

November 2021

Newsletter



I am Susie Andricic the Incoming CEO of the Aboriginal Sobriety Group Indigenous Corporation (ASG).

I am very grateful to have this privilege and opportunity to work with ASG, and especially the Aboriginal Communities of South Australia. Previous to accepting the role I was a Director of the Board of ASG for almost two years, and believe the placement on the Board provided me with a clear understanding of the challenges and barriers that ASG faces.

During the past month of my role, I have encountered a couple of operational obstacles, but these have since proved positive changes moving forward. I am exceptionally please to report ASG is now governed by a full representation of Aboriginal Directors, and as I am a non-Aboriginal woman I will be certainly calling upon the Directors to provide any cultural advice and/or support as determined.

Just a snap-shot about me, I was born and raised in the Le Fevre Peninsula. I attended Taperoo Primary and High Schools, commenced my career on a Government traineeship in 1984. I am married with two children, enjoy fishing and time on the water.

My work history is 35 years with the SA Housing Authority, and during this time I also held a Director's position with the Aboriginal women's family violence service, Nunga Mi:Minar for over 8 years. This experience has provided me with many opportunities building, and to continue to build networks and connections.

I am very excited to work with ASG's dedicated staffing team – in the short time I have been in the role I especially appreciate the team of professional ASG Managers who are extremely focused in delivering programs and the individual case managed care they deliver for our clients: as health support away from addictions, including providing any individual with social justice supports and assistance.

I am looking forward in continuing my working relationship with the Board of Directors, albeit now with a completely different hat. The Directors have recently completed the Strategic Plan 2021-2023 and as always the Directors remains focused on compliance, its corporate objectives and in meeting funding obligations.

My focus is to ensure ASG will continue to not only deliver better practice services and remain unique, but listen to Community needs and aspirations, and to work to grow the organisation to deliver positive and innovative programs that support the Community of South Australia's objectives.

Thank you

(Mrs) Susie Andricic
Chief Executive Officer

****Meet the Managers****



Susie Andricic

Chief Executive Officer



Bianca Kreft

HR & Compliance



Ramla Molligoda

Finance



Keith Weetra

Lakalinjeri Tumbetin Waal



Wahkuna Kilner

Leila Rankine House of Hope



Tessa Peisley

Homelessness



Barry Rigney

Mobile Assistance Patrol (MAP)

Don Scordo

Riverland



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Western Adelaide Aboriginal Specific Homelessness Service

Our new CEO Susie Andricic and I attended Port Adelaide Corrections opening day of the newly renovated corrections office, I was honoured to attend. The office looks amazing!! I would also like to welcome Susie as our new CEO.

Cyril Lindsay House was very lucky to have Elizabeth Close come to our program to do a yarning circle with the clients and then she painted their journeys onto a Mural. I would also like to acknowledge client Jamie Dean for helping Elizabeth paint the Mural.

After the Mural was completed we invited LTW clients and House of Hope Clients to a Coming Together day at Cyril Lindsay House. We had a lovely day, the clients at CLH enjoyed cooking kangaroo tails for all and a BBQ. I would like to also thank Manager Keith Weetra for making the effort to attend with his staff and clients, it was a special day and everyone thoroughly enjoyed your company.

A special thanks to Daniel Coleman who played the didgeridoo and Tiana Williams for doing the Welcome in Kurna, Uncle Moogy (Major Sumner) for doing the smoking ceremony for all.

Aboriginal Family Support Services- Olga Fudge and Narungga House Manager and staff members attended our program for a meet and greet. We have organised for the youth in their programs to attend one of our yarning circles and provide them with a cultural at ASG.





Barry Rigney—Manager Mobile Assistance Patrol

Hi My name is Barry Rigney I currently managing the Mobile Assistance Patrol based in Adelaide.

I have been with Aboriginal Sobriety Group now for over 6 years. Four and half years as a Field officer, now managing the program for 1 ½ years.

Before commencing with ASG in 2015 I worked in many areas from Cotton Farming in NSW to Meat Works in Rockhampton QLD.

Over the years Aboriginal Sobriety Group has allow me to upskill and access the opportunities that has allow me to grow into the roll as Manager.

The experience of working on the MAP BUS has allowed me to give back to my community as a whole but most important help people which I am passionate about. The close work with Indigenous people from across Australia allows myself explore the diversity of Aboriginal culture from different aspects.

The rapport we build over the years with clients that come down from the lands or across border makes the work very enjoyable.

Knowing that you have made a difference in people's life from helping them out of the cold for the night to preventing them entering the justice system is satisfying.

MAP as a whole is dedicated to providing a high level of service to our aboriginal community and reaching the best outcomes for indigenous people and the community as a whole by working closely with SAPOL, Housing SA and other outreach services.

Lakalinjeri Tumbetin Waal (LTW)



On the 21st October 2021 LTW clients participated in the Yartapuulti Fun Walk and Run at Hart's Mill Port Adelaide. This was a 3km or 5km distance around the Port wharf. All the clients finished and received a medal.

This was a fantastic day and everyone enjoyed themselves. The clients were active and happy and enjoyed a nice lunch at Semaphore Beach.

What's been happening in the Riverland?



RHYTHMIC DRUMMING RIVERLAND MENS THERAPEUTIC DRUMMING PROGRAM

Understand how to better manage your emotions through practical and fun methods utilising African Djembe Drums

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Come in and try painting, have a yarn and paint your worries away in our culturally safe art room. It doesn't matter how good (or bad) you are, everyone is welcome.

All paints, brushes canvases etc are supplied.

Morning tea is provided.

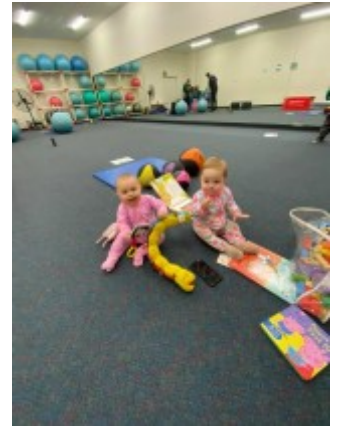
Every second Friday morning between 9.30am—12 noon at ASG (3 Wilson St., Berri) starting on Friday, 17th September



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New mural painted at the Riverland Aboriginal Culture Centre at Glossop in conjunction with ASG's Youth Group. Men's Therapeutic Drumming and Come and Try Art Mornings.



Moorundie Ruwe Ninkawi's Group



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Mobile Assistance Patrol (MAP)



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



Stacy Wilson
Client Case
Coordinator LRHOH



Shania Weetra
Residential Care
Worker LTW



Gloria Ebsworth
Residential Care
Worker LRHOH



Amy Karpany
Residential Care
Worker LRHOH



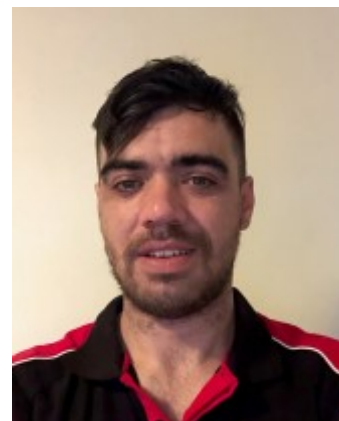
Kelly Rigney
Residential Care
Worker LTW



Marion Weetra
Residential Care
Worker LTW



Terasse Kelly
MAP Field Officer



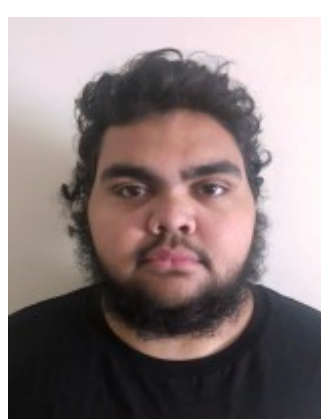
Michael Henderson
MAP Field Officer



Brody Fitzgerald
MAP Field Officer



Drew Stace
MAP Field Officer



Marley Rigney
MAP Field Officer



Ryan Stringer
MAP Field Officer

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.

79% of our workforce are Aboriginal. 100% of our Directors to the Board are Aboriginal.



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