

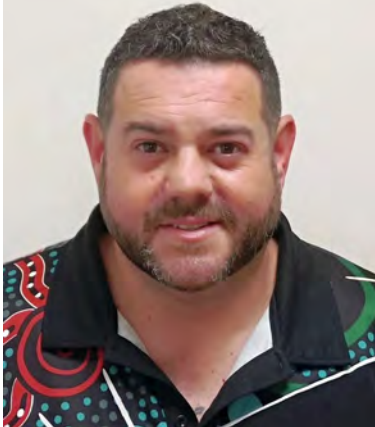
February 2021

Newsletter



**Aboriginal
Sobriety
Group**

INDIGENOUS CORPORATION
ICN 8376



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Greetings - A message from our CEO

Aboriginal Sobriety Group Indigenous Corporation (ASG) continues to provide a service of excellence provision to our Clients and Communities. This is made possible by the dedicated work and support of our Community Members, committed staffing teams, and the Directors.

I'm proud to be leading a team of caring, skilled and committed professionals that go above and beyond every day to ensure the best possible outcomes for our clients and their families. ASG is a recognised industry leader in providing culturally safe client care in AOD rehabilitation and excellent homelessness services. We strive to achieve this every single day. While we are proud of our past accomplishments, we know we need to stay focused and determined to

ensure the 'client journey and experience' is of the highest standard. We are always looking to improve our services and we look forward to new challenges and opportunities into the future.

As we move forward, ASG has continued to work closely with our State and Federal funding bodies making several service improvements including our reporting systems. Our programs and services have increased right across the organisation and with Lakalinjeri Tumbetin Waal (LTW) and Leila Rankine – House of Hope (LRHOH) at 80 - 100% capacity therefore our waiting lists for rehabilitation are increasing. ASG will continue to work hard in providing and maintaining the much-needed services and programs to our very vulnerable and disadvantaged clients and their Communities. Our Homelessness program in the Western area is also running at capacity with occupancy at 100%. Riverland office in Berri has been very proactive as it expands into the Glossop site providing a range of programs targeted at young people.

As Community is aware, ASG is a unique organisation that provides a range of cultural services that encompass the many issues that arise when individuals suffer from drug and alcohol addiction. Therefore, it is critical that ASG ensures, not only the continuation of programs and services that we are currently funded to provide, but remain focused on guaranteeing our core service objectives remain firmly embedded, but most critically, corporately we move forward with contemporary Australia as it progresses..

I'd like to thank everyone for their tireless contributions to ASG last year. I look forward to working with you all this year as we grow and expand ASG's services and programs throughout South Australia.

If you would like to know more about ASG or our referral intake, please visit <http://asg.org.au/referrals/> for more information.

Yours Respectfully

Allan Sumner

Chief Executive Officer

Mobile Assistance Patrol (MAP) appreciation page. This service plays an essential and vital role for our Community members, sometimes under extreme circumstances. Thank you for your dedication.



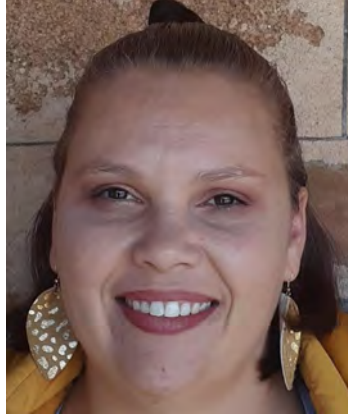
Lakalinjeri Tumbetin Waal (LTW) Graduation



New additions to the ASG Family



Wahkuna Kilner
Acting Manager
LRHOH



Kala Agius
Residential
Care Worker
LRHOH



Stacy Wilson
Residential
Care Worker
LRHOH



Melissa Sumner
Residential
Care Worker
LTW



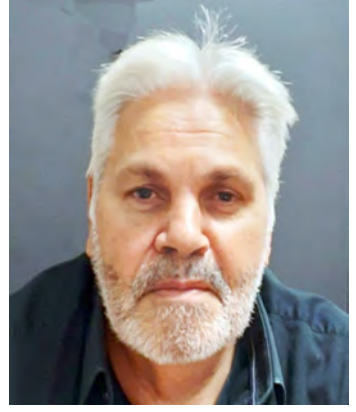
Nancy Bates
Residential
Care Worker
LRHOH



Neil Johnson
Residential
Care Worker
LTW



Ray Agius
Residential
Care Worker
LTW



Kenneth Sumner Snr
Residential
Care Worker
LTW



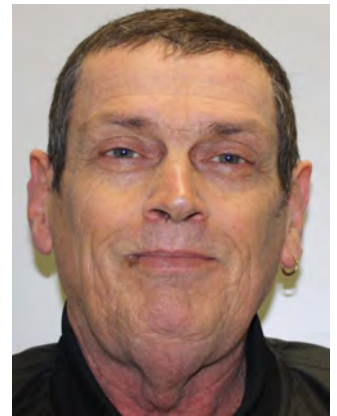
Glenys Nurchurch
Residential Care Worker
Homelessness



Terry Stewart
Residential Care Worker
Homelessness



Tanya Rigney
Residential Care Worker
Homelessness

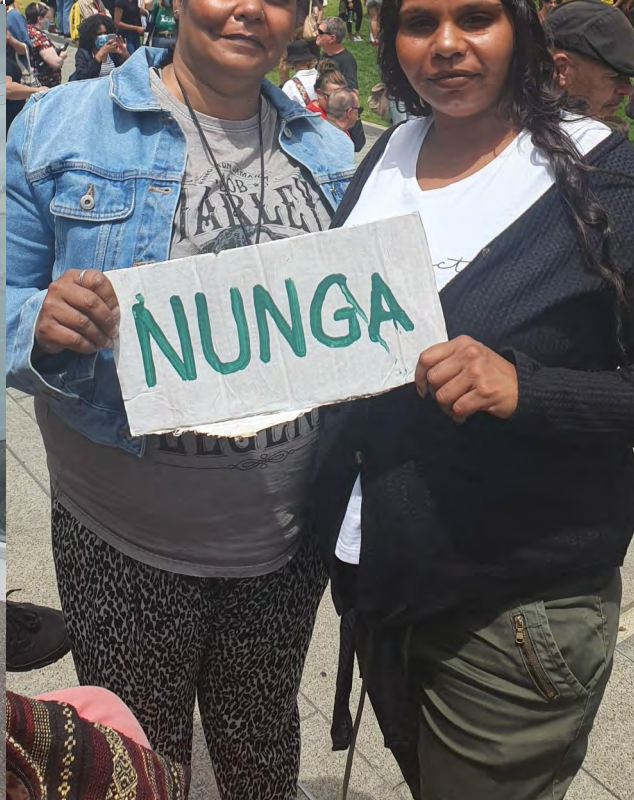


Michel Harris
MAP
Field Officer

Butterfish Competition - Saturday 23 January in Port Vincent



Survival Day held in Adelaide city on 26 January, 2021



Western Adelaide Aboriginal Specific Homelessness Service (WAASHS)

The year 2020 was a difficult year for our community due to COVID19, however staff continued to provide a service and advocate for our Clients and Community for housing. Residents that were residing at Cyril Lindsay House and Annie Koolmatrie House had to stay longer than the 12 week criteria due to unforeseen circumstances (COVID19) which limited vacant housing offerings in SAHA and Community Housing providers. This caused unease for some and frustration for others due to not knowing when they would be housed and settled into a home.

Moving forward WAASHS's main focus is to advocate for our clients for long term housing through SAHA, Community Housing, Supportive Housing or transitional housing depending on each individual circumstances. Besides culturally safe Case Management for each individual we also empower and support our clients to be able to sustain a tenancy while in our crisis accommodation for when they exit our program.

This month WAASHS has successfully housed five individuals and their children. Our clients successfully moved into long term housing through SAHA, Supportive Housing Property's and long term Community Housing Property.

This Month we have also completed a "talking circle" and invited Centacare worker Jonathon to support this. ASG are on an Alliance Group with other Homelessness services and part of the criteria is capturing people's journey through homelessness and hearing their story.

WAASHS is also privileged to have Uncle Major Sumner, Senior Elder of the Ngarrindjeri people of the Coorong in South Australia to attend fortnightly for a yarning circle and smoking ceremony for the residents at CLH/AKH, Outreach clients, our SHP clients and post crisis clients.

WAASHS would also like to acknowledge all clients for staying focused, being positive and always respectful during these hard times.





Leila Rankine - House of Hope (LRHOH)

LRHOH currently have 4 women participating in the program, and most recently our fifth client successfully graduated from the program. We are expecting two more women who are about to enter into detox. We anticipate being at full capacity by the end of February.

The women have been engaging in programs such as

- Yoga/mindfulness/positive affirmations
 - Relapse prevention
 - Social & Emotional Wellbeing
 - TAFE SA women's education
- Warrondi Engage & Link Day Program (AOD Counsellors)

As the women are on this healing journey where there are bumps in the road, we have wanted to help them feel better about themselves, build some self-esteem so we brought in a hairdresser who cut and colored their hair and provided some well-deserved pampering to our women.

Survival Day was an absolutely success, all women attended the March, and celebrated the survival of our Culture and our people.

Upcoming events - the women will be attending the walk of awareness; they will also be attending an art exhibition for a previous graduate of the program. The exhibition is being held at Taillem Bend up until March. The artwork on display is what the successful participant expressed while being in rehabilitation which really helped their journey.

LRHOH also have 3 new AOD counsellors who are providing in reach to our clients. They have begun working with HOH on a weekly basis, alternate weeks our women will be attending their site to engage in Cultural art therapy with an Aboriginal artist, utilise their gym and music room, as well as continuity of the 1:1 counselling and group work.

Leila Rankine-House Of Hope



Photos from a recent graduation at Leila Rankine-House of Hope



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In the Riverland at a recent Apology Day Community BBQ in conjunction with Life without Barriers at the Riverland Aboriginal Cultural Centre in Glossop.



YOUR FEEDBACK IS IMPORTANT TO US

If you have any suggestions regarding this newsletter, please contact Don Scordo at dons@asg.org.au

Do you want to be an ASG member?

Membership Applications to Bianca Kreft

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Email biancak@asg.org.au

or visit our website to download our membership form and read our rule book.

<http://asg.org.au/memberships/>

Aboriginal Sobriety Group Indigenous Corporation encourages the employment of Aboriginal people in the provision of respectful services to our Community and Clients.

79% of our workforce are Aboriginal. 90% of our Directors to the Board are Aboriginal.



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