



BLOODWOOD TREE BANTER

F E B R U A R Y U P D A T E

WORK READY PROGRAMS KICK STARTED FOR 2018

With the New Year well underway, Bloodwood Tree has become a hive of activity these past few weeks as the first Work Ready Program for 2018 commenced.

The Bloodwood Tree Work Ready Programs are tailored in a partnership with North Regional Tafe and various local employers, to assist currently unemployed adult participants to enter into meaningful local employment.

Last year, saw Bloodwood Tree successfully ran five Work Ready Programs. Based on the results of the efforts last year, Bloodwood Tree has six Work Ready Programs scheduled for 2018. This means there will be increased opportunities for our participants to be assisted into employment this year.

The Work Ready Programs are a combination of initial preparation at Bloodwood Tree. In the first weeks, participants are assisted with physical fitness, job applications (including cover letter, resume, assistance addressing selection criteria and mock interviews), obtaining photo identification,



Bloodwood Tree Work Ready participants recently toured the kitchen and food preparation operations at South Hedland's AHL Hostel

National Police Clearance checks, receiving computer basics support and participation in sessions on work place etiquette, drugs/alcohol and mental health (work-life balance). Depending on the requirements of the employer, participants will then either go into workplace work experience or undergo training in specific units at North Regional Tafe.

Afterwards, matched with the participant's desired employment field and a supportive local employer, at the completion of the 5-8 week Work Ready Program, participants leave Bloodwood Tree confident, experienced and eager to be successful future employees.

The first Work Ready Program for 2018 has been focusing on catering, kitchens and food preparations. Future programs will focus on administration, plant operation, support work, housekeeping, catering and gardening.

To find out more about the Bloodwood Tree Work Ready Programs planned for 2018 or how Bloodwood Tree can help you, a family member or loved one, obtain employment, please contact our friendly Bloodwood Tree Employment & Training Support Services team.

If you are a local employer and are able to provide adult work experience

opportunities for our Work Ready participants in any employment field, please contact our Manager, Employment & Training Services. Through a voluntary and no-obligation approach, the adult work experience opportunities provide invaluable real world experience and a significant confidence boost for our participants.

JULY - DECEMBER: 2017

BLOODWOOD TREE CLIENT SERVICES

Alcohol & Other Drug Services	#
Counselling appointments	540
Drug & Alcohol Education sessions	55
Community Visits – Marble Bar	12
Community Visits – Yandeyarra	24
Community Visits – Warralong	14
Stakeholder Meeting attendance	31

Aboriginal Training & Employment	#
Resume Assistance	408
Work Ready Program participants	63
Clients into employment	33
Aboriginal Youth Career plans	76
Jobs displayed on Job Board	494

Driver Training	#
Justice Intervention participants	62
Driving Lessons delivered	377
Driver Education Workshops delivered	12
Vehicle Licences obtained	54

Administration	#
Identifications provided	1,114
Emergency Relief Cards	108

Wapa Maya/Sobering Up Centre	#
Homeless Support Breakfast Program	2,841
Sobering Up Centre Overnight Stays	919

Housing Support	#
Healthy Living Program participants	23

Community Patrol	#
Water Bottles distributed at CBD	4,107
Referrals from Sth Hedland CBD	261
Community Patrol Service Pick Up	6,884

BLOODWOOD TREE EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING BUSINESS AFTER HOURS EVENT

THURSDAY 15 MARCH 5.30-7.00PM

HEAR ABOUT INITIATIVES THAT HELP JOBSEEKERS BECOME WORK READY. Find out what assistance and mentoring Bloodwood Tree can give when providing future 'work ready' employees for your business. Information - contact 9138 3017.

FEEDBACK SOUGHT FOR DRAFT 2018-2020 LOCAL ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS PLAN

Draft 2018-2020 Port Hedland Alcohol and Other Drug Management Plan

The culmination of a number of workshops and meetings, has seen the Port Hedland Alcohol and Other Drug Management Plan Working Group (PHAODMPWG) recently finalise the draft

2018-2020 Port Hedland Alcohol and Other Drug Management Plan.

The PHAODMPWG is seeking public comment on the initiatives and strategies proposed for the next two years in order to reduce the harms associated with alcohol and other drug use locally.

The Port Hedland Alcohol and Other Drug Management Plan Working Group (PHAODMPWG) has been collectively working together, to reduce the harms associated with alcohol and other drug use locally since 2013.

The Working Group comprises of Federal, State and Local Government services,

as well as not-for profit, Native Title and community organisations.

The previous 2014-2016 Plan had outcomes that focused on: (1) Changing the Culture of Alcohol Consumption in Port Hedland; (2) Reduction of the secondary supply of alcohol to youth; and (3) Preventing and reducing volatile substance use (VSU).

The new draft Plan has the following four areas identified as 'priority' areas for action: (1) Changing the culture/normalisation of alcohol use in Port/South Hedland; (2) Addressing the impact of alcohol on families and young people; (3) Reducing alcohol-related violence in Port/South Hedland; and (4) Addressing needle syringe disposal issues and raising awareness of local NSP programs.

The draft Plan proposes initiatives such as: developing and implementing a local public awareness education campaign to raise the issue of the effects of alcohol as 'a whole of community issue,' further promoting local AOD services through a referral guide, with local youth developing a local alcohol message on the harmful impacts of alcohol; supporting the implementation of the Good Sports Program; investigating the development of a banned drinkers register; creation

of a local men's group and/or men's shed; and reporting pathways for the community if they find incorrectly disposed needles.

To obtain a full copy of the draft Plan, please contact the Port Hedland Alcohol and Other Drug Management Plan Working Group Secretariat on 9138 3006 or email: daadmin@bloodwoodtree.org.au. Feedback on the draft Plan will be accepted in any form. An online survey can be completed at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/AODMP>.

Additionally, each weekday this week, members of the PHAODMPWG will be operating an information stall at the South Hedland Shopping Centre from 10am-1pm. Members of the PHAODMPWG will be providing copies of the draft Plan and surveying local residents.

Public comment closes Thursday 1st March 2018. Don't miss your chance to have your say on this important Management Plan. To request a presentation on the draft 2018-2020 Port Hedland Alcohol and Other Drug Management Plan, please contact the PHAODMPWG Secretariat ph 9138 3006 or email: daadmin@bloodwoodtree.org.au



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