

September 2021

Newsletter



During the past month especially, ASG has been faced with, and successfully managed numerous and extreme corporate and operational challenges. Those included the legacy, and continuing community outcomes from COVID's persistent effect on the populations and most recent the resignation of our CEO. Allan Sumner, also a highly awarded, very talented and well-known artist both locally and nationally is a regrettable loss for ASG.

Allan's knowledge of Community and its networks, with his unique skills in weaving these connections and supports together benefited all especially the ASG client. Allan is a sad loss for ASG.

The Directors of the Board take this opportunity to thank our staff at ASG. A special thanks during the past month of uncertainty; with managers continuing to work tirelessly, often on the front line of our service delivery with limited CEO support.

The CEO's position has been advertised and soon to be finalised so I am looking forward to introducing our new dynamic leader in the next newsletter.

Take care Community and keep safe.

Thankyou

(Ms) Rosney Snell
Chairperson



Hello my name is Keith Weetra and I am currently the Manager at Lakalinjeri Tumbetin Waal (LTW) which means “Meeting Place”.

I have been employed with ASG since August 2020 as the Client Case Coordinator based at Woodville Gardens.

As a proud Ngarrindjeri man working on country this gives me the opportunity to learn and develop my skills and have an understanding about working on country with fantastic staff and vulnerable clients.

I have been working on and off with the Aboriginal Sobriety Group for many years, ASG gave me the opportunity when the MAP patrol first started back in 1989.

I am very passionate about working with my people and getting positive outcomes and success stories.

My employment background has always been working in the Community service area, my passion is to support and help my people to better themselves, their families and the Community.

I am currently doing my Diploma in Management and Leadership training, this is an awesome opportunity for me to develop and upskill within the Management role.

The responsibility of my role as Manager at LTW is to manage staff, maintain staff by recruiting, selecting, orienting and training employees, planning and evaluating and ensure a safe working environment and develop personal growth opportunities and follow policies and procedures.

Lakalinjeri Tumbetin Waal (LTW) is a men’s non-medical dry live-in rehabilitation centre located on a farm at Monarto. 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.

We have two Client Case Coordinators that provide case management and we have residential workers that work 24/7 with maximum of 10 clients.

We thrive on success stories and outcomes for our clients, we want our clients to overcome the substance abuse and become sober and continue their journey to sobriety.

Lakalinjeri Tumbetin Waal (LTW)



Here is a graduation of one of our clients at LTW. He is a success story, graduated and moved into his new house the same day.

He continues to be engaged with AOD counselling, Cultural programs with Uncle Moogy and family reunification.

We had our Men's Group talking about programs, chores and general housekeeping with rules and guidelines. We spoke about respecting each other, respecting culture & country and respecting LTW and self. The men enjoyed a BBQ after the meeting.



Trevor Wingard from Aboriginal Health (Pulyu Blasters) came to LTW to speak with the men about the stories from our mob regarding smoking.

He gave the men useful information about making a smoke free pledge.

The Pulyu Blasters campaign was developed through community consultation and particularly appeals to the younger members of the community.

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AOD Outreach Services at Woodville Gardens



From July 2020, our Substance Misuse Team (Outreach) based at Woodville Gardens has been managed from the Riverland. Tammy & Peter continue to provide ongoing delivery of substance misuse services and programs through improving the health status of Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander

people through the delivery of effective, holistic, culturally appropriate, safe drug and alcohol interventions. This is achieved by providing a range of substance misuse services to meet the needs of community and to improve client access to drug and alcohol treatment and rehabilitation.

Good News Story

Mr. Samuel Traeger became a client of ASG's substance misuse team back in June 2019. At this time Samuel was incarcerated and it was a request from the courts administration authority that SMT be in attendance for Samuels section 22 conference.

Peter Hill from the substance misuse team was the worker assigned to Samuel and has worked intensely with Samuel over the past two years. Samuel was released from prison in April 2021.

Since his release Samuel has addressed his issues, rebuilt his family relationships and is now going to relationship counselling to start to rebuild his relationship with his partner and the mother of his children.

His sole focus was to find stable employment to provide for his family, which he has achieved and is now working full time. Samuel is a respected punctual worker and is willing to work any time of the day or night. His number one long term goal is to save enough money for a deposit to purchase a home for himself and his family.

Samuel has had many ups and downs and faced many challenges over the past 20 years, however he is now focused and determined to reach his long term goals and become a role model for his children and also to be a strong advocate for other aboriginal man in the community.

Leila Rankine House Of Hope—Woman's Rehabilitation



Aunty Shelly

Aunty Shelly has ended her full time role at LRHOH to begin her new journey with MAP in Murray Bridge, however has just returned back to LRHOH on a casual basis .



We welcome Stacy to our House of Hope family as the new Full time Day Residential Care Worker.

Stacy is an asset to our team and we are so happy to have her on board full time.



One of Our graduates Evie brought the life of her beautiful daughter into the world on 9/8 weighing 7 pounds 9 ounces.

Evie graduated from HOH in May, she then transitioned to Footsteps in PA where she has continued her journey to sobriety.

Evie is doing so well, her continued determination is to be praised . We are so proud of her.



NAIDOC March Heal Country
House of Hope Staff and Clients
attended the 2021 NAIDOC
MARCH

Heal Country

One of our clients painted this
Korka banner.

It was an awesome day!

Western Adelaide Aboriginal Specific Homelessness Service (WAASHS)



WAASHS would like to congratulate Ben Rigney on being successful for long term housing with Unity Housing.

ASG would like to wish you all the best on your journey and we are all very proud of you.

WAASHS also went on a road trip to Meningie with our Elder Uncle Moogy Sumner who provided cultural knowledge to the men while in Meningie.

Kaurna man Timmy Williams came to CLH to show the men digeridoo playing and also how to make Kaurna shields.



Above- beautiful sunset while in Meningie. Jamie, Trenton and Tess.

ASG Riverland NAIDOC Week Fishing Day



Aboriginal Sobriety Group fosters reconciliation message

Fishing is something loved by the Riverland community, so a decade ago the local Aboriginal Sobriety Group thought it would be a way to get people talking about reconciliation.

Aboriginal Sobriety Group senior manager Don Scordo said that, each year, around 100 Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people gather at Berri's Martin Bend for a day of fishing and to share knowledge about Aboriginal culture.

"In 2019, we might have pulled in 20 fish and that's probably the most we've ever had — so, fish production wise, it's not that good," Mr. Scordo said. "It's all about the reconciliation and working together because that's what we're working towards.

"It gives us a sense of pride, of knowing that the land we're on is Aboriginal land. We need to educate people because I feel like we're still behind in regards to that."

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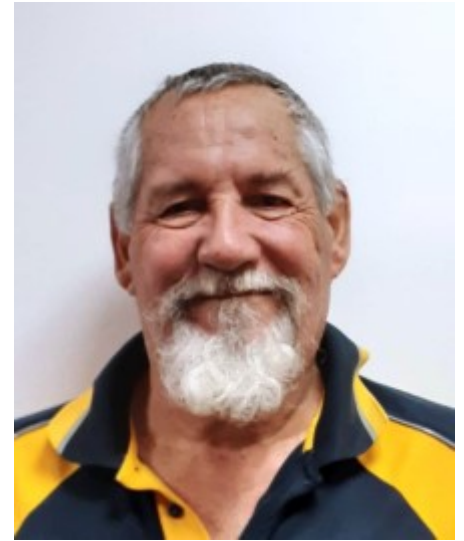
AOD Prison Counsellor Program



Don Scordo

Manager AOD Prison Counsellor
Program

ASG has partnered with DCS to provide culturally appropriate alcohol and drug counselling and support services to Aboriginal prisoners and offenders throughout prisons and Community Correctional Centres in Adelaide Metro and Murray Mallee/ Riverland regions.



Greg Barrodeen

AOD Prison Counsellor
Riverland Services

The main aims of the AOD Prison Counsellors is provision of drug and alcohol counselling to Aboriginal prisoners at

- Yatala Labour Prison
- Adelaide Women's Prison
- Adelaide Pre- Release Centre
 - Mobilong Prison
- Cadell Training Centre

Provide personal and social support to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples through culturally appropriate counselling services.

Assess the needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander prisoners and offenders seeking access to AOD programs and counselling services using a holistic framework.

Support will be via one on one counselling and / or group support as deemed appropriate for the individual prisoner. Prisoners will be referred for support by Aboriginal Liaison Officers or other prison personnel

Provision of a through care residential rehabilitation program to male and female Aboriginal offenders

Provision of support to offenders living in the Community.

Working collaboratively with Aboriginal Community.

Encourage and support persons endeavoring to recover from the negative impact upon their life as a result of forced separation of family members.

****Welcome to the ASG Family****



Greg Barrodeen
AOD Prison Counsellor
Riverland Services



Chris Bawden
SEWB/ AOD Worker
Riverland Services



Jed Millington
AOD Support Worker
Riverland Services



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Care worker
LTW



Lynsey Cruse
Residential
Care worker
Homelessness



Gloria Ebsworth
Residential Care worker
Leila Rankine
House Of Hope

**STOP
THE
SPREAD**
STAY STRONG

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.

80% of our workforce are Aboriginal. 90% of our Directors to the Board are Aboriginal.



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