

# **ILLAWARRA ABORIGINAL MEDICAL SERVICE**



**Wollongong  
150 Church Street**



**Dapto  
130 Princes Highway**

# HISTORY

- ❖ **1983 – Origins of the IAMS begin in a small tent at Coomaditchie. Service operates with one doctor one day per week servicing local Aboriginal community.**
- ❖ **1984 – IAMS becomes incorporated. IAMS now eligible to apply for funding and service moves to a small house in Church Street Wollongong.**

# EXPANSION AND GROWTH

**New premises built in 1998 at 150 Church Street, Wollongong at a cost of \$1.8 million**

**Additional premises set up at Dapto in 2005**

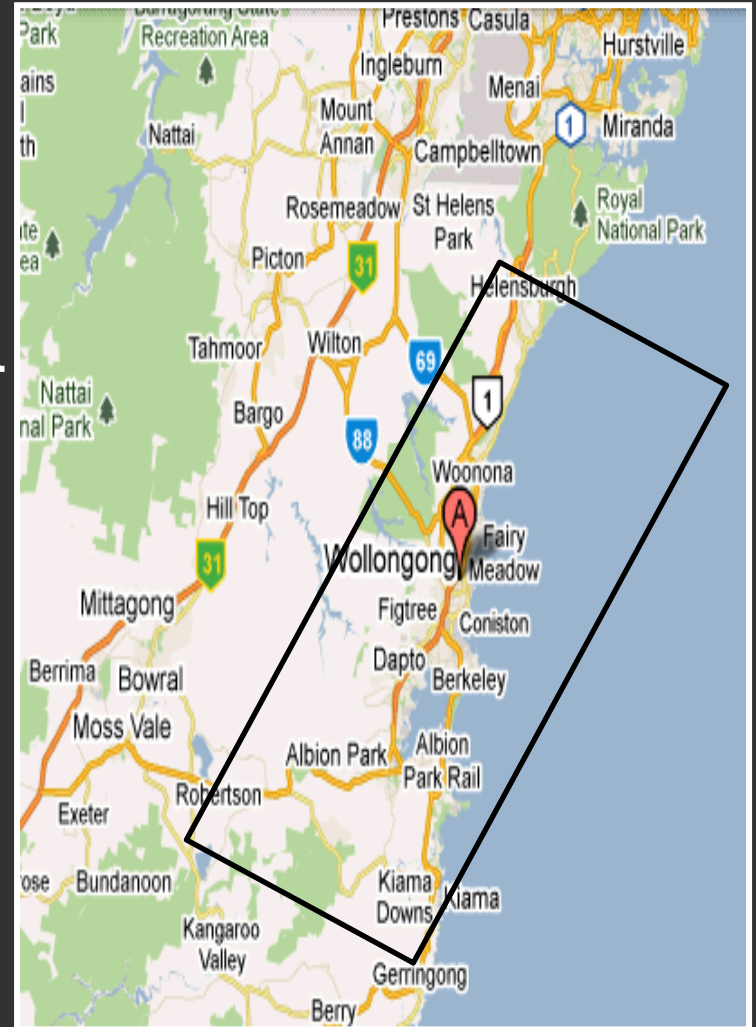
**Top Floor extension on Wollongong Premises in 2008**

**Both premises now providing medical services to the Aboriginal Community**



# COMMUNITY CONTROL

- ❖ **IAMS is a community controlled organisation governed by a Board of Directors who are annually elected from the Aboriginal Community. Membership boundaries extend from Helensburgh to Gerroa and eligibility is Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people over 18 years of age.**



# **FUNDING**



**Funding for the IAMS is  
70% Commonwealth (OATSIH)**

**and 25% State Funded (NSW Health)**

**5% Dept of Community Services**

**Income also generated through Medicare  
(Bulk Billing)**



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## **THE ILLAWARRA ABORIGINAL MEDICAL SERVICE**

### *Our Vision*

To provide and be recognised for providing Illawarra Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples with high quality, appropriate, efficient and effective primary health care and related services.

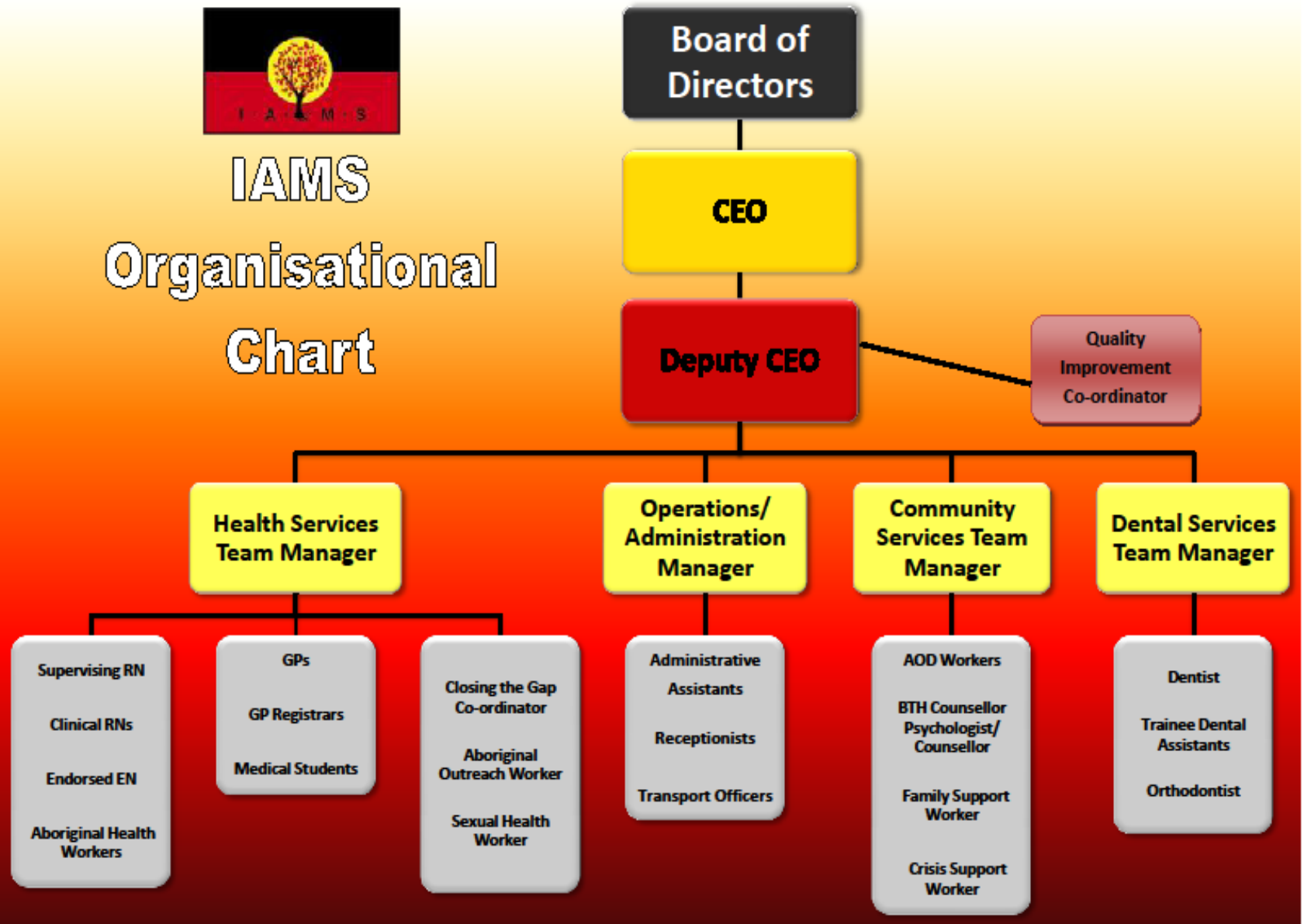
### *Our Mission*

To improve the health and wellbeing of Illawarra Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.



**IAMS**

# Organisational Chart



# STAFFING

## 35 Staff Members

### Admin

CEO  
Deputy CEO  
Receptionists (2)  
Executive Assistant (2)  
Transport Officers (3)  
Quality Improvement  
Co-ordinator

### Health

HST Manager  
GPs (3)  
GP Registrars (2)  
RNs (4)  
Aboriginal Health  
Workers (3)  
Sexual Health Worker

### Dental

Dental Manager  
Dentist  
Dental Therapist  
Dental Trainees (2)

### Community Services

CST Manager  
Substance Abuse Team (2)  
Psychologist/Counsellor  
Crisis/Welfare Worker  
Family Support Worker

### Visiting Allied Health Staff

Podiatrist ❖ Optometrist ❖ Dietician ❖ Massage Therapist ❖ Speech Therapist  
❖ Diabetes Educator ❖ Endocrinologist ❖ Audiologist ❖ Physiotherapist ❖ Midwife

### Students

Medical Students (1)

# ACCREDITATION



## AGPAL ACCREDITED

Wollongong 2009

Dapto 2010



## QMS ACCREDITATION (for both sites)

Currently being Accredited under QIC Standards

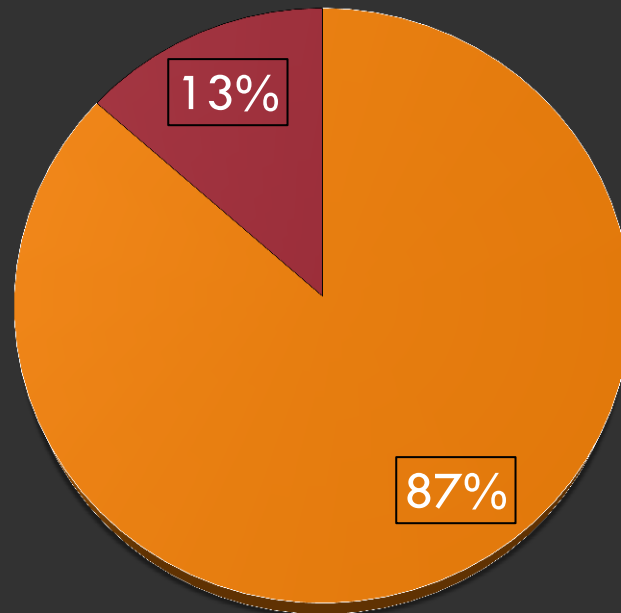
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# Demographics

**TOTAL ACTIVE POPULATION - 3203**

- TOTAL INDIGENOUS ACTIVE POPULATION - 2772
- TOTAL NON-INDIGENOUS ACTIVE POPULATION - 431





# PROGRAMS

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**Children's Health Check 0-5 Years**

**Children's Health Check Primary 6-12 Years**

# Men's Healthy Weight Loss Program

(with Area Health Service)

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# Chronic Disease Management



# PAP AND PAMPER DAY

## Pap and Pamper Day

*Come along and take part in our pap and pamper day at Wollongong AMS.*

*This program has limited places and is ONLY for women who haven't had pap test in the last 2 years.*

**IMPORTANT:** You must RSVP to take part.

**Date: Friday 30th July 2010**

**Time: 10 – 3pm.**

**At: Wollongong AMS  
150 Church St Wollongong**

**Activities will include :**

- \*Free gift card and voucher
- \*Hairdresser
- \*Sample bags
- \*Waxing
- \*Relaxation Massage
- \*Belly dancing
- \*Child minding
- \*refreshments

**Transport:**

Can be provided but you must tell us when arranging an appointment and let us know if children are coming with you.

**HURRY- LIMITED SPACES**

Must RSVP to Tanya by 16th of July on 42628777





# Life Skills

The Life Skills Group offers group support and information for people in recovery from alcohol and other drugs and also addresses every day life issues. This group is open to all Koori men and women wanting to gain skills in helping our community to battle Drug and Alcohol problems.



#### Activities include:

- Relapse Prevention Skills
- Aboriginal Culture
- Self Esteem and Identity
- Relaxation Techniques
- Anger Management
- Budgeting
- Relationships
- Grief and Loss
- Social Outings

**Call Leanne, Joel or Jodie  
or just come along..  
Group runs on Thursdays  
10-11 Women's time  
12-1 Combined group  
1-2 Men's time**

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# EVENTS

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# NAIDOC DAY



# SORRY DAY



# IAMS STAFF

