



MEDIA RELEASE FOR NORTHWEST STAR – MOUNT ISA

Wuchopperen Health Service (WHS) Limited has begun in earnest to be ready to continue to deliver primary health care services and improve the health and well-being of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, in the North-West of the State.

WHS is a community controlled organisation with more than 26 years experience in managing and delivering high quality primary health care services, including satellite services in rural settings and providing specialist services in remote areas.

Since April this year, WHS has been in contact and in discussions with various individuals and organisations to develop its local relationships.

Whilst much of the planning has been undertaken, WHS is now in the throws of recruiting local staff, working with architects and building project managers on a major refurbishment of new premises, as well as consolidating important linkages with local stakeholders.

For the time being, WHS will continue to deliver services from 8 Burke Street, until building works at a new site is completed.

The community can expect to enjoy at least the same level of service with some planned enhancements, including extra health personnel and the re-introduction of important outreach services.

The Chairperson of WHS, Ms Rachael Wargent said today, that we do not underestimate the task ahead of us in Mt Isa. We have much to learn about the local community, but we also hope that we have something to offer the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community and the community, at large, over the next twelve months.

The west is a unique region and WHS will work in a spirit of collaboration with the local community in an effort to ensure the return of primary health care services to the community of Mount Isa in July 2007.

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