



**Aboriginal  
Sobriety  
Group**  
INDIGENOUS CORPORATION

January 2017

# Newsletter



Jackie Vincent has joined the ASG Riverland team as our Aboriginal Mental Health Worker. The primary role of the Aboriginal Mental Health Worker is to contribute to the delivery of culturally appropriate targeted programs and supports with the aim of promoting positive mental health and social and emotional wellbeing for Aboriginal community members.

Jackie will provide personal and social support to Aboriginal community members to improve mental health and wellbeing and provide clients with access to culturally appropriate holistic services that take into account the context of Aboriginal community member's lives and implications of cultural separation on their mental health and wellbeing. She will provide the opportunity to encourage positive changes for persons within the community and promote and support client access to community mental health and health services. Jackie will also ensure the best possible outcomes for all persons involved in the program by ensuring the program meets the needs of all participants whilst respecting the culture and overall need of the Aboriginal community.

## A message from our CEO

I am pleased to report on another successful year of service provision by the Aboriginal Sobriety Group Indigenous Corporation.

The year that has been an eventful and challenging year. The much talked about changes at a Commonwealth level became reality with the introduction of the Indigenous Advancement Strategy (IAS) and a new procurement process was to be undertaken for continuation of services.

Homelessness funding was rolled over for an additional two years ensuring a continuation of the Eastern and Western homelessness programs to June 2016, coinciding with the end of the Commonwealth and State National Affordable Housing Agreement in 2016. Many of these changes have and will continue to shape and change the way organisations and services operate. Amidst these changes ASG, its programs and staff have remained true to our mission, purpose and quality service provision to clients and community. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Executive Management, Program Managers and staff, all of whom have been instrumental in remaining focused and ensuring that quality services continued to be delivered. Serving community, whilst challenging, is also highly rewarding. ASG throughout the year has assisted many clients to achieve positive and beneficial 'life changing' outcomes in a multitude of areas including drug and alcohol support, counselling and rehabilitation, homelessness, safe transport, health and fitness and reducing incarceration rates. ASG continues to deliver important and vital services to individuals, families and community, many of whom are highly vulnerable.

It is critical that ASG ensures not only the continuation of programs and services that we are currently funded to provide, but that we also remain focused on ensuring the identification, establishment and implementation of new and innovative programs that respond to and meet the needs of our client group. I would like to thank funding bodies both Federal and State for their continuing support and respect for the good work that ASG continues to do on a daily basis.

I would also like to thank all of the organisations that work in partnership with ASG to ensure that clients' needs are met and outcomes are achieved.

Joe Silvestri—CEO



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# Riverland (Berri Office)



The Riverland branch of ASG delivers the following programs for our community members:

- Alcohol and Other Drugs support
- Social & Emotional Wellbeing (SEWB)
  - Mental Health
- Mobile Assistance Patrol (MAP)
- Psychology Service (Kym Schellen)

We also host the Riverland Aboriginal Men's Support Group (RAMSG) on a fortnightly basis.



# Lakalinjeri Tumbetin Waal (LTW)



Lakalinjeri Tumbetin Waal (LTW) has a new sign to replace the old and weathered one. It was designed and painted by one of clients who is currently at the facility.

LTW is a non medical dry rehabilitation centre located on a farm at Monarto, near Murray Bridge. Clients live in for a 12 - 24 week period and are assisted through a number of programs to recover from alcohol or other substance misuse lifestyles. Prior to entry clients must undertake a needs assessment with ASG's substance misuse program to ensure that they are ready for stabilisation and receive appropriate care.

- 24/7 live in rehabilitation
- Education & programs
- Skills development
- Counselling
- Culture



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**Lakalinjeri Tumbetin Waal (LTW)—Residential Rehabilitation:**

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**Mobile Assistance Patrol (MAP):** 34 Hookings Terrace, Woodville

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