

APPENDIX A

THE STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS PLANNING PROCESS

The *SWSAHS Strategic Directions Statement 2004 – 2007* has been developed as a result of a comprehensive strategic directions planning process.

The Strategic Directions Steering Committee was established to oversight the strategic directions planning process. It included two members of the former SWSAHS Board of Directors, members of the Area Management Group, community representatives, staff, general practitioners and non-government agencies.

The planning process has involved consultation with a broad range of stakeholders, specifically: -

1. A Survey of Managers of SWSAHS to review the former *SWSAHS Strategic Directions Statement 1998-2003* and input into the development of the next one.
2. 11 Vision Workshops with staff members, community representatives, Divisions of General Practice, the Area Clinical Council, Area Management Group and Board of Directors. During these workshops, participants reviewed the purpose of the organisation, listed the challenges facing the organisation and described elements of a vision for the future. Participants also listed down the values underpinning successful resolution of the challenges.
3. Written submissions from SWSAHS Staff Specialists, Visiting Medical Officers, Area Advisors, Area Committees and Boards of the 5 Divisions of General Practice across SWS.
4. A focus group with General Practitioners from across SWS.
5. Three stakeholder reference groups (Community, Workforce and Interagency Strategy Groups) were established to provide ongoing advice and input into the strategic directions planning process and consultation strategy.
6. A one-day *Health Summit for SWSAHS* which involved members of the SWSAHS Workforce, community representatives and representatives from other government and non-government agencies, including Divisions of General Practice. The Health Summit provided participants with an opportunity to review the outcomes of the Vision Workshops and input into the development of the next Strategic Directions Statement.
7. A final workshop with the SWSAHS Area Clinical Council and the SWSAHS Area Management Group to review the *Draft SWSAHS Strategic Directions Statement 2004 - 2007*.