

**Living
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**Aboriginal
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What is National Reconciliation Week?

Each year National Reconciliation Week (NRW) celebrates and builds on the respectful relationships shared by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and other Australians.

The dates that bookend the week are significant milestones in the reconciliation journey

May 27—Marks the anniversary of Australia's most successful referendum and a defining event in our nation's history. The 1967 referendum saw over 90 per cent of Australians vote to give the Commonwealth the power to make laws for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and recognise them in the national census.

June 3—Commemorates the High Court of Australia's landmark Mabo decision in 1992, which legally recognised that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have a special relationship to the land—a relationship that existed prior to colonisation and still exists today. This recognition paved the way for land rights or Native Title

This year, 2016, is particularly momentous, with Reconciliation Australia celebrating a number of anniversaries—including 25 years of formal reconciliation in Australia with the establishment of the Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation in 1991. It is also 15 years since Reconciliation Australia was formed and 10 years of success in its Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) program.

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Around 150 community members attended a Reconciliation Australia event held in The Riverland recently hosted by ASG.





Inner City Youth Service

The Youth transport service provides the community and vulnerable youths at risk, transport out of town to a safe place. Transportation pick up is from the HUB (MYSA – Multi Cultural Youth South Australia) and Hindley Street Police Station.

The Inner City Youth Service is available between:

10.00 PM – 6.00 AM

Friday & Saturday nights.

Funded by the Department of Communities and Social Inclusion (DCSI)

Homelessness Services

Our Homelessness Service provides accommodation, information, advocacy and referral to individuals, couples and families who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.

Our goals are:

To resolve crisis

To re-establish family links

To re-establish a capacity to live independently of Specialist Homelessness Services.

Crisis Accommodation

Annie Koolmatrie House – crisis accommodation for Aboriginal women and children (exception being male children over the age of 13 years).

Cyril Lindsay House – crisis accommodation for Aboriginal men over the age of 18 years.



Pictured above are the Rosewater over 35s, AKA the “Old Dogs” This photo was taken minutes before playing against the Southern Jets at Hackham oval recently. The team has several Cyril Lindsay House residents playing for them plus another familiar face!





Lakalinjeri Tumbetin Waal

LTW has had two recent graduations from the program with another close to completing as well.

We are currently waiting to hear from Funding My Community where Aboriginal Sobriety Group Inc. submitted an application for LTW to expand on their gym equipment and also art supply for our clients to fully utilise the service that is provided to them during rehabilitation. Big Sunday also submitted an application for "The BIG Reno" at LTW. Hopefully we are successful in this to give LTW a "BIG" facelift.

Julie Toyama continues to conduct group fitness sessions on a fortnightly basis for the clients. As part of her program the clients participate in and learn a number of muscle strengthening, flexibility and relaxation exercises, as well as the opportunity to be involved in counselling sessions or a general yarn afterwards.



The Riverland branch of ASG not only delivers our core programs of alcohol and other drugs support, SEWB and Mobile Assistance Patrol (MAP) but we also host a number of other services from our building showing a strong initiative and collaboration with relevant services. Featured below is one of the regular services provided.



Kym Schellen

We have a visiting Psychologist who practices out of ASG for two days a fortnight. Aboriginal community members will take priority but the service is open to anyone from the age of eight and up.

There is currently a short waiting list but patients are assessed by priority of access. Kym has filled a huge void for this type of service in the Riverland and we have seen an increase in referrals due to the additional promotion of this service. A referral to ASG and a current mental health care plan is required to be referred to Kym. All referrals must go through ASG. Phone 8580 8700.





During the end of April and beginning of May a WHS Representative has completed site inspections at our Homelessness Programs, CLH and AKH. These also included MAP – Woodville Gardens and our Substance Misuse Team office. Good to see ASG is maintaining compliance with WHS for these programs.

Applications have now closed for Fund My Community. [YourSay](#) are currently verifying the outcome and will announce the outcome as soon as this process is finalised. This shall be advertised in the upcoming Newsletter when an outcome has been reached. Thank you to all the Community who have supported Team LTW and The BIG Reno for these projects.



Riverland

The Riverland site continues to flourish with strong linkages with relevant service providers seeing referrals constantly coming in. All staff are continually involved or represented at any events or gatherings.



The Riverland Aboriginal Men's Support Group (above) is growing every time the men meet and it is encouraging to see some of the younger men in the community attending regularly. Next month the staff and clients from LTW will be attending which will be great for the LTW crew to have a day out.

MAP continues to run during normal office hours ensuring community members who are intoxicated or at risk of danger are transported home or to a safe place.

MAP Phone: 0427 013 390



Head Office

182—190 Wakefield Street, Adelaide
Phone: 8223 4204

Substance Misuse Team

34 Hookings Tce, Woodville Gardens
Phone: 8244 5988

Homelessness Program

32 Third Avenue, Woodville Gardens
Phone: 8243 1698

LTW—Rehabilitation

26 Wattle Road, Monarto
Phone: 8534 4028

Mobile Assistance Patrol

34 Hookings Tce, Woodville Gardens
Phone: 8224 5988

Inner City Youth Service

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Riverland

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Phone: 8580 8700



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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!

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