

December 2021

Newsletter



**Aboriginal
Sobriety
Group**

INDIGENOUS CORPORATION
ICN 8376



Dear All

This year has been a very challenging year for ASG as we continued to navigate our way through another year of being in a pandemic with COVID19.

This has seen the entire workforce of ASG requiring to be vaccinated and making sure that we are meeting our COVID19 restrictions at every site.

When the state was in lock down, ASG staff still continued to provide services and ensure that services were available and accessible. I congratulate and thank each Manager and their teams for a job well done.

As with any organisation we have said goodbye to many of our staff who have seen opportunities to continue to develop their careers in other areas. I would like to extend a thank you to each and every one who has left and wish them well.

I would like to welcome those who have come on board to ASG. I am sure that you will find this organisation as exciting and challenging as I have over the past several months.

I would like to thank the team at Head Office namely Bianca, Ramla and Michael who have supported me into the role of CEO, as we have worked hard to reconnect and build ASG. With those results and growth evident as we move into 2022.

I would also like to pay respect and thank the Board of Directors who have been and continue to be very supportive.

So as the 2021 comes to an end I would like to extend to you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Stay safe and I look forward to seeing you all next year.

Susie—CEO



**From the Directors,
Managers and Staff of
ASG, we wish you all a
Merry Christmas and a
happy New Year.
Please stay safe!**

Port Adelaide Enfield Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Awards 2021



Congratulations Aboriginal Sobriety Group Indigenous Corporation (ASG) on your great work and nominations in the Port Adelaide Enfield Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Awards 2021.

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Awards are held each year as an opportunity to acknowledge and reflect on the achievements of the local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. The City of Port Adelaide Enfield and the Aboriginal Advisory Panel are proud presenters of the awards and the Awards Presentation Night is always a very special evening.

ASG received two nominations this year including our very own Chairperson Rosney Snell for 'Person Of The Year'. Rosney has dedicated herself to the needs of Aboriginal communities. She rises to the challenges presented to her and is respectful to all. Rosney ensures that those she comes in contact within her working environment are able to be heard and upskilled.

Rosney is well respected by her peers, her colleagues and her community. ASG was also nominated 'Recognition of an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander group or organisation for its contribution to the community'. ASG has strong partnerships and affiliations with the communities and close stakeholder, also strong working relationships with funding bodies and government.

The Directors of the Board recently received a letter from the Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations highlighting ASG's excellence in the delivery of governance. ASG has a vision of good practice and a holistic approach for sobriety and quality of life for Aboriginal people. Its mission is to support the journey towards sobriety, culture, health, wellbeing, safety and security for our clients and community.



**Merry Christmas from the staff at
Western Adelaide Aboriginal
Specific Homelessness Service**



Moorundie Ruwe Ninkawi's Group



On the 29th of November the Moorundie Ruwe Ninkawi's Group attended the Monarto Zoo for an end of year Christmas break-up. A fantastic time was had by both kids and adults. It was a beautiful way to end what has been a tumultuous year. The girls have pushed through a year full of COVID, grief and loss and family issues to end the 2021 year strong and united for their babies. It has been an absolute pleasure to watch the Moorundie Ruwe Ninkawi's group continue to grow and be the best role models for all the babies.

Graduation - Leila Rankine House of Hope (1)



Graduation Leila Rankine - House of Hope (2)



Lakalinjeri Tumbetin Waal (LTW)



LTW Clients and Staff attended the Turkindi Expo at 9th November 2021 Lights view. The clients enjoyed themselves and engaged and participated in stalls, services providers and a BBQ. We had a lot of Aboriginal organisations there to support our clients for employment opportunities.



Client success story – This client graduated at LTW on the 15th November 2021 and moved into a property the same day in the City.

This client had a history of substance misuse and imprisonment.
He wants to turn his life around for his Daughter and Son.

Puti on Kurna Yerta

“Bush in the City”

Over the past 6-8 weeks Aboriginal Sobriety Group Indigenous Corporation (ASG) & the Mobile Assistance Patrol (MAP) have taken part in a pilot program to help remote visitors coming down from the lands and getting caught up in the circle of anti-social behaviour & Alcohol and other drug use within the Adelaide CBD. This camp “Puti on Kurna Yerta” was set up and designed to help clients (our people) return to country and have support by services to ensure this occurred.

The CITY HUB Puti on Kurna Yerta “Bush in the City” has helped 75 Aboriginal people, approximately half of whom came from the Northern Territory who traveled from Adelaide back to Country. The Mobile Assistance Patrol had over 750 transports within this period. SAPOL has reported a reduction in anti-social behaviour in areas around North Terrace, Whitmore Square and the West Parklands since the hub opened.

Government data provided to *In Daily* recently shows 177 people visited the hub over the past two months. The Government attributed the hub’s success to the Kurna Yerta Aboriginal Corporation, Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Executive Board and Iwiri Aboriginal Corporation, who helped ensure the hub was culturally-appropriate.

Kurna Elder and ASG Member Jeffrey Newchurch said it was important to have Aboriginal people provide Aboriginal solutions.

ASG would like to thank everyone involved and for allowing MAP to be a part of making a difference in these people’s lives. During this time all the MAP team have built great rapport and met many new friends along the journey.

A very special thank you to ASG Management for arranging our part in this program and the MAP team that were based at the HUB for the 6-8 weeks: Michael Henderson, Ryan Stringer, Terasa Kelly, Brodie Fitzgerald & Drew Stace thanks for your dedication and support you have shown.

MAP Manager—Barry Rigney



Jerry Mason Senior Memorial Centre Goes Solar

Yes! Pardon the pun, but thanks to **Yates Electrical Services** we have solar power at the Jerry Mason Senior Memorial Centre at Glossop as part of ASG's Riverland plan.

Our sunburnt country is the perfect place for solar power and there are many benefits of 'going solar'.

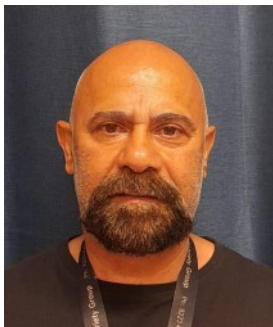
Apart from being better for the environment, Solar electricity is one way to power your our business that benefits the environment.

There are no direct greenhouse gas emissions because the electricity is made from sunlight rather than burning fossil fuels. Sunlight is a renewable energy source, meaning we will never run out of it. Coal and gas are fossil fuels and will eventually run out. And in our sunny state there's plenty of sunshine all year round and once installed, they convert sunlight into electricity cleanly and quietly.

This will also benefit our community.



Welcome to the ASG Family



Antonio

Highfold

Residential Care
Worker

Homelessness



Katelin

Bamford

Residential Care
Worker

Homelessness



Jerry Mason Senior Memorial Centre



Danica Fisher

Residential Care
Worker

Homelessness



Ari Rigney

Client Case
Coordinator

Homelessness

We've finally come up with a new logo for the Jerry Mason Senior Memorial Centre thanks to the extremely talented Daniel Giles.

The meaning behind the picture:

Ripples are created everywhere in everyone's lives.

However, life is like the river, it has its ups and downs but continues to flow onwards.

With the watchful eye of a guardian, we can find balance to keep our waters calm.



Emily

Whitehead

Residential Care
Worker LRHOH



Khandy Egan

Residential Care
Worker
LRHOH

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

Phone (08) 8223 4204

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.

77% of our workforce are Aboriginal. 100% of our Directors to the Board are Aboriginal.



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