



...Footsteps...

road to recovery

JANUARY NEWLETTER

acknowledging Aboriginal and Torres Strait ancestors, elders and traditional owners of country in the NW SA region

Welcome!

The aim of our newsletter is to keep people who are interested in our AOD residential rehabilitation service (Footsteps) - informed and connected. We will also keep you updated on what is happening in the region, as well as provide the latest info on alcohol and drugs and programs. To ensure everyone is kept informed please distribute this newsletter through your networks.

If you have anything that you would like to share with others in the region, want to subscribe or have any suggestions on how we can improve our services, contact the Program Coordinator P: 0406664286 E: sue-anne@adac.org.au.

For those of you who aren't familiar with the history of the rehabilitation service visit www.adac.org.au or www.footsteps.org.au for more information.

NEWS UPDATE

Exciting news! The facility at Ellis Close was handed over to the Aboriginal Drug and Alcohol Council on the 15th January to establish Footsteps – road to recovery as the new alcohol and drug residential rehabilitation service for NW SA. What a great way to start the year!

The facility can now be renovated and refurbished so we can accommodate future clients.

In the meantime, the Management team are continuing to work out of our temporary office developing the therapeutic community (TC) program. The Manager - Kym Thomas and Outreach Support Supervisor - Maria Anderson will be visiting the region in Feb / Mar.

If you would like to meet with them or want to know more about Footsteps, contact Kym Thomas 040 724 859 or email kym@adac.org.au

Working partnerships

The staff at the Day Centre Port Augusta will be starting their breakfast BBQ sessions at Davenport Community in February. The Footsteps team will be working closely with them in providing support and education about alcohol and drug problems.

The Clinical Advisory Group are working closely with hospitals and Aboriginal health services in the region on withdrawal / detox and clinical protocols for GP's.

Regional Stakeholder workshop

Over 18 people attended a stakeholder workshop 17 Dec to discuss how they can strengthen footsteps and support clients with a continuum of care. It was so successful, with positive feedback we intend to hold more!

ADAC achievements

In December last year, ADAC received its International Organisation for Standardization (ISO) accreditation for quality management practices. ADAC will be building quality practices into its latest service – Footsteps.

Last year, Jimmy Perry from the ADAC "Makin Tracks" team received the First People's Award from Australian Professional Society for Alcohol and other Drugs (APSAD) for excellence in science, research and practice. Well done Jimmy!

EVENTS

Design/Logo Competition

Now that we have a new name for North West Region Residential Rehabilitation service "**Footsteps - road to recovery**", we are looking for a design that reflects the name of the service. The design can be a logo or how the name could look – for an entry for, or more information see www.adac.org.au or contact Geoffrey at ADAC on Geoffrey@adac.org.au P: 08 8351 9031. The

Community BBQ

Come and visit Footsteps at Ellis Close and see first hand our new facility! On the 3rd Feb on site, there will be a BBQ, and staff from the Aboriginal Drug and Alcohol Council to talk to you about the facility and how it will work. For those of you who are interested contact the Manager, Kym Thomas.

Stolen Generations Breakfast – Everyone is invited to the 7th Anniversary of the National Apology to the Stolen Generations Breakfast on Friday, February 13th, 2015 from 7.00-9.00am at the Adelaide Convention Centre. Reconciliation SA is pleased to welcome Michael O'Loughlin as the keynote speaker talking on "Recognising the survivors"
Anyone who would like to sponsor the breakfast, please request Changemakers sponsorship package by emailing on reconciliationsa@adam.com.au.

If you would like any event or an item of interest included in our newsletter, pls contact sue@adac.org.au

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