



OUTREACH NEWSLETTER

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A Note from the CEO

Once AGAIN it is time for me to write something for the Outreach Newsletter. It just seems like last week when I wrote the last one, but so much has happened in just this first quarter for 2018.

In the last newsletter, I was wishing all of you a happy and safe Christmas and here we are at the beginning of Autumn.

Once again Outreach has been very busy and this has been at a time when we have seen quite a few unplanned absences in the group. Naturally when this happens, the load does not decrease, the work just goes on with those left standing.

Thanks to everyone for keeping everything going and hopefully the rest of the year will see people in better health.

Jocelyn and Nardia have been delivering the Prison Programs, while Brian and Brenton have been doing the male equivalent. These programs seem to be very effective and well attended.

The next cultural awareness program, designed to be delivered to the DASA Team, is on track for the very near future as it was just a bit too hectic prior to Christmas. We do have some new staff and this is a vital component of their training whilst working with us.

The famous BBQ was held just recently and was a huge success, with the team commenting on how many new faces they are seeing with lots of people in town from out bush at the moment.

The influx of these people has in fact seen a rise in our workload with Outreach busier than normal and our Sobering-Up Shelter bursting at the seams.

So even at this stage, this year is shaping up to another busy one, with our staff on the road, in the shelter, delivering courses at the prison and here at home together with connecting with the community on every front.

Remember the community is our focus and who we serve. It is our intention to do that in every way possible and Outreach is a major part of that.

Kindest regards

Carole Taylor

CEO DASA

National Road Safety Week

‘Drive so others survive’



Perth has been chosen as the location of the 2018 National Road Safety Week launch, with WA landmarks to glow yellow, in remembrance of the hundreds of lives lost on Australian roads.

Yellow Ribbon National Road Safety Week began five years ago as an initiative of Safer Australian Road and Highways ([SARAH](#)) President Peter Frazer, who lost his daughter in a road crash in New South Wales in 2012.

The key message for this year's National Road Safety Week, from 29 April to 6 May, is 'Drive so others survive'.

Perth landmarks including Elizabeth Quay, the Bell Tower, Trafalgar Bridge and Council House will glow yellow across the week as a reminder of those people who lost have their lives on our roads, and of the families those people left behind.

A new theme will be observed daily during National Road Safety Week:

- Monday 30 April: Remember the 1200 (road deaths).
- Tuesday 1 May: Protecting those who help us (first responders).
- Wednesday 2 May: Protecting those who help us (roadside assist).
- Thursday 3 May: Protecting every life (pedestrians, children, seniors, people with disabilities).
- Friday 4 May: Shine a light on road safety (Headlights).

Yirara College



This week we had the Yirara students in two groups, to talk about drugs and alcohol, and the dangers they could face into the future. In Group One, Brian and Nardia spoke with twelve students about the different programs we offer at DASA. Jordan Lockerbie also spoke with the students about the Sobering-Up Shelter and gave the tour of the premises.



Imparja Cup



The 25th Imparja Cup commenced in Alice Springs on Sunday 5 February 2018, with a record number of participants

The Imparja Cup has a proud history and is the premier Indigenous Carnival for NT Cricket and sees teams of men and women from Major Centres, Communities and schools competing in outdoor and indoor cricket divisions. At the same time, Cricket Australia runs the National Indigenous Cricket Championships alongside the Imparja Cup, which is also held in Alice Springs and attracts interstate teams.

Imparja Cup custodian Shane Franey is looking forward to another successful Imparja Cup competition and this year didn't disappoint. "We welcome players from across the Territory and Australia to take part in this uniquely Northern Territory Indigenous cricket competition and I encourage everyone, from cities, towns and communities, to register for what will be another fantastic event," he said.

Tournament Director Mitch Farnell, is expecting a strong turn-out of teams from across the Territory and explained, "In 2017 we had a record number of teams taking part, with more than 500 cricketers playing in the Imparja Cup. We have had a strong response to our Remote Indigenous Cricket Carnivals and our Remote Red Dust Sports Voucher Program, and that success has contributed an increase in Indigenous participants over the past year.

NT Cricket has been working closely with the Imparja Cup Advisory Committee, which includes Imparja Cup custodians Shane Franey and Rossy Williams, to ensure that the competition is reflective of the entire Indigenous cricket community. The event is a true opportunity for cricket, family and celebration, showcasing the best of Two Strong Cultures".

Players and teams travel from across the Territory to attend, with some teams travelling from as far as the Top End of Queensland and Western Australia. It's free for Territorians to participate, with a free uniform, match balls and playing equipment all provided. Through NT Cricket's partnership with the Alice Springs Prison, unique hand painted trophies are made and presented to the award recipients of each division.

Each year Reclink puts a team in made up of Aranda House/CAAAPU clients and staff. It's a great opportunity for the clients to get involved in a historic community event. One of our Outreach team, 'Brenton Forrester' also participated in the Imparja Cup event.

Outreach BBQ Event



Outreach held their bi-monthly BBQ on Friday, 23 February 2018 on the Alice Springs Town Council Lawns. The event was a huge success with over a 100 people attending.

The BBQ's are a free event put on by the Outreach Team. It's an opportunity to give back to the community, get out there, be seen and meet people.



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