



**Aboriginal
Sobriety
Group** INC.



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Congratulations Jason!!



Congratulations to Jason Warrior who received his Diploma in Narrative Therapy through Nunkuwarrin Yunti recently after two years of hard work. This is not only a personal achievement, but his new skills and knowledge will be put into practice to assist our community members. All management and staff congratulate you on your great achievement.



We're Back

The Riverland Aboriginal Men's Support Group will be held every second Friday at the Riverland Aboriginal Sobriety Group Inc. building and outdoor cultural area (for the time being) Our aim is to get back to the Men's Building in Glossop.

BBQ Lunch and transport will be provided.

New members requiring transport must call Lloyd on 0427 014 040 or Daniel at ASG on 8580 8700 at least 24 hours prior to Men's Group meeting.

What an awesome year in The Riverland!



The shady looking crew from The Riverland.

The past twelve months have been positive for the Riverland branch because of a strong working relationship amongst our own focussed, dedicated staff and perseverance to build solid partnerships with other compliant organisations and service providers. We did not and will continue to not waste our time and our client's time with the agencies that are not in it for the client or community.

Staff members engaged in relevant training to best suit their positions for better client outcomes and personal knowledge and are frequently present at relevant community events, meetings and forums. We have a learning but ever growing experienced and efficient team capable and confident in providing the services expected by our community, ASG, Board of Management and our funding body.

The importance of complying to the services we are funded to provide were again stressed and adhered to, although staff were always obliging to go over and above for their clients and community members.

ASG—Always out and about!

Men's Arts Work Shop

ASG Riverland and Aboriginal Community Connect will be holding a men's group addressing cultural, spiritual and social wellbeing through an Art's program.

Participants will be encouraged to tell their story through art and express their ideas in a culturally safe environment with access to other supports relating to their wellbeing.



The program will run for three hours 11am – 1pm (lunch not provided) and will be held every second Friday with dates to be confirmed. All paints, canvases and brushes will be provided along with any other supplies relating to the program. Phone Jason or Daniel on 8580 8700 for further information.



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Police Drug Diversion Initiative (PDDI) Riverland

Centacare Catholic Family Services will be facilitating the Police Drug Diversion Initiative out of the Aboriginal Sobriety Group building on Monday mornings between 9am—12 noon. The Police Drug Diversion Initiative (PDDI) diverts people detected by the police for simple possession drug offences to a health intervention instead of the justice system.



Michael Scordo

New casual MAP Worker



Dale Burton

Recently Aboriginal Sobriety Group in The Riverland added Dale Burton to our team. Dale has come on board as a casual MAP Worker and has a certificate 3 in Community Services plus other experience. This will aid in us covering annual leave and sick days to keep running an interrupted MAP service for our community members. Dale is a well known member of the Riverland community.

We've been hacked



Unfortunately our popular Facebook account has been hacked and we have had to shut it down. So all of the service information, comments and pictures of the awesome work ASG does for our community members has been lost. We endeavour to have it up and running again as soon as possible and apologise for any inconvenience. Be aware that I have been trying to contact Mark Zuckerberg to express my concerns but he won't return my emails!!



Substance Misuse Program

The purpose of the Substance Misuse Team is to improve the health status of Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander people through the delivery of effective, holistic and culturally appropriate drug and alcohol interventions.

Our goals are to provide a range of substance misuse services to meet the needs of community and to improve client access to drug and alcohol treatment and rehabilitation services and support.

- Drug and alcohol assessment
- Referral, advocacy, outreach and case management
- Crisis intervention
- Information & education
 - Counselling

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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.

Acting with integrity, honesty and accountability.

Quality service provision to ensure positive outcomes for our clients.

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

**Living Alcohol
And Drug Free**