



# BLOODWOOD TREE BANTER

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Women and children at Warralong enjoy a recent therapeutic arts session as part of the Bloodwood Tree Alcohol and Other Drug Support Services Outreach Program for our surrounding communities.

Bloodwood Tree provides outreach Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) Support Services to people living in and around Yandeyarra, Warralong and Marble Bar.

Services are provided to Yandeyarra and Warralong weekly. Visits occur fortnightly to Marble Bar. During these visits, direct one-on-one counselling sessions are provided, referral support/assistance, as well as preventative educational based sessions. Sessions are delivered to both adults and local youths through visits to the community school.

The Bloodwood Tree AOD Support Services use consistent messages and themes at each of our outreach locations, so irrespective of location or age, all members of our surrounding communities receive the same information, materials and

domestic and family violence. Thus, overnight stays occurred at Yandeyarra and Marble Bar during the month. This enabled our AOD staff to provide greater detail within the training and importantly, enhanced support for our clients, especially on alternatives to violence.

In future, our surrounding communities will see the Bloodwood Tree AOD team focus on cyclone season safety, and continuing with the 'no alcohol for youth is best.' With the holiday season rapidly approaching, our AOD team will specifically teach and empower Yandeyarra and Warralong school children about being safe. Importantly, the emphasis to students will be the need to have your own safety plan regardless of age, for when you are home and away from home.

## ALCOHOL & OTHER DRUG SUPPORT SERVICES WELL RECEIVED IN THE COMMUNITIES

preventative support.

August saw the Bloodwood Tree AOD staff focus on alcohol use and the effects of both short and long-term alcohol dependencies. September was focussed on cannabis use and its effects. Additionally, our AOD staff acted on direct requests received from community members, and focussed on strategies and capacity building support around

### BLOODWOOD TREE - CLIENT SERVICES

<i>Alcohol &amp; Other Drug Services</i>	#
<i>Counselling Appointments</i>	75
<i>Drug &amp; Alcohol Education Sessions</i>	8
<i>Community visits: Marble Bar</i>	2
<i>Community visits: Yandeyarra</i>	4
<i>Community visits: Warralong</i>	4
<i>Stakeholder meetings: attendance</i>	7
<i>Aboriginal Training &amp; Employment</i>	
<i>Resume assistance</i>	70
<i>Transition to employment: participants</i>	24
<i>Participants into employment</i>	10
<i>Aboriginal Youth: Career Plans</i>	28
<i>Jobs on Job Board</i>	81
<i>DRIVER TRAINING</i>	
<i>Justice Intervention: participants</i>	64
<i>Driving lessons</i>	65
<i>Driver education: workshops</i>	3
<i>Administration</i>	
<i>Identifications</i>	154
<i>Emergency Relief Cards</i>	25
<i>Wapa Maya/Sobering Up Centre</i>	
<i>Homeless breakfasts</i>	418
<i>Sobering Up Centre: Overnight stays</i>	131
<i>Housing Support</i>	
<i>Healthy Living Program: participants</i>	19
<i>Community Patrol</i>	
<i>Water Bottles distributed at CBD</i>	539
<i>Referrals from Sth Hedland CBD</i>	97
<i>Observations: Sth Hedland CBD</i>	64
<i>Community Patrol Service Pick Up</i>	1003

## FINAL MORRIS CORPORATION WORK READY PROGRAM UNDERWAY FOR 2017

This year, Bloodwood Tree, North Regional Tafe and Morris Corporation have together delivered three tailored work-ready programs that have each assisted local clients become employed.

The final work-ready program for 2017 is currently underway. The first stage commenced 27

September and ran until 11 October. During this time, 12 local Aboriginal participants came into Bloodwood Tree, each weekday. Assisted by our staff, they worked on their work fitness, online application (cover letter and resume), obtained photo identification, National Police Clearance checks, completed their Tafe enrolment, received computer basics support as well as listened to talks on drugs/alcohol and mental health (work-life balance).

From 16 October to 3 November, the second stage of the program continues with Tafe training on 'work-ready preparation.' Units include workplace etiquette, protocols, health/safety, food safety and food handling as well as fitness and physical activities.



Manager - Employment & Training Services, Karen Garlett with Clem Taylor

Currently, six clients are working at Club Hamilton. Most of our clients have used the work ready-program as a launch point into other local employment opportunities while others have used it to undertake further training.

One of our successful clients from our March program is South Hedland local, Clem Taylor. Since completing the program on 31 March, Clem commenced work with Morris Corporation at Club Hamilton as a General Utility/Catering/Stores Person. With the assistance of the Youth Involvement Council and WA Police, Bloodwood Tree was able to secure a bike for Clem so he could be self-sufficient in getting to and from work. This helped Clem settle into his new job well. Clem was recognised through a whole team nomination from his work colleagues for his outstanding efforts during August. Morris Corporation advised Bloodwood Tree

that "Clem is a huge asset to our team and a highly valued team member." Bloodwood Tree is proud to receive this feedback. Well done Clem and keep up the great work!



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