

OUTREACH NEWS

DASA Outreach Newsletter

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Picture L-R: Eloise Paige, Carole Taylor, Gavin Connaughton, Sara Short and Brian McDonald



Outreach wins an Award....

The DASA Outreach Team were nominated for the "First Nations Innovation and Partnership Award. Therapeutic Community Movement in Australasia: Organisational Award. This award recognises organisations that have made a contribution to the Therapeutic Community (TC) movement in Australasia by way of innovation and forming partnerships that make Therapeutic Communities culturally safe and relevant to First Nation's peoples. The goal of this Award is to provide public recognition of the work done to include First Nation's peoples in the delivery of Therapeutic Community programs either by way of innovation or the formulation of partnerships that directly benefit First Nation's residents. Brian McDonald from the Outreach Team accepted the Award on behalf of the Outreach Team.

The Outreach Team, Jocelyn, Brian, Nardia and Brenton would like to thank ATCA for recognising Aboriginal Australia by offering this Award. We are truly humbled and honoured to have won this prestigious Award. We would like to thank DASA, especially Carole Taylor (CEO) and Eloise Paige (Deputy CEO) for your continued support and allowing us to give an Aboriginal voice for our people to ensure we are providing a culturally sensitive approach across Central Australia. Awards such as these allow an important platform which not only recognises but appreciates Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people working in the alcohol and other drug sector. We are just a small team who have achieved so much in a short time, but if we work together we can make an impact that will imprint on those who feel helpless and are the most vulnerable people in society. Lastly, thank you to our funders Prime Minister and Cabinet for their ongoing financial support of the Outreach Program.



Chief Executive Officer (CEO)

Welcome to the Outreach end of year Newsletter.

Outreach have had a very busy year and the co-ordinator has been keeping all of you informed via this and other mediums.

I will just take this opportunity to thank Jocelyn and the team for all their hard work this year especially as they have taken on so much more than they have in the past.

Outreach, as I have said before is the glue that holds all of the DASA programs together, as it picks up all of the clients who could otherwise fall between the cracks.

They also do a lot of work with our residential clients as well as those who attend our sobering up service.

So I would like to thank them and to wish Outreach and all of our clients a very happy and safe Christmas and New Year.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year...

Carole Taylor



National Indigenous Drug And Alcohol Conference

In October 2016, The Outreach team headed off to Adelaide to attend the 4th National Indigenous Alcohol Conference. Jocelyn Dhu was nominated for the “Remote Worker Award”. This Award acknowledges the unique challenges facing workers in remote locations. The Award recognises an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander male and female worker as having an important commitment and contribution to reducing the harmful effects of drug and alcohol use among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the last 5 years.

Jocelyn Dhu (pictured right) was truly honoured to be nominated for this Award. She has been working at DASA for the past 4 and half years as the Outreach Coordinator. Jocelyn also recognises this Award would not have been possible if it wasn't for her dedicated, hard working team. She would also like to thank the staff at DASA, Funders and external Agencies for all their support.



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Employee Profile: Debbie Puccetti

What is your role at DASA? I am an Executive Assistant to the CEO

Three words best describe you? Bubbly , Outgoing and Caring

Do you have a favorite quote? “ Do unto others as you would have them do unto you”

Tell us a little about yourself?

I moved to the NT in 1983 and have lived here for 33years now, 26 of those years here in Alice Springs. I lived at Ayers Roc in 1983 then moved to Darwin then to Hermannsburg then into Alice Springs, up to Tennant Creek then back to Alice. I moved up to Dundee Beach for 9 months and lived amongst the crocodiles, sandflies that sticky muggy weather which made me go sillier than I am now, but going fishing with my partner and catching Barramundi made up for it, I have made so many friends and had a fab Time.

I have 3 beautiful children and 2 gorgeous grandchildren. I am very family orientated. I have travelled a lot around Australia which I absolutely love and a little overseas to Italy and I suppose NZ is overseas.. Oh and Tassie! Both my parents were Italian, so I was brought up in a **loud** household and we spoke with our hands lol (just joking). I lost my dad many years ago and I sadly just recently lost my mum. My loss has made me look at things differently. How lucky I am every day to have such a good life! I love interior decorating and photography and wished I could afford to do more of it.....Overall I am a fun loving person and I try and make the most of everything I do.

What did you want to be when growing up? A mum

What do you like most about your job? I love the people I work with

What is an ability you wish you had? I wish I was more confident

What's the one thing, you can't live without? Just one thing? That's hard; I would love to say food but Air, just can't live without it and my family indeed.





**Northern Territory Police,
Fire and Emergency Services**

School Holiday Safety Messages – Central Australia

Police in Alice Springs and Tennant Creek have appealed to local residents to work with them to ensure everyone enjoys a safe, crime-free school holiday period.

Acting Assistant Commissioner Danny Bacon warned Centralian's to be extra vigilant, and to take a few simple steps to protect themselves, their families and possessions. He said Police will be conducting special operations over the school holiday period targeting property offending, but the community could also take some simple precautions to help stamp out crime.

"If you are going away for the school holidays, ensure you secure all of your belongings, keep your car keys out of sight, and ask neighbours to keep an eye on your property. Don't advertise your absence through social media – otherwise you'll make your home an open target," he said. "Don't leave alcohol in unsecured areas and secure fridges that are outside."

"If you do see something that's suspicious, make sure you call it in to 131 444. We respond as quickly as possible to incidents, so the faster you pick up the phone the sooner we'll be able to act. Remember, a Facebook post is not a Police report."

Acting Assistant Commissioner Bacon urged motorists and riders to be careful on the roads. "Don't fall victim to the 'The Fatal Five' of drink or drug driving, not wearing seat belts, tiredness, speed and inattention all play a part in our road toll. Let's not add any more tragedies to our road toll," he said.

"Talk to your kids about the dangers of flooded waterways. Warn them not to play in drains and make sure that all children are supervised when playing near water. If there has been heavy rain, and crossings are flooded, don't risk it."

"If you are camping out bush, make sure you have plenty of water, food, a satellite phone for remote areas and tell someone where you are going and when you are planning on returning."

Remember, if you see anything suspicious, please call Police immediately on 131 444 or contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.



Contact Us

Give us a call for more information about our services.

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