provision of transport for medical and non-medical appointments.

Throughout the year we had an average of 38 clients at a time, from Bunbury, Busselton, Brunswick Junction, Harvey, Donnybrook and Boyanup.

The below graph shows the number of transport trips and social support hours undertaken by the HACC team. A steady incline is evident each quarter, however due to changes in staffing the last quarter from April to June has seen a decrease in the services provided.



## TACKLING SMOKING

The aim of the Tackling Indigenous Smoking and Promoting Healthy Lifestyles program was to raise awareness of the harmful effects of smoking.

Unfortunately in December 2015, funding for this program ceased. However during the last six months of the program the team participated in eight community events and 14 workshops, reaching a total of 951 participants.

These events were held in Bunbury, Busselton, Harvey, Manjimup and Collie.



### Tackling Indigenous smoking and promoting healthy lifestyles program activity

Activity	Jul-Dec 2013	Jan-Jun 2014	Jul-Dec 2014	Jan-Jun 2015	Jul-Dec 2015	Total
Total events held across all areas	8	17	12	17	8	62
Total community reach across all areas	575	1877	2264	1848	576	7140
Total number of workshops held	32	56	50	26	14	178
Total participants in workshops	457	1014	2699	1027	375	5572

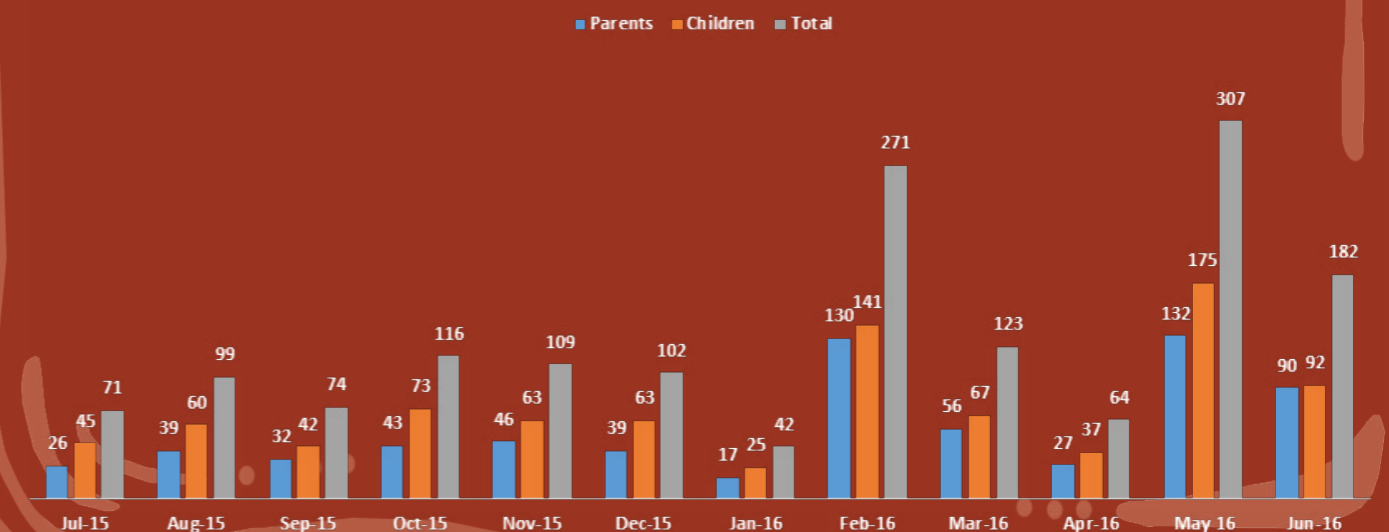
## PLAYGROUP

The SWAMS Playgroup program began in July 2015. The aim is to support families to give their children a good start in life through early childhood development, care, and education and school readiness activities. SWAMS runs three playgroups per week with two in Bunbury and one in Brunswick Junction. Activities delivered include play-based learning, parenting skills,

school readiness, brain development, healthy lifestyle and cultural activities. The table (below) highlights overall attendance at the playgroups per month. In the first six months overall attendance of parents and children totaled 571. In the following six months this increased by 73.2%, with a total of 989 attendees. Lower attendances can be seen in months such as January and April for school holidays.



### SWAMS playgroup attendance July 2015 to January 2016





**HEALTH PROMOTION**

The Health Promotion Unit is a new team to SWAMS in this financial year starting in January 2016.

The team is comprised of one Health Promotion Coordinator and two Health Promotion Officers.

The Unit has been working towards building and developing an organisational health promotion calendar, where each month a new topic is promoted and any activities completed surround this topic.

Additionally, an interactive and eye catching clinic display is set up each month to reflect these themes. The topics are featured in the table (top right). The unit has been working towards establishing networks with other agencies, building partnerships and setting up the foundations for the following year's activities.

Health Promotion monthly topics	
Month	Topic
January	Youth
February	Sexual health
March	Close the Gap
April	Healthy heart and exercise right
May	Women's wellness
June	Tobacco cessation



**COMMUNICATIONS**

In March 2016 SWAMS incorporated a new Communications Team comprised of a Public Relations Officer and Marketing Assistant to assist with the rebranding of the SWAMS promotional materials.

Significant groundwork took place from March to June, with the following achievements accomplished:

- Website update to reflect correct information
- SWAMS Facebook page reignited with regular material posted and information updated
- Release of the first SWAMS News newsletter
- The beginnings of a SWAMS style guide created
- Assisting SWAMS teams with promotional event flyers and media releases for events.



**WOMEN'S WELLNESS EVENTS**

During the month of May, SWAMS held 10 Women's Wellness Events to promote cervical screening and women's health checks.

This event was a collaborative event between the health promotion and clinic teams.

The free events included two after hours events hosted in Bunbury and eight outreach events located in Harvey, Brunswick Junction, Collie, Donnybrook, Bridgetown, Busselton, Manjimup and Margaret River.

At each event there was free cervical screening available in the SWAMS Clinic on Wheels, which was set up to enable cervical checks on site.

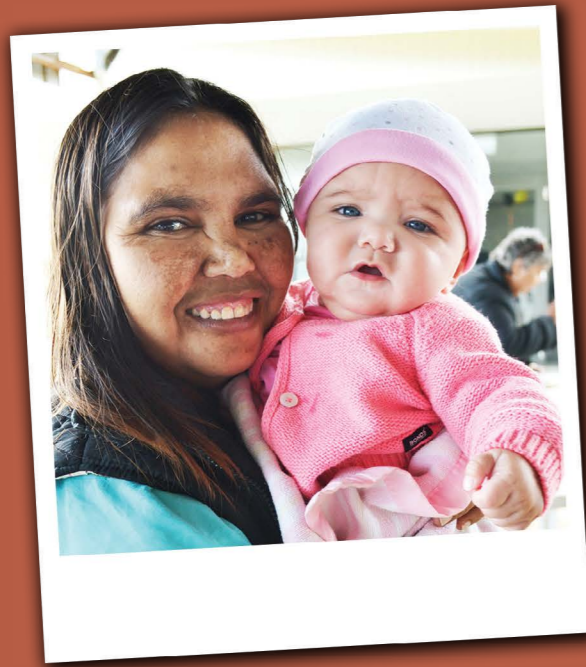
Additionally there was pampering for women, mindful colouring, women's health education sessions and information and healthy snacks.

A total of 197 women attended the events, with 88 women attending the education sessions and 50 women receiving a Pap Smear

Of these 50 women, 17 women were not up to date with their cervical screening, highlighting the importance of opportunistic screening.

These events were well attended with direct feedback highlighting a great level of community support and value.





Swan River myrtle (Ferguson Valley)

# Finance overview:

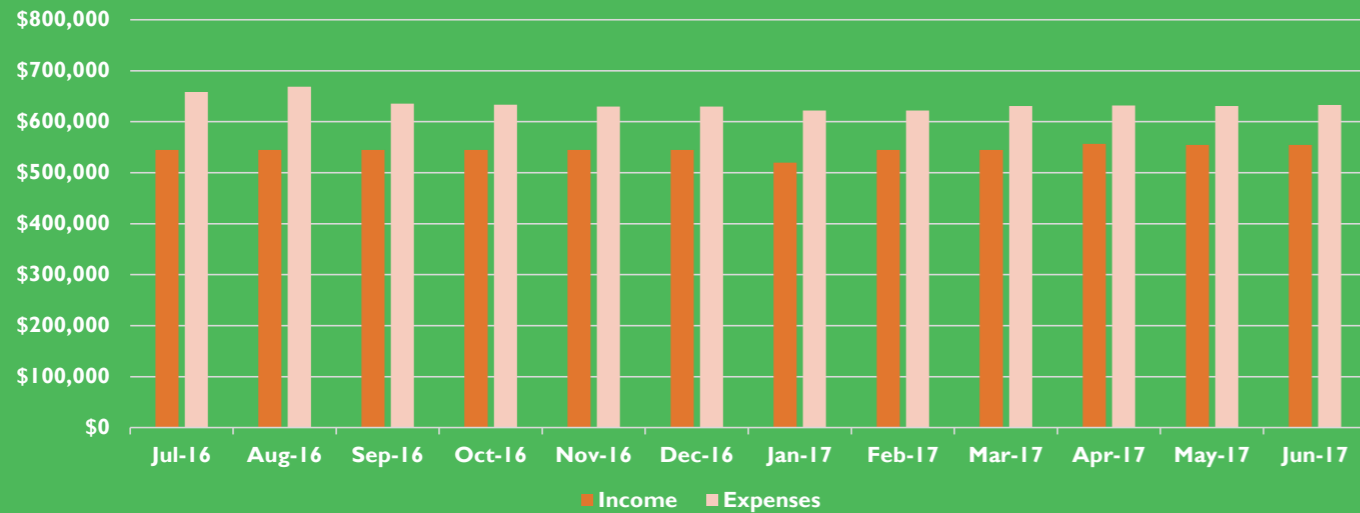
## MANAGING THE BUDGET

In 2016/17 the SWAMS budget is projecting a deficit.

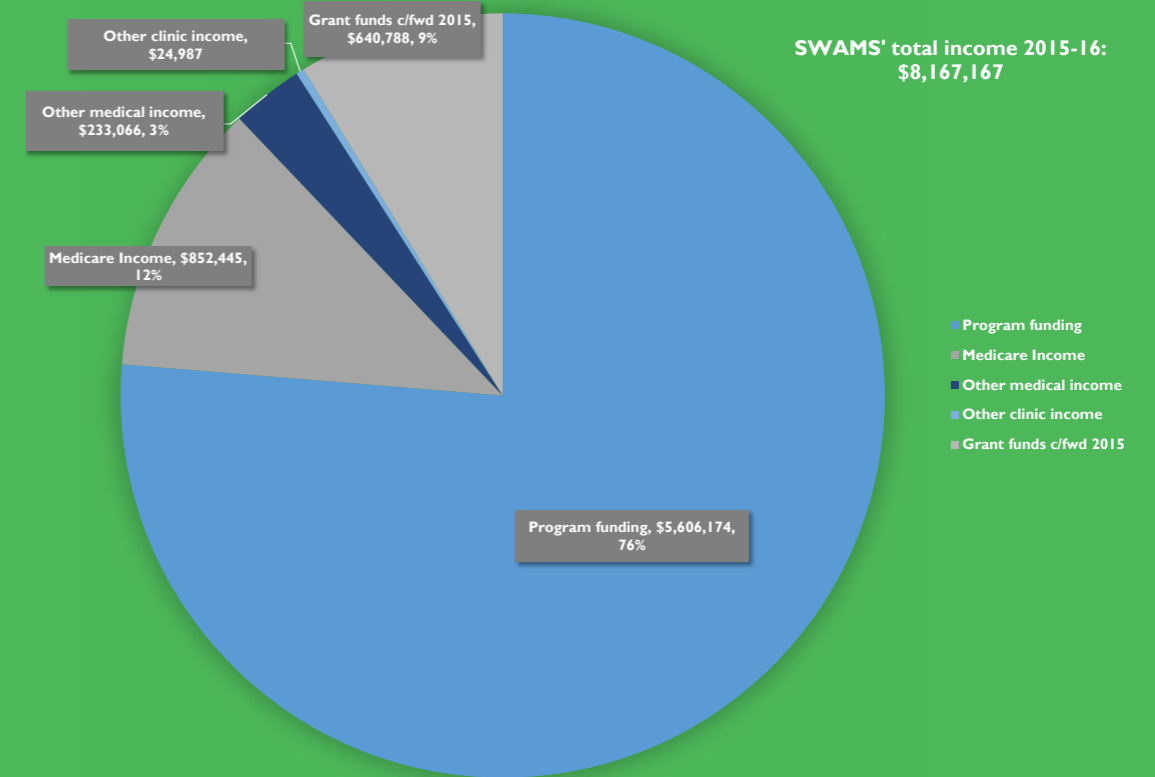
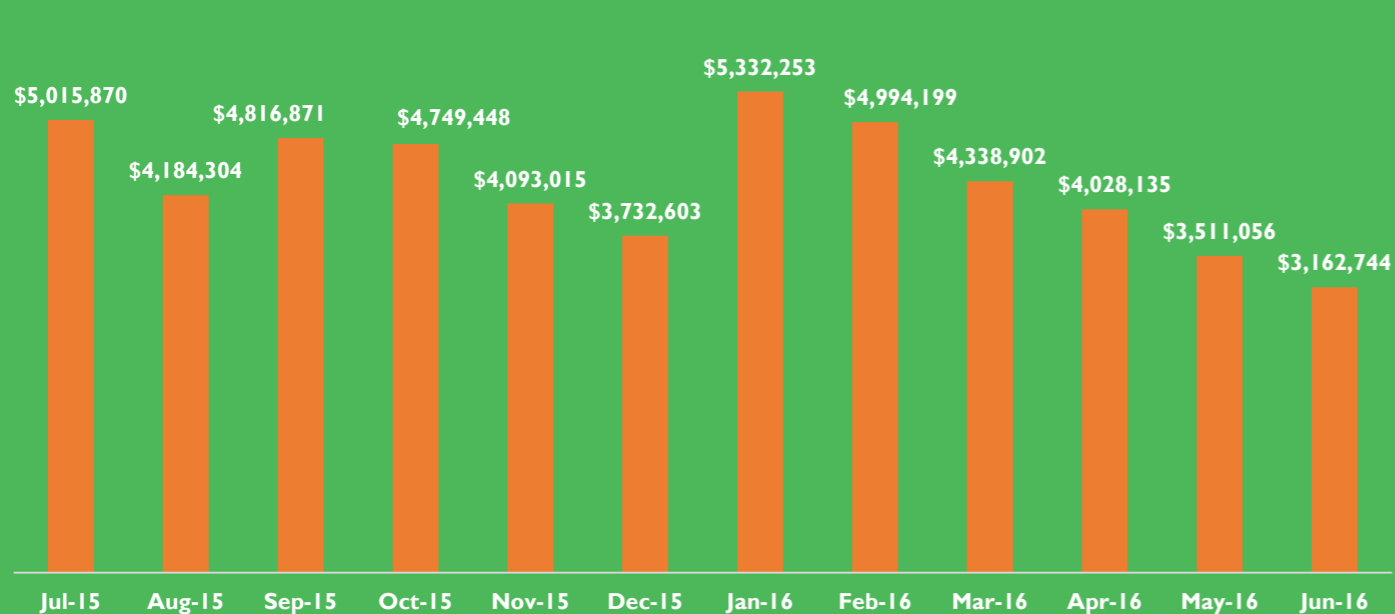
Expenses are expected to exceed current income from funding and clinic GP services in 2016/17, as SWAMS manages a period of continued growth.

Accessing new funding sources is necessary to maintain current services and provide a more holistic range of health care services in the South West region.

SWAMS' budget 2016/17



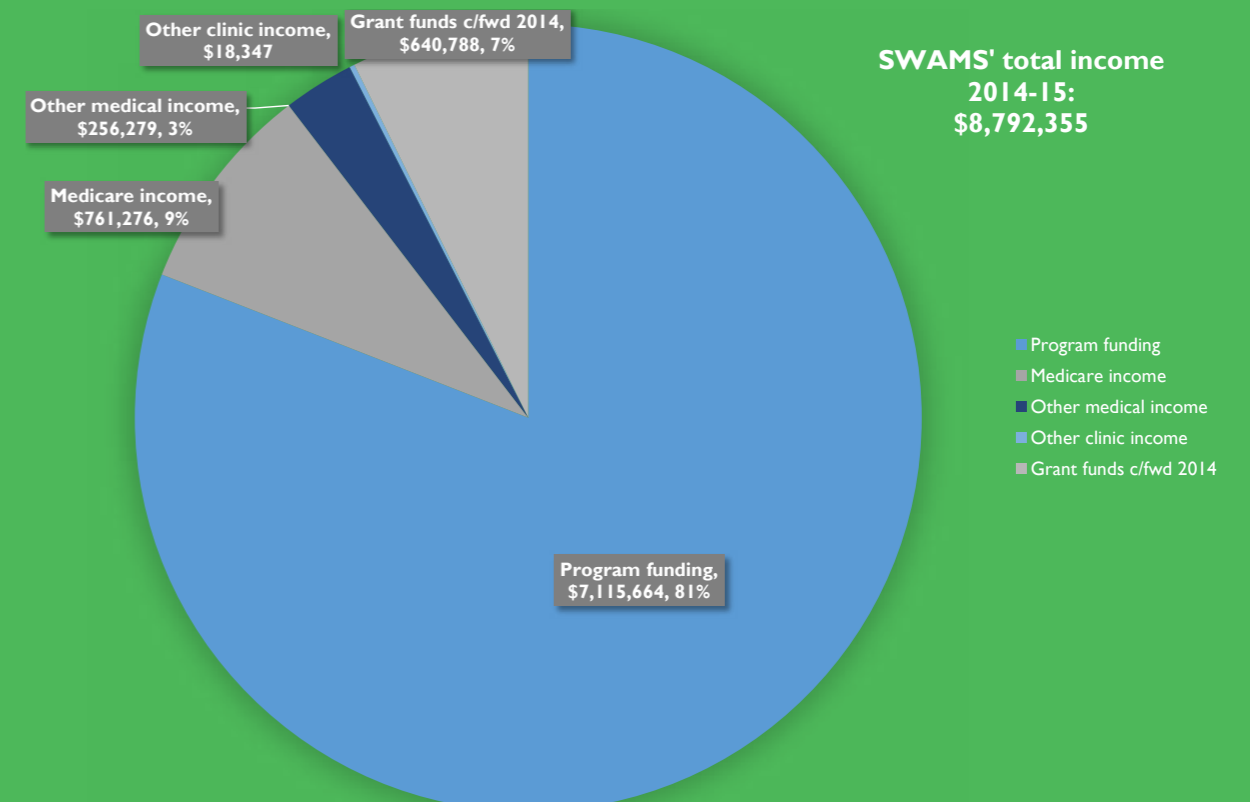
SWAMS total cash on hand 2015-16



## TOTAL INCOME: Where our money comes from

SWAMS' main source of incomes is funding from the WA Country Health Service and Commonwealth Department of Health.

The above graph shows the total income for the 2015/16 financial year, while the below graph is for the 2014-15 financial year.



## ASSETS, LIABILITIES, EQUITY

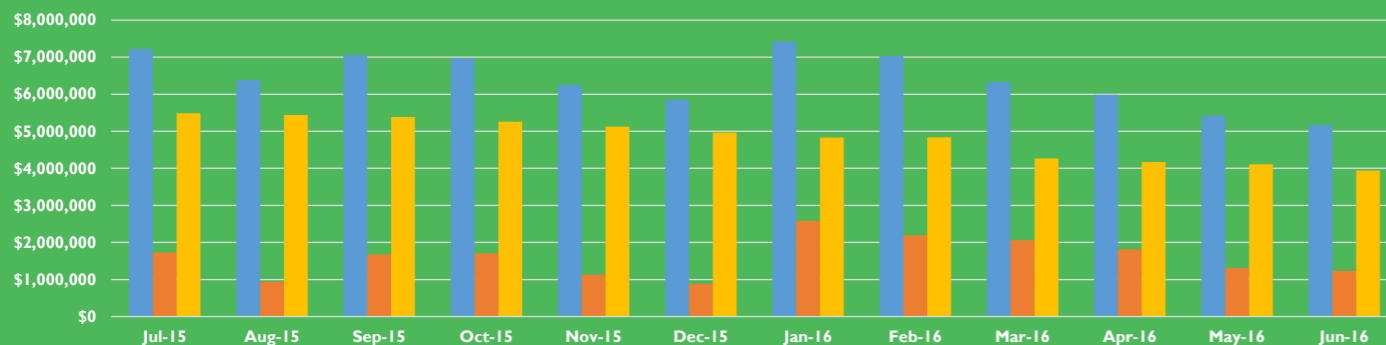
The below graphs show SWAMS' assets, liabilities and equity for the last two financial years.

**Our assets is what SWAMS owns:** SWAMS' assets include the net leasehold value to develop the new clinic, vehicles, vacant land and cash reserves.

**Our liabilities is what SWAMS owes:** Like all organisations, SWAMS has debts to repay its suppliers and employee leave entitlements. SWAMS' only borrowings from lenders is a corporate credit card.

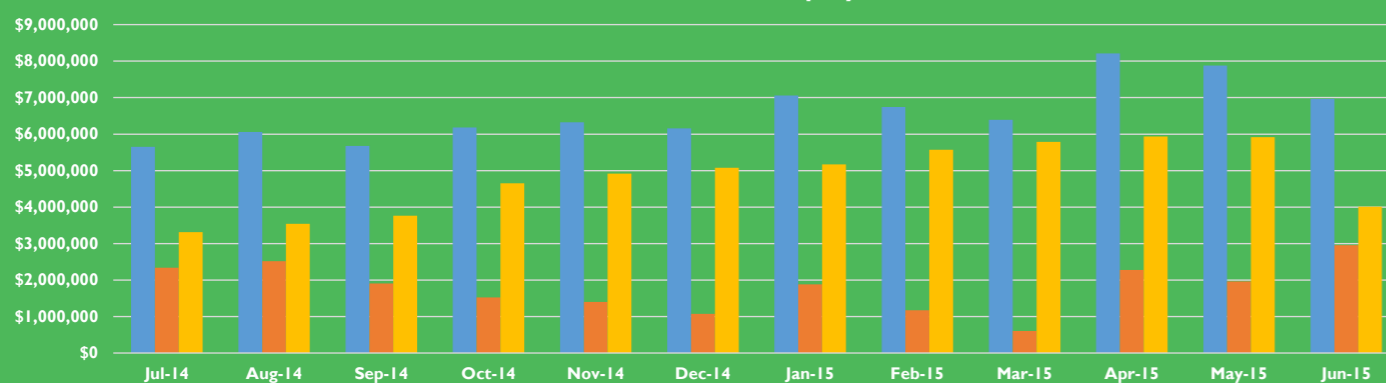
**Our equity is what SWAMS is worth:** SWAMS' net worth is the total assets owned less total liabilities owed. Cash reserves make up part of the equity and are the funds set aside for future projects including capital developments.

### SWAMS' Assets, Liabilities, Equity 2015-16



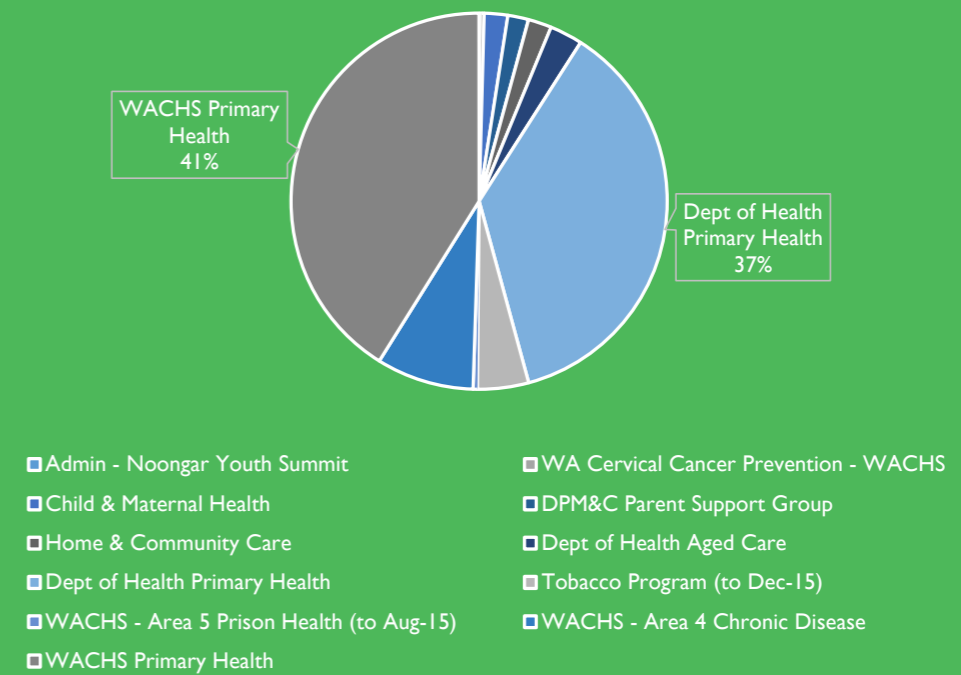
	Jul-15	Aug-15	Sep-15	Oct-15	Nov-15	Dec-15	Jan-16	Feb-16	Mar-16	Apr-16	May-16	Jun-16
Assets	\$7,215,232	\$6,379,604	\$7,060,874	\$6,965,362	\$6,256,208	\$5,851,051	\$7,420,317	\$7,033,384	\$6,329,259	\$5,985,018	\$5,422,416	\$5,172,992
Liabilities	\$1,729,726	\$939,114	\$1,676,355	\$1,704,642	\$1,128,029	\$885,882	\$2,586,879	\$2,195,925	\$2,062,566	\$1,813,722	\$1,310,981	\$1,232,618
Equity	\$5,485,505	\$5,440,490	\$5,384,519	\$5,260,720	\$5,128,179	\$4,965,170	\$4,833,439	\$4,837,459	\$4,266,694	\$4,171,296	\$4,111,435	\$3,940,374

### SWAMS' Assets, Liabilities, Equity 2014-15



	Jul-14	Aug-14	Sep-14	Oct-14	Nov-14	Dec-14	Jan-15	Feb-15	Mar-15	Apr-15	May-15	Jun-15
Assets	\$5,652,679	\$6,061,949	\$5,674,326	\$6,180,057	\$6,323,788	\$6,159,612	\$7,056,339	\$6,743,665	\$6,394,951	\$8,211,449	\$7,881,221	\$6,968,105
Liabilities	\$2,339,287	\$2,517,214	\$1,911,509	\$1,526,576	\$1,402,487	\$1,079,202	\$1,882,212	\$1,172,439	\$608,473	\$2,276,580	\$1,963,635	\$2,957,255
Equity	\$3,313,392	\$3,544,735	\$3,762,817	\$4,653,481	\$4,921,302	\$5,080,410	\$5,174,127	\$5,571,226	\$5,786,478	\$5,934,870	\$5,917,586	\$4,010,850

### Grants revenue by source 2015-16

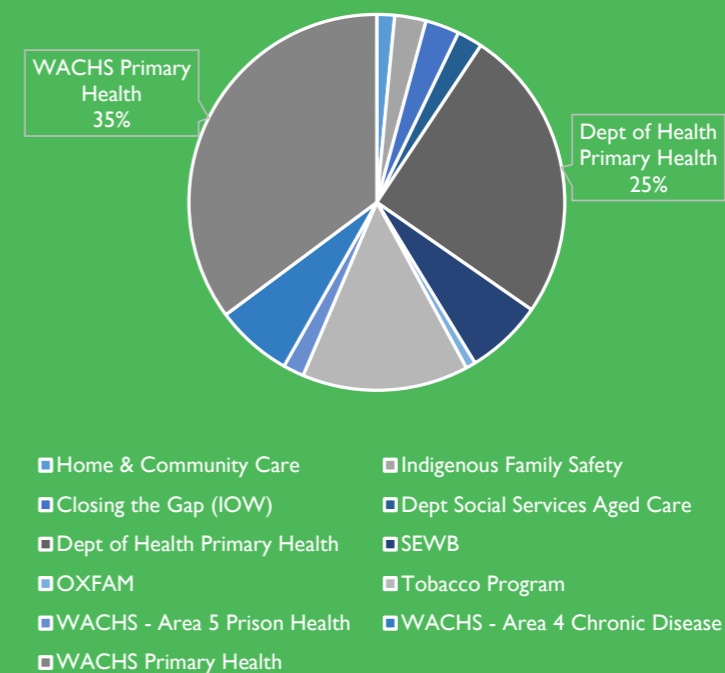


## GRANTS REVENUE

SWAMS' is a non-government, not-for-profit organisation that relies heavily on government funding and assistance.

The above and below graphs show what organisations supported SWAMS financially during the 2014-15 and 2015-16 financial years.

### Grants revenue by source 2014-15



# Summarised financial statements:

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT  
TO THE MEMBERS OF  
SOUTH-WEST ABORIGINAL MEDICAL SERVICE ABORIGINAL CORPORATION ("SWAMSAC")**

**Report on the Financial Report**  
We have audited the accompanying financial report of SWAMSAC, which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2016 and the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, directors' declaration.

**Director's Responsibility for the Financial Report**  
The directors of the company are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, the Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006, Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commissions Act 2012 and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

**Auditor's Responsibility**  
Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. These Auditing Standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the company's preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control.

An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the directors, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

**Independence**  
In conducting our audit, we have complied with the independence requirements of Australian professional ethical pronouncements.

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**Audit Opinion**  
In our opinion, the financial report of SWAMSAC is in accordance with the Corporations (Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006, including:

- Gives a true and fair view of SWAMSAC financial position as at 30 June 2016 and of its performance for the year ended on that date; and
- Complying with Australian Accounting Standards and the Corporations (Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006 and Corporations (Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander) Regulations 2007; and
- Complies with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulations 2013.

**Emphasis of Matter**  
We draw attention to Note 2(e) to the financial statements which outlines SWAMSAC economic dependency, whereby to continue as a going concern SWAMSAC is dependent upon continued receipt of Commonwealth and State grant funding. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

**Basis of Accounting**  
Without modifying our opinion, we draw attention to the notes to the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared to assist SWAMSAC meet the need of its members, Corporations (Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006 and the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commissions Act 2012. As a result the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose.

**AMD Chartered Accountants**

*Maria Cavallo*  
**MARIA CAVALLO**  
Director  
Bunbury, Western Australia

Dated this 13<sup>th</sup> day of October 2016

**AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION TO THE BOARD OF SOUTH WEST ABORIGINAL MEDICAL SERVICE ABORIGINAL CORPORATION**

I declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the year ended 30 June 2016, there have been no contraventions of:

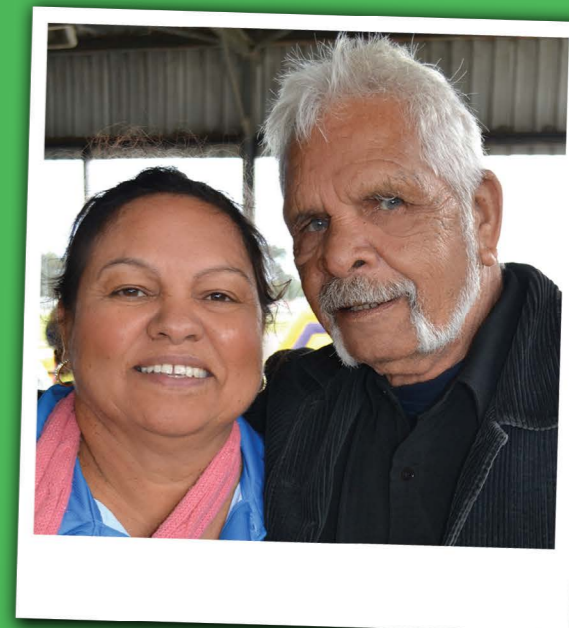
- The auditor independence requirements as set out in Section 60.40 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* in relation to the audit; and
- Any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

**AMD Chartered Accountants**

*Maria Cavallo*  
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Director

Bunbury, WA

Dated this 29<sup>th</sup> day of September 2016



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