

*Annual Report*

Griffith Aboriginal  
Medical Service

2021–2022







# Message from Chairperson

LYNETTE KILBY

The GAMS Board acknowledges Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as Australia's First Peoples, in particular the Wiradjuri people as the traditional custodians of the land on which we work and live. We demonstrate our response to this acknowledgment through our commitment to ensuring all our services remain responsive to the needs of our communities. We've continued our commitment to work and deliver programs and services respectfully and effectively, striving to empower individuals, families and communities to have control over their health, in support of the governments Close the Gap initiative.

As with most community controlled organisations, we continue to reflect on the impact that COVID-19 will have in the medium and long term, and therefore on our aspirations. Those impacts remain uncertain and require ongoing review and reflection for a few years to come. As we look to the future, we are facing unprecedented levels of uncertainty brought on by COVID-19, together with a very weak economy and rising costs of living.

We are hopeful about the opportunities ahead, across the broad range of services and programs we offer, to respond to changing client needs and wants. We are focused on providing high quality services and programs which continue to meet the complex needs of all our communities within the Western Riverina; creating and sustaining supportive service provision, delivering services in health education/promotion, prevention and early intervention and restoration.

Again, we must acknowledge our staff, who have continued to work tirelessly to ensure that GAMS remains the best we can be and also the Board of Management who are responsible for ensuring that we continue to monitor and review the strategic direction of the organisation.

The Board look forward to the year ahead as a progressive one and will ensure our continued commitment to the communities GAMS services.





# Message from Chief Executive Officer

**STACEY O'HARA**


First and foremost I would like to acknowledge the Wiradjuri people as the traditional custodians of the land on which we live and work and pay my respects to Elders, past, present and emerging.

Again, 2022 has been a challenging year living with the pandemic and the ever changing circumstances that brings with it. A massive thankyou to our staff and volunteers, including our Board of Directors, who have continued to work tirelessly to ensure GAMS remains responsive to the needs of the communities we service.

Each year, I take this opportunity to thank you for your work and collective achievements, but this year I want to express my gratitude along with my thanks. I am grateful that through all of these challenges, you remained patient and kind to one another as we navigated our way through the pandemic. We still have a way to go before we reach some kind of normality, but I know that with your continued support, we will come out stronger on the other side.

Without the continued support of our partners and external service providers, including our visiting specialist services from Sydney, the quality and range of services available to our communities would have been significantly impacted – so a big thank you to all ! The uptake of community accessing dental services has also been encouraging and this has resulted in additional money from NSW Health Ministry to partially fund this service, which is welcoming relief considering GAMS previously wore this cost. The dental team also gained accreditation during this financial year, so well done to the team.

Looking forward to the year ahead, I know that we will continue to work through every challenge that comes our way. We may have a long road to recovery ahead of us living with COVID 19, but we will get there. To support the organisation on this journey, we will be reviewing our Strategic Plan in consultation with communities, stakeholders and Directors to ensure we continue to do what we do best – supporting the our communities of the Western Riverina to improve health outcomes and live longer, healthier lives.







# Message from Business Manager

**DUNCAN MCWHIRTER**

**2021-22 was a year of consolidation as we commenced the move forward from the COVID-19 Pandemic.**

**Human Resources implemented an Employee Assistance Package (EAP) which aims to booster the support for our staff in key Mental Health areas. EAP sessions are utilised by staff for developing new strategies for handling life's inevitable stress, goal setting, or even planning for major life events or changes.**

**Substantial Information Technology requirements were continued in 2021-22 to ensure effective working from home arrangements were in place for the back end of COVID-19. Staff are fully back working in the office now but this flexibility is a great asset to have implemented successfully.**

**The Financial Result for the year ended 30 June 2022, showed an operating surplus of \$683,292 which is down from the 2020-21 Financial Year result of \$935,794. This is a solid performance and allows GAMS to consider additional programs or capital works that are required over the next few years.**

**Due to the shortage of full time General Practitioners it is envisaged additional expenses will be incurred in 2022-2023 to employ LOCUMS whilst we continue to try and recruit full time GP's.**

**In 2021-22 GAMS was successful in obtaining ongoing support for the Dental Clinic from the NSW Ministry of Health. We are very grateful for their support in this much needed program.**



# Yearly Highlights

To celebrate NAIDOC this year the Griffith Aboriginal Medical Service hosted a Family Fun Day on Thursday 7th July at the Griffith Community Gardens. This was a massive success with over 1000 community members coming down and enjoying a very fun filled day! We would like to thank our partners Aboriginal Health and Medical Research Council, Griffith City Council, Argyle Housing, Salvation Army Dyrri Bang Gu & Intereach! And also thank you to everyone who came down on the day, we can't wait to build upon this and make it even better in the years to come.



The TIS team split up to cover 3 events in 3 different communities during the week. John & Stephen headed to Leeton to attend their NAIDOC Event & also travelled to Wagga for the Indigenous Basketball Comp, Jess & Glen headed to Narrandera for their NAIDOC event and Michaela & Bek travelled to Deniliquin for the annual NAIDOC Koori Markets spreading our message.





**We held a Sorry Day Flag Raising Ceremony on Thursday 26th May which had a fantastic turn out. Thank you John who came and did our Welcome to Country in the Wiradjuri language and to the students from Murrumbidgee Regional High School who shared their responses with us all. We appreciate everyone who came to acknowledge this day with us!**



**Also on the 26th May a few staff from our ADD and TIS teams in partnership with some of our local community members attended Goodstart Early Learning Centre in Sanders Street to acknowledge National Sorry Day and Reconciliation Week.**





**The Drug & Alcohol Team in conjunction with the Tackling Indigenous Smoking Team have begun Meet and Greet information sessions with local and regional sporting clubs to promote our programs. So far we have attend sessions with Darlington Point RLFC, Griffith Black and Whites RLFC and Yenda Bluehealers RLFC**



**Over the last year the TIS team have also visited Lake Cargelligo Central School, Darlington Point PS, Griffith North PS, Lake Cargelligo St Francis & Tirkandi Inaburra running their schools program.**



**Congratulations to Dr Yalini for reaching 10 years working here at the Griffith AMS. We would like to thank you for your dedication and the hard work you put in to each and everyone of your clients!**





**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF:  
GRIFFITH ABORIGINAL MEDICAL SERVICE  
ABORIGINAL CORPORATION**

**Opinion**

We have audited the accompanying financial report of the Griffith Aboriginal Medical Service Aboriginal Corporation, which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2022, and the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year ended on that date, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes and the Directors declaration.

In our opinion, the financial report of the Griffith Aboriginal Medical Service Aboriginal Corporation is in accordance with the *Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006* and presents fairly, in all material respects the financial position of the Corporation as of 30 June 2022 and of its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial report.

**Basis for Opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities* section of our report. We are independent of the Corporation in accordance with the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

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

**Information Other than the Financial Report and Auditor's Report Thereon**

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Corporation's annual report for the year ended 30 June 2022, but does not include the financial report and our auditor's report thereon.



### **Director's Responsibility for the Financial Report**

The directors of the Corporation are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with the *Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006* and for such internal controls as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, management is responsible for assessing the Corporation's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Corporation or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

### **Auditor's Responsibility**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial report.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial report is located at the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board website at: <http://www.auasb.gov.au/Home.aspx>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

*John L. Bush & Campbell*  
**JOHN L BUSH & CAMPBELL**  
Chartered Accountants

  
**Daniel Uden**  
Partner

**Wagga Wagga**  
**26 August 2022**



**GRIFFITH ABORIGINAL MEDICAL SERVICE ABORIGINAL CORPORATION**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**

**AS AT 30 JUNE 2022**

	<b>Note</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
		<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	4	5,108,845	3,917,784
Trade and other receivables	5	260,534	107,409
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>5,369,379</u>	<u>4,025,193</u>
<b>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Property, plant and equipment	6	3,981,585	3,954,334
<b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>3,981,585</u>	<u>3,954,334</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<u>9,350,964</u>	<u>7,979,527</u>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Trade and other payables	7	451,617	312,937
Borrowings	8	-	8,304
Short-term provisions	9	646,796	539,550
Other current liabilities	10	752,797	325,828
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>1,851,210</u>	<u>1,186,619</u>
<b>NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Long-term provisions	9	213,856	190,302
<b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>213,856</u>	<u>190,302</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		<u>2,065,066</u>	<u>1,376,921</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>7,285,898</u>	<u>6,602,606</u>
<b>EQUITY</b>			
Retained earnings		7,285,898	6,602,606
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>		<u>7,285,898</u>	<u>6,602,606</u>

The Statement of Financial Position is to be read in conjunction with the notes to and forming part of the financial statements.



**GRIFFITH ABORIGINAL MEDICAL SERVICE ABORIGINAL CORPORATION**  
**STATEMENT OF PROFIT AND LOSS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022**

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
<b>INCOME</b>		
Greater Southern Area Health Service Grants	63,029	61,342
Interest	9,085	1,834
Practice income	1,423,162	1,528,242
Bring Them Home funding	110,800	110,800
Drug and Alcohol program funding	849,257	918,585
MPHN Mental Health	626,665	244,732
PHCAP Funding	1,978,954	1,972,603
Other grant funding	571,177	407,212
Commonwealth Healthy Lifestyle	1,085,434	1,176,551
GP Registrar training & subsidies	261,031	174,420
NSW Chronic Disease funds	242,812	238,100
ITC Funding Rivmed	-	197,464
Building grants	27,822	250,000
Other COVID funding	50,000	118,907
Gain on disposal of fixed assets	135,376	51,247
	<u>7,434,604</u>	<u>7,452,039</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
Advertising	19,449	39,999
Audit fee	16,250	15,650
Bank charges	1,170	1,020
Cleaning	19,391	23,739
Clinical & program expenses	551,494	630,489
Computer support	127,633	98,151
Consultancy	6,220	34,417
Depreciation	267,112	264,889
Electricity/Gas	22,393	15,658
Insurance	30,336	26,987
Legal costs	450	-
Motor vehicle expenses	131,604	109,610
Office supplies	75,176	79,355
Rates	25,111	26,305
Rent	27,621	39,270
Repairs and maintenance	67,858	62,538
Subscriptions	5,758	5,834
Superannuation	457,546	425,676
Telephone	63,666	53,268
Travel & accommodation	36,670	58,785
Wages and contract employment	4,774,118	4,482,565
Workers compensation	24,286	22,040
	<u>6,751,312</u>	<u>6,516,245</u>
<b>Surplus for the year</b>	<u><u>683,292</u></u>	<u><u>935,794</u></u>





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