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Newsletter



Ten Years Service for Gerald



Congratulations to Gerald Sumner for 10 years service at ASG. Gerald started working at ASG on 8/10/2009 starting his career at Cyril Lindsay Hostel (CLH) Adelaide and later moved to Lakalinjeri Tumbetin Waal (LTW). Gerald has been a great asset to LTW. Gerald is a local Ngarrindjeri man.





Amos's Journey Home

Amos came to LTW from Mobilong Prison as a ENU client on 31/5/2017 on a Extended Supervision Order and was not allowed to return to his community. LTW has worked with Disability SA , Forensic Mental Health , Corrections and the Elders from Amos Community to be able to get Amos to return to his country. This has been a very long process and a lot of court appearances for Amos and a lot of meetings.

We are happy to say LTW has now completed the process for Amos to return to his country. Amos will now be taken back to his community where he will now be able to connect back with his culture and his country and most of all be back with his family where he belongs. Well done to Amos for all his patience and his belief that all the staff at LTW will get him back home. Congratulations to all the staff at LTW for achieving this long task to have Amos returned back to his home and back on country.



Lakalinjeri Tumbetin Waal (LTW)



A Testimonial

Hi James, very sorry this has taken me a while. I just wanted to let you know in words how grateful I am with the rehabilitation system that Matt was residing at. I would like to say a huge thankyou for what all you guys have done and please pass on my thankyou. Matt has came out as a different person and for the better and is still doing great. It wouldn't be for you guys that Matt is now in this place. Any concerns that I had or queries just a call to you James and you were there for me, what an awesome person to deal with. Hoping Matt doesn't fall off the wagon, but if he does hoping he can come back to you guys. Thank you again for all you and your colleagues have done to get Matt to where he is. Take care.

Kind regards, Maria Brown.

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**Photos from a recent graduation at
LAKALINJERI TUMBETIN WAAL
(LTW) our Residential
Rehabilitation Centre based at
Monarto.**



At our recent AGM, our volunteers were acknowledged for their great work they do for ASG and our clients. Some of the services they provide are: Christmas presents for all clients, Christmas trees and decorations, non perishable food, toiletries, men's and women's clothes, beanies, gloves & scarves.

LTW clients get birthday cakes and gifts. Substance Misuse Team get disposable coffee cups & furniture when asked, linen & household items. Pictured above (L-R) Vicki Rigney—Project Support Worker, Volunteers—Sharon & Pam, Joe Silvestri—ASG CEO.



LTW had health services from across South Australia including PIKA WIYA, NUNKUWARRIN YUNTI, PORT LINCOLN ABORIGINAL HEALTH SERVICES, SA HEALTH, TULLAWON HEALTH, NATIONAL INDIGENOUS AUSTRALIAN AGENCY, & UMOONA TJUTAGKU HEALTH SERVICES visit recently to have a tour of our facility. The visit was a great day and gave everyone an insight of our residential rehabilitation service.

NAIDOC Wellness Walk



Incorporating music, culture, story telling, local language and the land and sea, the YMCA Wellness Walk provides an opportunity form women to connect and communicate on a cultural level, celebrating Aboriginal history while also discussing ways of working together for a shared future.



Moorundie Ruwe Ninkawi's Group 2019

Riverland Aboriginal Men's Support Group 2019



Recent additions to the ASG team Jordan & Wayne



Jordon Maczkowiack - Casual Residential Worker at LTW. "I come from a background in Community Services working in employment services and Mental Health support services. I have a strong passion assisting the local community & have completed my Certificate IV in Community Services. I am currently completing my Social Work Degree."



Wayne Warden - "I started working for ASG as a MAP Field Officer in August 2018 and have also done some shifts at Arkaringa House and Cyril Lindsay House. I now have a permanent position at Lakalinjeri Tumbetun Waal (LTW) which I enjoy 110% with an excellent manager and work colleagues. It's great working for ASG."



New MAP Program Manager

Barry Rigney

I've currently been employed with Aboriginal Sobriety Group as a MAP field officer for the Adelaide region over the past 5 years. I'm very appreciative and excited for the opportunity to join the team of Program Managers.

Being the Program Manager of the Mobile Assistance Patrol (MAP) Adelaide region allows me to further my skills in helping, engaging & supporting clients within the Aboriginal Community.

In my spare time I enjoy fishing, camping, boating, hunting, travelling.



Recently Justice Proctor, Barry Rigney & Tammy Rankine completed Certificate IV in Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Primary Health Care with Nunkuwarrin Yunti. Congratulations to you all on your achievements.



The lucky ladies from Leila Rankine House of Hope had a visit from former Crows (now back to Carlton) star, Eddie Betts recently.

Diploma Of Narrative Approaches for Aboriginal People Class of 2019

Recently students graduated after two years of study.

Riverland ASG Substance Misuse Worker, Daniel Matthews (pictured top right) was one of these.

Congratulations to all students (especially Daniel)



ASG acquires lease on Glossop Property



It is envisaged that the Riverland Aboriginal Cultural Centre will be a safe place offering authentic, immersive, cultural experiences with programs that includes a cultural education exhibition building, art gallery, coffee shop & retail outlet. The retail outlet stocks a large range of handmade cultural items including paintings, boomerangs, didgeridoos, clothing & fashion accessories, homewares, health & beauty products, bush herbs and spices and souvenirs. It will be a popular destination for school excursions and perfect for those looking to learn about local Aboriginal culture and enjoy a picnic. Nestled amongst native trees, walkways, gardens & our resident wild life is our The art gallery exhibits & sells artworks from locally acclaimed and emerging Aboriginal and Torres Strait artists to suit all budgets. Whilst the above is in our long term plan, the centre will host the Mooriundie Ruwe Ninkawi's and Riverland Aboriginal Men's Support Group in the very near future. Keep an eye on our social media pages for updates.

Our community BBQ trailer in the Riverland looking flash painted up with our logo. You wont miss us now when we're "Out and About" in the community.



Riverland Program Manager, Don Scordo was recently elected as a Director on the Board of SANDAS. The South Australian Network of Drug and Alcohol Services (SANDAS) was established in 2004, to enhance community wellbeing and reduce the harms associated with alcohol and drug use. As the peak body, they provide independent, state-wide representation, advocacy and support for non-government organisations working in the alcohol and other drug sector, through networking and policy development. SANDAS is a not-for-profit association funded by membership contributions, the Australian Government Department of Health, Drug and Alcohol Services of South Australia, the South Australian Department of Health and a range of other organisations on a project basis.



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