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EMBARGO: Nil

PARTNERSHIP SUCCESS IN PROGRAM DELIVERY

Transport for NSW recently partnered with Walgett Shire Council and the Aboriginal Medical Service to carry out a child restraint checking day in Walgett where the community were invited to have a free inspection by an Authorised Restraint Fitter. The free child safety seat inspections, education and community BBQ witnessed 13 vehicles and around 20 seats checked. The partnership was developed between the services in a bid to address the recent alarming statistics and research that 2 in 3 car seats are not being used properly. The initiative supported by Council and the Aboriginal Medical Service witnessed the highest number of vehicles inspected in a day program, in the North West for quite some time.

Representatives from Transport for NSW said “We would like to thank Council and AMS for their support in providing such invaluable opportunities to their community. Council community development team staff, Josh Ruttley & Sandra Bladen supported by WAMS staff delivered the program and supplied education and information to those involved in a highly successful initiative.

General Manager Mr Mike Urquhart said, “This is a significant program in supporting and educating our community members and again highlights the fact that Councils are no longer just focused on roads, rates and rubbish and play a key role in delivering, supporting, advocating and working in collaboration with services targeting community health, safety and wellbeing. The local Council initiative was an important part of the Local Government Road Safety Program.”

Below: locals having their restraints checked- WAMS & WSC staff catering for the participants needs on the day.



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