



Aboriginal Family Support Services Newsletter

July - August 2017

AFSS Connection to Culture Children's Day celebrations

It was four seasons in one day at the AFSS Connection to Culture Children's Day, held at Tauondi College on Friday 4 August.

Whatever the weather, around 500 children and adults were treated to a wonderful array of entertainment, activities and information for all ages.

The day was ably MC'd by Josh Warrior, and a great Welcome to Country and story telling was provided by Kaurna Elder Michael O'Brien.

Sharron Williams, AFSS Chief Executive, also welcomed everyone to the event, sharing that this was the second year that AFSS has celebrated Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day with the community. Sharron also acknowledged the hard work of AFSS staff, including Cultural Officers Barbara Falla and Leeanne Witenko and Senior Manager Metropolitan Services Warren Guppy, in making the day the success that it was.

Tal-kin-jeri dance troupe braved the weather to provide a great cultural performance, as did



Above: Tal-kin-jeri dancers provided a great performance at the Connection to Culture Children's Day.

didjeridoo player Robert Taylor, and Nathan May, singer.

Everyone's toes were tapping to the tunes of the Twang Bangers country rock band who entertained the crowd during the early afternoon and the air was filled with the sound of AFSS "happy clappers" that were given out to the kids.

Activities included face painting, glitter and henna tattoos, hair colouring, a play-dough table, petting zoo, bouncy castles, dreamcatcher-making to name but a few, and there were even seated massages available for the adults.

A diverse group of service providers came along and shared a great range of information for the adults, as well as giveaways for all ages.

AFSS takes this opportunity to thank everyone who was involved in the event, including AFSS staff, organisations who came along to share their information, the many schools and kindies who brought children by the busload, as well as the families, carers and children who joined with us in the celebrations.

See page 13 for more photos.



Message from the Chief Executive

The highlight here at AFSS since our last newsletter has undoubtedly been our Connection to Culture Children's Day, held at Tauondi College on 4 August.

The weeks of planning and hard work really bore fruit. The day was a huge success, with around 500 children and adults attending, enjoying the fun, food and entertainment as well as having the opportunity to gain some valuable information from the service providers who willingly took part in the day.

Thanks to our Cultural Officers, Barbara Falla and Lianne Witenko, whose efforts were pivotal in making the day the success that it was, to Senior Manager Metropolitan Services Warren Guppy, and to all staff who enthusiastically assisted at the event.

I also take this opportunity to thank the St John Ambulance officers, the unsung heroes who voluntarily give their time to ensure that any mishaps are dealt with in a timely and professional manner.

We have certainly raised the bar with this year's event, so stay tuned for AFSS' 2018 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day celebration!

Another high spot was the 30 June AFSS Board meeting held in Port Lincoln. It is important that we connect with our regions, and we were pleased to share a community BBQ with the Port Lincoln Aboriginal community at Mallee Park Football Club after the meeting. The BBQ was very well attended, and provided a great opportunity to share with community members and answer any questions they had about our services.

Then of course AFSS was pleased to host the Elder's Pavilion at the NAIDOC Family Fun Day, another annual AFSS activity.

Please enjoy this bumper edition of the AFSS newsletter, and read all about these great events and more.

Sharron Williams
Chief Executive



AFSS Resi Services youth meet with new Commissioner for Children and Young People

Fifteen young people living in AFSS Residential Services met with Helen Connolly, the State's first Commissioner for Children and Young People, on 18 July. The Commissioner is conducting a "Listening Tour" where she is travelling around the State to meet as many young people as she can to hear their perspectives on life, what's important to them and what she can do for them!

The Commissioner met with the young people at Bounce where all had fun on the trampolines before sitting down to a "get to know you/ listening" lunch.

The Commissioner expressed that she was extremely pleased to have met with young people and heard what they have to say. They spoke about things of importance to them and what makes



Above: AFSS team members are pictured at Bounce with Commissioner Helen Connolly (sixth from right).

them happy; this included their brothers and sisters, singing, dancing, football and more.

It was a great day providing the Commissioner with much insight into the views and thoughts of our youth.

AFSS at NAIDOC Family Fun Day

This year's NAIDOC theme was Our Languages Matter.

AFSS staff were pleased to be involved in the Family Fun Day once again, catering for the Elders' Pavilion, where community members were able to enjoy hot food, including scones, tea and coffee, take the weight off their feet and have a yarn with friends.

Some great live entertainment was enjoyed by everyone. There were many stalls again this year providing helpful information, food and activities.

As well as facilitating the Elders' Pavilion, AFSS had a stall promoting all of the services AFSS provides.

The AFSS Foster Care Recruitment stall held a raffle with the major prize being a Winter Warmers Basket and a second prize of a \$50 gift voucher. Congratulations to the winners.

An umbrella was definitely needed on the day although the rain didn't stop the crowds coming to Tarntanyangga to enjoy the celebration. There were rides and jumping castles for the kids; they appeared to love the rain, but the parents retreated and watched them from the Elders tent and enjoyed a warm drink there.

AFSS would like to thank the NAIDOC Committee who made, not only the Family Fun Day, but the whole NAIDOC week of celebrations, a huge success.

AFSS also sends a huge thank you to Bakery on O'Connell who provided the hot food and scones and also acknowledge the AFSS employees who assisted in facilitating the day.



Above: AFSS team members were ably assisted by students on placement at the Family Fun Day AFSS information stall.



Aboriginal Family Support Services
Together with the community

You are warmly invited to attend

AFSS foster carers' lunch

**Acknowledging your valuable contribution
and celebrating Foster Carers' Week**



When: Tuesday 12 September
from 11am – 3pm

Where: The Watershed
665 Salisbury Hwy
Mawson Lakes

With: The staff of the Family
Based Out of Home Care team

RSVP to your Carer Support Worker by:
Tuesday 5 September
Please phone 8205 1500

RSVPs essential

Food and soft drinks provided

We look forward to seeing you there!





AFSS Board holds meeting in Port Lincoln

AFSS Board members are keen to spend time in AFSS regions as well as in metropolitan Adelaide, and to ensure that this goal is achieved Board meetings are sometimes scheduled to take place around the state.

The 30 June Board meeting was held in Port Lincoln, where the local AFSS team had the pleasure of the company of Board members Greg Sinclair (Chair), Tauto Sansbury, Ivan Copley and Wayne Rigney, Chief Executive Sharron Williams, Leata Clarke Senior Manager Regional Services and Helen Laxton Executive Assistant.

A community BBQ followed the meeting at Mallee Park Football Club, and the turnout of community members and services providers was tremendous.

AFSS would like to thank the community and supporting services for joining us at the BBQ.



Above: Port Lincoln community members, AFSS staff and Board members, enjoyed Port Lincoln hospitality at the community BBQ held at Mallee Park Football Club following the recent AFSS Board meeting.

Angela Fee, Manager of AFSS Port Lincoln, would also like to thank the staff who went above and beyond the call of duty in coordinating the event, Clean Seas for donating the delicious king fish and Tony Highfold and his team for cooking tasty the BBQ.

Stronger Families visits Ceduna

On 11 July, the Ceduna Stronger Families team travelled to Yalata. During the day, several clients and children participated in cooking sweet potato and potato bake, recipes from the *Deadly Tucker Cookbook*.

The children proudly showed their great skills in the kitchen, helping to peel the vegetables. The results were a yummy dish, enjoyed by everyone, including the younger ones who ate a mashed version of the potato bake.

The Stronger Families team use cooking sessions to engage mums, discussing important topics

Below: Carmen, Clarissa and Bronnyn preparing recipes from the Deadly Tucker cookbook.



Above: Clarissa shows her deadly kitchen skills preparing the sweet potato for the bake.

in relation to raising healthy children. On this occasion the topic of the day was *Keeping kids safe around alcohol in community*. A great conversation was generated around strong women raising strong children and it was fantastic to hear the mothers sharing with each other and talk about helping each other by supervising and ensuring the children are safe at all times.

These cooking sessions are an important tool in continuing to engage Yalata clients and building not only family capacity, but strong women within the community.

A Ngarrindjeri NAIDOC

Sunday 2 July, the start of NAIDOC Week celebrations, commenced with a smoking ceremony with Uncle Moogy (Major) Sumner on the Imperials Football Club oval with everyone in a huge circle being cleansed and blessed by the ancestors summoned.

The major football match (Points v Rovers – young unmarried fellas v the married fellas) was umpired by Trevor Wingard (father of Chad Wingard). This was a friendly match and was won by the Points team by a couple of goals – I'm sure I saw a couple of 10 year old boys playing for them too! All participants received medallions and looked deadly wearing them all day.

During the football match, the Elders enjoyed a three-course lunch, catered by Rob's Roasts. The teenage grandchildren took the orders and served the meals to the Elders. They all wore special aprons provided by the Dept for Child Protection. Steve Sumner Snr (CEO, Moorundi) gave a great speech, introducing the Moorundi team to the Elders with whom they will be closely working. An estimated 250 people who attended reported that they thoroughly enjoyed the day.

Outside, the Mobilong Rotary Club cooked up a storm with their BBQs for the community with meat provided by Uniting Care Wesley Alcohol and Other Drug program, Thomas Foods International and Farm Fresh Market.

Monday 4 July saw a beautiful morning and it was great to see many young children from local schools attend the bridge walk from Eastside, going down the main street of Murray Bridge and finishing at the local council offices where the NAIDOC awards were presented. We filled the bridge – over 500 people!

Below: The sun shone on the crowd as they marched across the bridge to celebrate NAIDOC.



The Points and Rovers footy teams pose for a group shot to record their friendly NAIDOC match.

Morning tea was announced and the Elders were invited in first, then the community joined them, thanks to the Mayor of Murray Bridge, Brenton Lewis.

Everyone was encouraged to take part in the fun day activities at Ninkowar where once again Mobilong Rotary cooked a BBQ lunch for everyone, while they all enjoyed the glorious sunshine. There were giveaways aplenty with agency stalls promoting their services to the community. This year Centrelink staff helped the Mobilong Rotary volunteers who greatly appreciated their assistance.

Wednesday 6 July, Meningie held their flag raising ceremony at the local information hub in the main street, with Val Rigney as the MC. The Mayor of the Coorong Council gave a short speech and light entertainment was provided by Rita and Mark Lindsay (with their Mum and Grandmother) and the dance group *Ritjaruki* (willywagtails, messengers) sang in Ngarrindjeri and danced to the songs.

Morning tea and light refreshments with lunch afterwards were provided at the Meningie Community Health Centre.

Thursday at Raukkan, Clyde Rigney Snr shared the history of Raukkan. He took us through a collage of history and the cultural significance of the region being a central meeting place where the most highly significant men from the different groups would meet. A beautiful lunch was cooked by the Little Local Co (thanks Amy and Neil) in the General Store with the music of Jordan Sumner as accompaniment and very pleasant company.

Congratulations to everyone who participated and organised these events. NAIDOC in the region continues to grow each year with fun and celebration for all to share and enjoy.





tips and info for foster carers

bits 'n pieces is designed with our foster carers in mind!

Here you'll find some useful information and news that will help you in your vital role as a carer. We hope you find it interesting and informative.

Changes to Serious Care Concern investigations

Due to changes that took effect on 1 June 2016 from recommendations made by the Ombudsman, the Care Concern Management Unit (CCMU) is no longer responsible for conducting serious care concerns. Future Serious Care Concerns will be conducted by the Care Concern Investigation Unit (CCIU).

Changes to the Serious Care Concern Investigation (SCCI) process

Initial Planning Meetings (IPMs) – no longer required.

Care Concern Assessment & Management Panel (CCAMP) – determine if the care concern is serious or moderate.

CCMU will complete the determination on their computer system (C3MS)

CCMU will email stakeholders – DCP Hub, Manager, Office Supervisor and Case Worker, Out-of-Home care service provider, SAPOL (if required), Office of the Guardian for Children & Young people (if a matter of sexual abuse), Care Approval and Review Unit (CARU), Assistant Director, Registration and Contract Services and other stakeholders if required by individual circumstances.

Senior Investigator – planning the investigation, contacting and consulting with stakeholders as required.

DCP – determines access and communication between person (subject of concern) and child/children as per DCP Practice circular no. 191 (Removal of a child/children from placement)

Consultation with CCIU and/or SAPOL is

required to ensure access and communication arrangements do not prejudice the investigation.

Decisions regarding access and communication to be clearly communicated to person subject of concern by DCP in person and in writing.

All written notices should contain a written acknowledgement for the person who is the subject of concern to complete and return to DCP.

Copies of written notices to be provided by DCP to SAPOL when investigation is ongoing, and CCIU.

A personal meeting with person who is subject of concern is required to advise them of the SCCI and provide them with information about the process.

If the person who is subject of concern is a foster, specific child only or kinship carer and/or volunteer, DCP and/or service provider will generally be responsible for conducting the personal meeting with the person who is subject of concern due to the involvement and communication with them.

Person subject of concern can invite a support person to attend the meeting, usually a staff member of the out-of-home care service provider.

If the person subject of concern is an out of home care (OOHC) employee, the service provider will be responsible for arranging the personal meeting.

The CCIU Senior Investigator will determine what information can be provided to the person subject of concern regarding the allegations and investigation process and prepare an investigation advisory letter to be provided to the person subject of concern at that meeting.

If the person subject of concern is a foster, specific child only or a foster carer, the letter will be generally provided to the person subject of concern by DCP and/or the service provider.

The service provider is expected to attend the meeting and provide support to the person subject of concern as required.

The letter will advise the person subject of concern to discuss access and communication arrangements with DCP if relevant.

Written confirmation that the investigation advisory letter has been provided to the person subject of concern is required. This can occur via email to the allocated Senior Investigator.

If a face-to-face meeting with the person subject of concern is not possible, the Senior Investigator will send an investigation advisory letter by registered mail.

This is a modified version of the *Serious Care Concern Investigation: Information Sheet*.

Please ask your support worker for a copy of the full Information Sheet if you would like to read it.

We want to hear your news!

If you have any ideas or information that you'd like to share with other carers on these pages, we'd love to hear from you.

Simply write to Grace Nelligan, AFSS,
341 Waymouth Street,
Adelaide SA 5000 or email grace.nelligan@afss.com.au.

Letter from a Port Augusta Carer



The following is a letter received by AFSS from one of our wonderful foster carers. Not only does it highlight the dedication of our carers, but also the amazing children who we are privileged to care for at AFSS.

Hi AFSS, just an update. Our respite child heads home tomorrow and she has been excellent with us.

She is a very clever little girl and academically very good from our limited observations. She has a vivid imagination and a bit of a tale teller but I think this is just

a bit of attention seeking, no harm in it. She loved our town and the shack and got on well at the school and with anyone we mixed with. She was great with our other foster child, they were good buddies!

I have a feeling [she] has done it a bit tough as many of these foster kids have, but we really hope she continues to do well. She was a delight to have in our family for a few weeks and we would be happy to have her again any time.

Thanks, Matt G

Changes to child care assistance

From 1 July the Department of Child Protection (DCP) is providing financial assistance towards the cost of pre-approved childcare for foster carers. DCP will pay the child care provider directly with **NO UPFRONT PAYMENTS** by the carer.

To receive this assistance a Foster Carer needs to:

Speak with your AFSS Support Worker and the child's DCP worker to demonstrate why the child needs to attend child care; be sure that the child is eligible for child care; and to get pre-approval from DCP.

Register with Centrelink for both the Child Care Benefit (CCB) and the Child Care Rebate (CCR) and nominate the payments to go directly to the Child Care (Service) provider.

Foster Carer responsibilities are to:

Provide all invoices for pre-approved child care to the department who will make payment directly to the child care centre, preferably within 14 days of getting the invoice.

Let DCP know if your circumstances change (within 14 days) that will affect your funding.

Repay any CCR repayment received at the end of the financial year to DCP.

For further information check out the following link: www.childprotection.sa.gov.au/childcarepayments or give your Support Worker a call.



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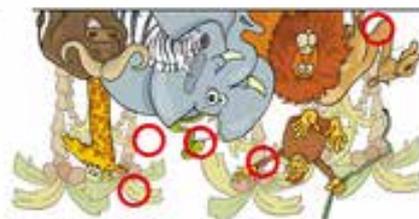
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Spot the five differences
Answers below



Healthy Homes Resilient Families heads to Koonibba

David Meyers, Community Safety and Wellbeing Facilitator, presented his first men's group to Koonibba Mission facilitating Healthy Homes Resilient Families. He had nine registered participants, however he had over 20 men on the first day that dropped in to see the what was happening. Unfortunately David had to turn away the late arrivals because the group was catered for eight people only and David told the extra men that he would be back in the near future for another program.

A few Elders dropped in and one mentioned to David that this was "the first time he had seen a group of men so captivated in the one spot without alcohol."

The three day program was successful with eight out of the nine participants attending all three days and the general feedback was the program was enjoyed by all.

At the end of the final day a few of the elder participants commented that the *That Sugar Movie* was very informative and they thought it was relevant to the needs of the mission. They told David that there is a need for a Dietician to meet with the men who have diabetes. David promised he would look into the reason why they do not have a trained Dietician who can visit those men with diabetes.

The men at Koonibba also mentioned to David that the reason they find it hard to plan diets and eat healthy is because they do not have the facilities like a supermarket or general store on site at Koonibba.

David suggested that they should start a program in conjunction



Above: David Meyers, left, is pictured with Lindsay May, who makes amazing traditional artifacts through the Aboriginal Drug and Alcohol Centre.

with Work for the Dole to grow their own vegetables and even farm livestock to help overcome the issues of fresh produce at the mission. This motivated a conversation about how they had a massive garden and produce farm in the 70s, however since the Elders who oversaw this operation have

passed the produce gardens have since faded. The men became excited and enthusiastic and started talking about reinventing the garden again. David wished them luck and hopes they move forward with the concept so Koonibba can have easy, free access to fresh produce.



Pictured above, from left: Lisa McClure, Mary (Chris) McCormack, Donna Dixon and George McCormack.

AFSS long-term carers look forward to well-deserved retirement

Mary (Christine) McCormack and family have been long term carers in Coober Pedy both with AFSS and Department for Child Protection (known then as FAYS) and have cared for over 50 children and young people.

Mary has brought a loving and caring family environment to the children in her care. Mary and family have been an asset to AFSS and we wish her and family all the best for the future.



Welcome to the AFSS team!



Hi! My name is **Anna Angus** and I am very excited to be part of the wonderful team at AFSS Port Lincoln. My role is Community Development Worker - Aboriginal Gambling Help Service. I have significant experience in my past role as a Project Manager, engaging, educating and supporting community and developing sustainable partnerships with stakeholders. I am very passionate about helping our community and look forward to raising awareness and providing support relating to problem gambling.



Hi my name is **Edward Fuller** and I have joined the Corporate Services team at head office as a Finance Officer.

I love working in the not-for-profit sector and helping people

to access services that make a difference to their lives.

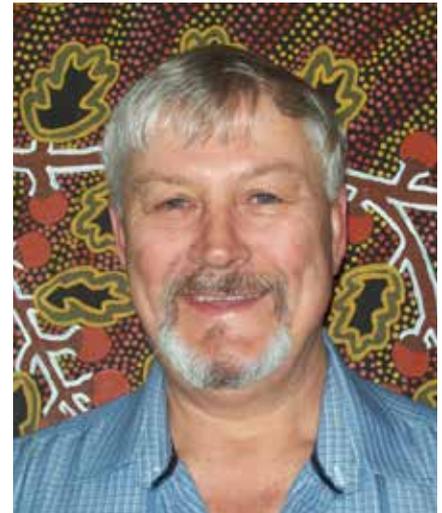
I have most recently worked for an NGO delivering specialist health services to rural SA and in particular to Aboriginal Health Services.

I look forward to meeting and working with you all.



Hello, my name is **Hailey Lawrence** and I have recently joined the Metropolitan Family Based Care team as an Assessment Officer. My mother is Maori and we hail from the Te Aupouri Iwi (tribe), the largest tribe of the North Island. My mother has 10 brothers, 4 sisters, and 12 step-brothers and sisters. I love coming from such a large family where family and community are central to our lives, as they are in Aboriginal communities. I hold qualifications in Counselling, Social Science, and a Masters in Social Work. My background is in disability, drug and alcohol counselling and working with refugee, migrant and Aboriginal young people and their families. I spent some time on the APY Lands and in India as part of my Social Science degree and have travelled far and wide. I absolutely love to travel

and learn about different cultures as this continually teaches me that there is more than one way to do anything. I feel honoured to be a new member of AFSS and look forward to working with you all and contributing to positive outcomes for the families we engage with.



My named is **Craig Cannell** and I have recently joined the AFSS Accounts and Admin team.

I was born in Adelaide and joined a bank straight out of school. After 10 years of service for the bank working in Adelaide and Melbourne, my wife and I decided we would like to travel and see a bit of this great country.

We were very privileged to be able to work in many industry sectors and travel to all corners of Australia; from Thursday Island to Margaret River, Kalumbaru to Hobart. There's something special and a bit of magic everywhere you go.

After more than 30 years out of the state it was time to come home and be closer to family.

We still have so much to see with a future goal to travel through the centre and up into the Gulf Country.

Office of the Guardian visits

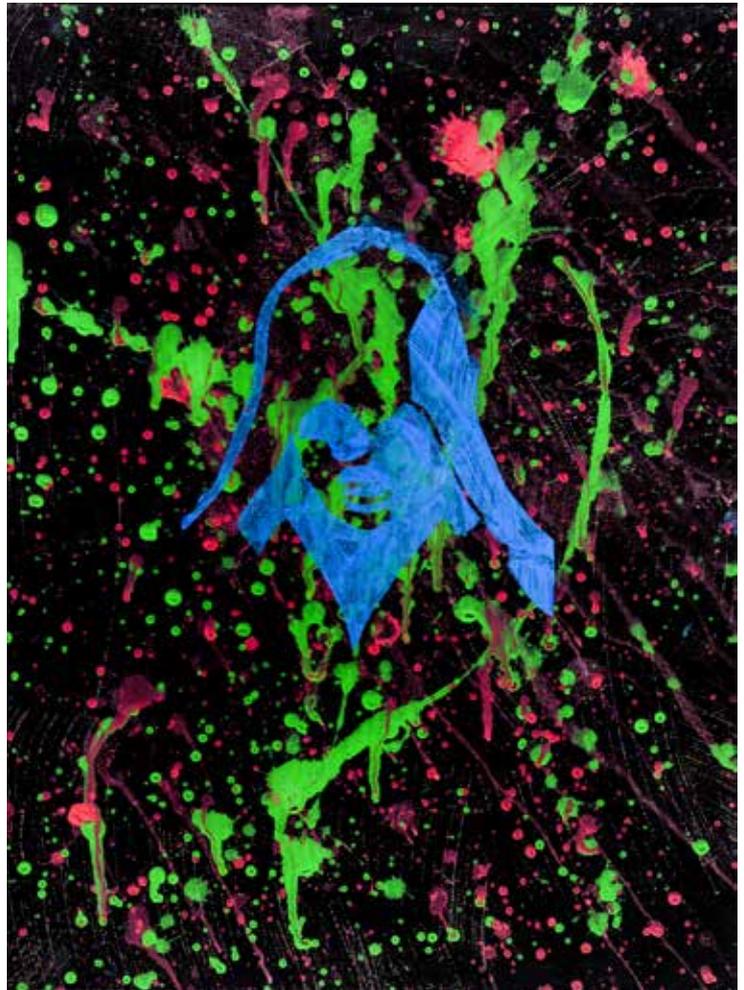
The Office of the Guardian for Children and Young People advocates for and promotes the best interests of young people and children under the guardianship of the Minister.

During July Conrad from the Office met with young people living in AFSS Residential Services to talk with them about his role and how he may be able to support and advocate for them.

One young person was very proud to share his art work with Conrad which resulted in his work being featured on the front page of the Office of the Guardian for Children and Young People's newsletter this month.

The front page of the Newsletter was in honour of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day, on 4 August.

The art work that was used is pictured on the right.



Foster Carers needed URGENTLY

Aboriginal Family Support Services is looking for family based carers who are committed to providing safe and culturally appropriate homes for children & young people.

You can be single or a couple, with or without children. And whether you're willing to provide emergency, short term, respite or long term care, we'd love to hear from you!

Contact:

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Cooper Pedy Lisa McClure lisa.mcclure@afss.com.au 8672 3066

Port Augusta Deb Merchant deborah.merchant@afss.com.au 8641 0907

Port Lincoln Toni-Lee Miller toni-lee.miller@afss.com.au 8683 1909



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First Graduates of Respect Sista Girls 2

Community and Safety Wellbeing facilitator, Nirelle Coleman began delivering the first roll out of Respect Sista Girls 2 (RSG2) in Port Augusta at the Carlton Children's Centre for eight weeks every Monday morning commencing 8 May.

Eight Aboriginal women attended all sessions. The group was amazing from the first module to the very last.

Over the 8 weeks it was evident that every participant's self value, self-worth and confidence grew immensely. Now they are empowered to make the right choices and decisions in life knowing there is always a reaction to an action.

To watch the women grow was fantastic as it not only helped them, but also their families and rippled out into the community. The stronger and more empowered Aboriginal women become the better for our families and communities.

There was plenty of laughter, tears and funny stories shared and a feeling of love within this group. It was quite sad when the workshops came to an end with this group but was an amazing feeling knowing that we were able to give these women more tools to become empowered and that we were a part of their personal growth.

Nirelle can't wait to be able to present these women with their well-earned certificates and to make them feel special and proud as strong Aboriginal women.

Nirelle's dream is for all Aboriginal women to become strong and empowered so they can pass their knowledge down to their children and grandchildren so culture can become strong and powerful again. Her dream is happening at the moment through RSG2.



Pictured, from left: Back row Nirelle (AFSS Facilitator), Rachel, Shianna, Freadora, Ashleigh, Leilani; Middle row Marianne, Miranda, Eunice (AFSS Facilitator); Front, Shonelle.

The feedback was awesome!

"Attending Respect Sista Girls 2 I am more confident in myself, more outgoing, more outspoken and able to talk more openly than before I attended this program"

"Attending Respect Sista Girls 2 really dug deep which has empowered me with my own personal battles"

"I am more confident about myself"

"Respect Sista Girls 2 gave me the passion to want to chase my dreams again because I gave up a few years ago. Now I can talk proudly about myself with a smile"

"Nirelle and Eunice are the best facilitators"

"Having more confidence to talk about different issues in my life"

"The Respect Sista Girls 2 program is very positive. The facilitators have become a part of our group we call family"

Circle of Security empowers Aboriginal parents

Community Safety and Wellbeing offered the *Circle of Security – Parenting* workshop in collaboration with Parents Next – Your Town, Elizabeth SA, and the Rise community Centre. The AFSS Facilitator worked with parents over an 8-week period delivering the workshop using Aboriginal-specific learning techniques. This involved yarning, story telling, pictorials, and multi stimuli approaches.

Each participant came with their own individual goals and their own barriers to learning, but cohesion amongst the group was quickly established. Parents who were isolated made connections and developed friendships that carried on outside the program. Some participants shared that this was the first certificate they had ever received.

The *Circle of Security – Parenting* workshop is offered at The Rise Community Centre in an 8-week block all year round. Please phone 8254 1077 to register.

Pictured at right are some of our proud graduates. Congratulations to you all!





More fun at the AFSS Connection to Culture Children's Day



NAIDOC in Port Augusta

A manager's work is never done, according to Ray Willis, Manager of the AFSS Port Augusta regional office!!

While everyone was busily setting up stalls and marquees on the lawns of Gladstone Square he could be found skinning and cutting up the kangaroo tails for a hearty stew for NAIDOC celebrations.

The NAIDOC event was well attended and everyone had fun, enjoying a BBQ and other delights, with games and giveaways for the kids.



Together with the community



Foster Carer Training Cultural Awareness

Gain an understanding of Aboriginal history and issues as they impact on the children and young people in your care

When: 7 September 2017

Where: First Floor Training Room
AFSS, 134 Waymouth Street
Adelaide

Time: 9.30am - 3.00pm

Lunch and morning tea provided

Please advise support worker of any special dietary requirements

Please book through your Support Worker or phone Judy on 8205 1500

Aboriginal Family Support Services



Port Augusta celebrates Families Week

The Families Week and Family Matters event was held on the grassy Central Oval on 19 May and was attended by about 700 parents and children.

A number of local agencies provided food and giveaways and plenty of attractions and activities for the kids to enjoy.

There was a 30 metre stone climbing wall to challenge the adventurous, while others made the most of the giveaways, including beanies, balls, colouring in books and pencils. The younger children had fun with the AFSS “happy clappers”, however some of the parents didn’t enjoy them quite so much – they really *are* loud!

The event concluded with the night time screening of the popular movie *Finding Dory*, enjoyed on Central Oval beneath a cloudless sky, even though the night was a little chilly.



Above: Alicia (hidden), Deb and Leonie hand out giveaways and promotional material to kids and parents.

All in all the children and families who attended had a great afternoon and night.

Ceduna National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children’s Day

Ceduna has been celebrating this special day on 4 August for a number of years at the Ngura Yadurirn Children and Family Centre. Over the years more and more people have been participating and visiting the activities planned.

This year over 250 people took part in painting with the Elders, basket weaving, stories in language, making bush medicine, face painting and cooking damper, lambs and kangaroo tails. Warren Miller from ADAC – Ceduna Stepping Stones organised the kangaroo tail cooking and explained to everyone how this is done.

Over 40 kangaroo tails were cooked on the day. AFSS participated with SNAICC bags and other giveaways as well as supporting the multiple activities for the day. We hope next year’s National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children’s Day will be even bigger!



Above: The children were treated to a demo of Kangaroo tail cooking by Warren Miller.



Aboriginal Gambling Help Service Port Lincoln

In-service information session

Problem Gambling

3 Gloucester Terrace

Friday 8 September 10.30am

Contact Anna Angus
0428 329 972 to find out more



AFSS Aboriginal Gambling Help Service presentation schedule



Below is the schedule for upcoming AGHS presentations.

If you would like any more information, or if you, your clients, or anyone you know would benefit from attending, please register your interest by calling the AFSS staff member, listed below, at the office in the region where the presentation will take place.

Date and time	Location	Contact
Wednesday 30 August 10.00am -12.00 noon Light morning tea provided <i>What am I really Gambling with?</i> Wednesday 27 September 10.00am -12.00 noon Light morning tea provided <i>Deadly Choices</i>	AFSS Office 23 Denny Street Berri	Norman Giles Phone 8582 3193
Monday September 4 10.00am – 12.00 noon Light morning tea provided Monday October 9 <i>Gambling in the Workplace</i>	Carers' SA Meeting Room 95 Swanport Road Murray Bridge	Bronte Warneke Phone 0418 499 649
Friday 8 September 2017 10am - 12 noon Light morning tea provided <i>Problem Gambling 2</i> Friday 22 September 2017 10.00am - 12.00 noon Light morning tea provided <i>Gambling and the Workplace</i>	Footsteps to Recovery Ellis Cl, Pt Augusta West Port Augusta Pika Wiya Health Service (Home & Community Care) 40-46 Dartmouth St Port Augusta	Charles Jackson Phone 8641 0907
Friday 8 September 11.00am – 12.00pm <i>Problem Gambling</i> Monday 25 September 11.00am – 12.00pm <i>Problem Gambling</i>	AFSS Office 3 Gloucester Terrace Port Lincoln Community House 14 Conrad Street Port Lincoln	Anna Angus Phone 0428 329 972

What is the AFSS Aboriginal Gambling Help Service?

AFSS Aboriginal Gambling Help Service recognises the need in the community to support Aboriginal people and their significant others, where gambling has become, or is potentially developing into, a problem. AFSS also recognises that education and awareness are fundamental in supporting

Aboriginal people who have gambling problems by:

1. Building resilience
2. Promoting connectedness
3. Awareness and education.

To find out more, visit the AFSS website, www.afss.com.au or ring the Aboriginal Gambling Help Service staff member in your region:

- ❑ Murray Bridge - Bronte Warneke, 0418 499 649
- ❑ Berri/Barmera - Norman Giles, 8532 3192
- ❑ Port Augusta - Charlie Jackson, 8641 0907
- ❑ Port Lincoln - Anna Angus, 0428 499 649.





Where to find us

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Phone (08) 8582 3192

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Smithfield SA 5114
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Ceduna

28 Poynton Street
Ceduna SA 5690
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Lot 1991 Aylett Street
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Murray Bridge

C/-Moorundi Aboriginal
Community Controlled
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Port Lincoln

3 Gloucester Terrace
Port Lincoln SA 5606
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The Wacky Café

One of our creative young people has been very busy setting up his very own Wacky Café in one of AFSS Residential Services.

The young person has used



In the young person's own words:

Welcome to my Wacky Café.

Menus will be available when you visit and will surprise and delight you.

The café will be very busy, with lots of people visiting.

We have provided board games for your entertainment.

You can also relax and watch some TV. If you're feeling energetic, there is a disco room at an additional cost of \$10 per person. Please come along and enjoy.



resources from around the house reorganising furniture, tables, table cloths and cups of tea and coffee and even spent time designing and painting a sign for the café (*see photos below*).

A future entrepreneur!

NAIDOC in Port Lincoln

In true Port Lincoln style the NAIDOC celebrations were held with rain and mud again this year!

Due to the weather the march was cancelled and NAIDOC opening celebrations were held at the Youthoria theatre, followed by a community BBQ.



Above: Robin Sambo, Port Lincoln Aboriginal Health Service; Chris Presage, West Coast Youth Services; Anne Hennessy, Centacare; Connie Mundy, Aboriginal Family Violence Legal Service; Donna Carr, AFSS; Mandy Goodland, Housing SA gather to celebrate NAIDOC.

Events ran across the week, with a children's disco, Elders lunch, quiz night, basketball competition, cook-out at the Mallee Park Wombat Pit and finished with the NAIDOC cabaret.

AFSS ran a photo booth at the cook-out that showcased the celebration of the different languages spoken within our community.