



**Aboriginal
Sobriety
Group** INC.

Living Alcohol And Drug Free

April 2016



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National Reconciliation Week Riverland 2016

Come and help celebrate
the rich culture and history
of the first Australians

**Our history,
Our story,
Our future.**

Friday, May 27

11am—2.30pm

on the Berri Riverfront.

- ⇒ **Jumping castle**
- ⇒ **face painting**
- ⇒ **live radio**
- ⇒ **BBQ lunch**
- ⇒ **Plus more**

No alcohol permitted

Victims of bullying and lateral violence feel depressed and alone. Violence must not be physical, subtle violence can cause just as much damage

Lateral violence is a term that describes the way people in positions of powerlessness, covertly or overtly direct their dissatisfaction inward toward each other, toward themselves, and toward those less powerful than themselves. Lateral violence is believed to occur worldwide in minorities and particularly Aboriginal people. It is also a form of bullying that includes gossip, shaming and blaming others, backstabbing and attempts to socially isolate others and for Aboriginal people in particular, talk of blood quantum - you're half-blood. Victims of lateral violence do these organised harmful behaviours to each other collectively as part of an oppressed group, within their families, within their organisations and within their communities. Lateral violence is the expression of rage and anger, fear and terror that can only be safely vented upon those closest to us when we are being oppressed. In other words, people who are victims of a situation of dominance turn on each other instead of confronting the system that oppresses them. The oppressed become the oppressors. Lateral violence is directed sideways (lateral) meaning the aggressors are your peers, often people in powerless positions. It is your own (Aboriginal) peers who bully you. Other terms include work place bullying, horizontal violence, intra-racial conflict and internalised colonialism. Research suggests that as many as 95% of bullying occurs amongst Aboriginal people themselves. Lateral violence happens in organisations everywhere. People gossiping and backstabbing, but within Aboriginal communities, it's particularly sharp and particularly acute—(Mick Gooda, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner)

Cyber-bullying through texting and social networking is also an emerging problem among Aboriginal people.

CLH Representing



These are seven Aboriginal players from the over 35's at Rosewater Football Club. Three of these guys are clients at Cyril Lindsay House plus our Homelessness manager Ian Sansbury.

From left to right are as follows:

- Ian Sansbury
- Ben Rigney
- Keith Weetra
- Terry Hayes
- Derek Highfold
- Carl Telfer
- Mark Hophins

Meeting "Choppy"



One of our clients within a Program at ASG finally had the chance to attend a football match to support her favourite team Port Power.

Pictured above is Celina and Byron (Choppy) Pickett, a former North Melbourne and Port Power player.

Quality Improvement

Welcome to the Quality Improvements section of this Newsletter. A couple of months ago ASG underwent their Accreditation Mid-Cycle Review and we work well toward CQI (Continual Quality Improvements) for our Organisation.

Thank you to all staff for your support during the Mid-Cycle process. Later this year ASG shall be working towards their 3 year Accreditation with QIP (Quality Innovation Performance) and it assists Quality Improvements having all employees support of Aboriginal Sobriety Group Inc.

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As part of CQI surveys have been sent through to our staff here at Aboriginal Sobriety Group Inc. and Quality Improvements appreciates all the feedback received from employees for future CQI Projects. Keep up the great work and good ideas for ASG.

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We collect information from you when you register on our website, subscribe to our newsletter, respond to a survey or fill out a form. As appropriate, you may be asked to enter your: name, e-mail address, mailing address or phone number. You may, however, visit our site anonymously.

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The Aboriginal Sobriety Group provide care and support for Aboriginal people who wish to live an alcohol and drug free lifestyle.

We are a non for profit organisation providing care and support to individuals, families and communities who wish to lead a drug and alcohol free lifestyle. We provide culturally safe pathways away from grief, loss, trauma and abusive lives.

ASG values Aboriginal culture, customs, tradition and spirituality. We respect our clients, colleagues, partners and community.

We operate with integrity, honesty and accountability and implement quality service provision to ensure positive outcomes for our clients.

Vision

Sobriety and healing for Aboriginal people.

Purpose

To provide healing pathways away from grief, loss, trauma and abusive lives.

Values

Practising Aboriginal culture, custom, tradition and spirituality.

A sober lifestyle.

Respect for our clients colleagues, partners and community.

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If you believe the Aboriginal Sobriety Group may be of assistance to you, your family or your community please contact us now!



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