



Picture L-R: Brian McDonald, Nardia Bray, Brenton Forrester and Jocelyn Dhu

# **OUTREACH NEWSLETTER**

## **July 2017**

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# A Note from Danny

What can I say about the start of things to come with the Crystal Clear team!

There is hit the ground running and then there is get dragged along at the speed of sound while somehow looking as though you're in control.

The first 8 weeks of this program has been amazing, turbulent, at times frantic but mostly so organic and encouraging. From the launch day where the feeling in the room amongst all services that attended was nothing short of inspiring, with everyone understanding it was time to work together as one, to my first call out on a Friday night to a crisis situation, it has been the steepest but most fulfilling learning curve of my career so far.

And what more can I say about my partner against crimes Tai Tipene. With his amazing ability to manage any type of personality, his reactive innovating and kind heart he is the perfect foil for myself and this team.

The most encouraging early statistic I would like to highlight is, so far out of our already near to capacity 18 strong client base 80% of all participants are self-referred which tells me the stigmatism of this drug is receding, which in turn means people are not afraid to ask for help anymore with fear of judgement.

This can only be a positive moving forward as the public's perception, which has mainly been moulded by the over the top media representation, is a good proportion of the problem we face on the plate of addiction to Ice.

Remember there is no such thing as a War on drugs, as you can't war on an inanimate object.

Which means we're waging a war on some of the most vulnerable people in society.

Finally a big thanks to the Program leader Carole Taylor for all her help and support and a huge pat on the back from us here at Crystal Clear to all the Aranda House staff for sticking by us as we tried developing a separate arm to the program within the Aranda House setting. I know it was frustrating at times but you don't know if you don't try so thank you all for your patience as we explored different avenues within the Therapeutic Community setting.

*Danny Lloyd*

# Good News Story



*Chamber of Commerce NT Customer Service Awards* strives to recognise the hard work of individuals and businesses who give outstanding customer service.

We would like to thank all the amazing staff at Aranda House (DASA) for winning the "Best Not For Profit Organisation".

We would also like to acknowledge all the finalist who were nominated in all five categories for their outstanding achievements. Sarah Short, Prasadi Priyanka and Helen Jones accepted the award on the behalf of DASA.



# DASA News

## Methamphetamine Through Care Outreach Program Services



Drug and Alcohol services Australia (DASA) has recently been successful in its application to the Primary Health Network (PHN) to commence a Methamphetamine Through-Care Program. We are currently funded to employ two case managers who will be solely dedicated to dealing with methamphetamine client base.

The Case Managers will provide intensive case management, one-on-one support to the clients in an Outreach capacity and also whilst they are undertaking rehabilitation. In addition we have secured funding for some psychologists support for both clients and staff supervision.

The new program was launched on the 1st June 2017, Danny Lloyd and Tai Tipene were successful in the Methamphetamines Through-Care positions and have hit the ground running. As a team, we provide outreach support in the community for individuals as well as the option of further support through residential rehabilitation at Aranda House, should the individual feel it necessary.

# Our Languages Matter



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## 2017 National NAIDOC Theme

### “Our Languages Matter”

The importance, resilience and richness of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander languages will be the focus of national celebrations marking NAIDOC Week 2017.

The 2017 theme - *Our Languages Matter* - aims to emphasise and celebrate the unique and essential role that Indigenous languages play in cultural identity, linking people to their land and water and in the transmission of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history, spirituality and rites, through story and song. Some 250 distinct

Indigenous language groups covered the continent at first (significant) European contact in the late eighteenth century. Most of these languages would have had several dialects, so that the total number of named varieties would have run to many hundreds. Today only around 120 of those languages are still spoken and many are at risk of being lost as Elders pass on.

National NAIDOC Committee Co-Chair Anne Martin said languages are the breath of life for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and the theme will raise awareness of the status and importance of Indigenous languages across the country. “Aboriginal and Torres Strait languages are not just a means of communication, they express knowledge about everything: law, geography, history, family and human relationships, philosophy, religion, anatomy, childcare, health, caring for country, astronomy, biology and food. “Each language is associated with an area of land and has a deep spiritual significance and it is through their own languages, that Indigenous nations maintain their connection with their ancestors, land and law,” Ms Martin said.

Committee Co-Chair Benjamin Mitchell hopes that the theme will shine a spotlight on the programs and community groups working to preserve, revitalise or record Indigenous languages, and encourage all Australians to notice the use of Indigenous languages in their community. “There is currently a wave of activity, with people in many communities working to learn more about their language, and to ensure they are passed on to the next generation before it is too late.” Mr Mitchell said.

“Nationally, many place names for our suburbs, rivers, mountains and parks are Indigenous language words. Noticing and paying attention to these words will generate greater appreciation and respect for the significance of language among all Australians.

“The preservation and revitalisation of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander languages - the original languages of this nation - is the preservation of priceless treasure, not just for Indigenous peoples, but for everyone.”

This year the Indigenous Outreach Team celebrated Naidoc at the Alice Springs Correctional Centre, with the opening of the new Cultural Precinct which is a culturally appropriate space for prisoners to utilise.

# Lost your licence

## **BACK ON TRACK** **DRINK DRIVER PROGRAM**

If you have lost your NT licence due to drink or drug driving, you will need to complete the Back on Track approved Drink and Drug Driver course before you can reapply for your licence.

For information regarding what sessions you will need to do, please search the following link:

- <https://nt.gov.au/driving/driving-offences-and-penalties/drink-and-drug-driver-education-course>

Please note: You will be breath tested each day of the course and must return a 0.0% reading. If you record any reading above 0.0% you will have to rebook to do another course. After you have successfully completed the program you will need to take your certificate of completion to MVR to regain your licence.

### **Upcoming Courses:**

**15-16 August**

**20-21 September**

**25-26 October**

**22-23 November**

**13-14 December**

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