



BLOODWOOD TREE BANTER

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DRIVER TRAINING SCHOOL HELPS CLIENTS KICK LIFE GOALS

Many may not realise that the Bloodwood Tree Employment and Training Support Services includes a Driver Training team.

Bloodwood has two qualified instructors and two specially equipped vehicles (manual and automatic). It also provides 'Keys For Life' workshops so that clients can gain their Learner's Permit. The workshops are specially designed to reduce the reliance on reading and writing. The 'K4L' workshops are ideal for clients where English is not their first language. They use props, photos and audiovisual materials to guide the participant comprehensively through the Western Australian road rules.

Bloodwood Tree also assists clients to obtain their 100 points of identification needed to obtain their Learner's Permit including assisting with applications for a birth certificate and support in obtaining others forms of secondary identification.



A happy Brynie Kelly. Bloodwood Tree not only successfully assisted her into employment, but also helped her to obtain her driver's licence.

Bloodwood Tree also assists clients who have lost their licence through failure to pay fines, to enter into payment plans so the client can work towards getting their licence re-instated.

The two driver training vehicles are also hired out to clients who need a vehicle for their PDA test. Accessing a vehicle can often be the difference between being able to go for a licence test or not.

Drivers licences are truly 'Keys For Life.' Many employers require job seekers to possess a valid drivers licence, even if

driving is not a key task of the job. Often, a licence is used as a means of identification and it is frequently a safety requirement for clients who work on or between sites.

An example is local resident, Brynie Kelly. Brynie recently succeeded in gaining employment with Morris Corporation as a Utilities Person. Driving lessons helped her to grow in confidence. So much so, that Brynie successfully passed her PDA. Brynie is well on her way to kicking her life goals, with a new job. She is now on her way to providing her own means of transport between her home in Port Hedland and her place of work at South Hedland's Club Hamilton. Bloodwood Tree is really proud that it has been able to assist Brynie to turn her life around.

By sticking to her goals and with consistent effort, Brynie

is now well on her way. Well done, Brynie!

If you are seeking a driving lesson or need assistance to access a roadworthy vehicle for your PDA test, please contact the friendly Bloodwood Tree Driver Training Team on 9138 3015 or pop into 19 Hamilton Rd, South Hedland.

BLOODWOOD TREE - CLIENT SERVICES

Alcohol & Other Drug Services	#
Counselling Appointments	124
Drug & Alcohol Education Sessions	10
Community visits: Marble Bar	2
Community visits: Yandeyarra	4
Community visits: Warralong	4
Stakeholder meetings: attendance	6
Aboriginal Training & Employment	
Resume assistance	60
Transition to employment: participants	215
Participants into employment	1
Aboriginal Youth: Career Plans	1
Jobs on Job Board	91
Driver Training	
Justice Intervention: participants	55
Driving lessons	48
Driver education: workshops	2
Vehicle licences obtained	19
Administration	
Identifications	275
Emergency Relief Cards	33
Wapa Maya/Sobering Up Centre	
Homeless breakfasts	418
Sobering Up Centre: Overnight stays	164
Housing Support	
Healthy Living Program: participants	15
Community Patrol	
Water Bottles distributed at CBD	981
Referrals from Sth Hedland CBD	58
Community Patrol Service Pick Up	1370

BLOODWOOD & ASHBURTON BUSINESS AFTER HOURS EVENT
THURSDAY 7 DECEMBER 5.30 - 7.00PM

LEARN ABOUT THE EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING SERVICES THAT BLOODWOOD AND ASHBURTON PROVIDE.

Hear about initiatives that assist jobseekers to become 'work ready.' Find out how Bloodwood and Ashburton provide assistance and mentoring services to deliver future 'work ready' employees for your business.

PROJECT A SUCCESS FOR THOSE AT RISK

Bloodwood Tree and Mission Australia-Pilbara have been leading an innovative project that has seen the community and social services help those vulnerable and/or at risk around the South Hedland CBD. To date, the project is making a significant difference improving the lives of those in need.

The original project started in December 2016 with free bottles of water handed out to those frequenting South Hedland Town Square. Thanks to additional funding secured from Western Australian Primary Health Alliance [WAPHA] and the Federal Government, the project now is taking the services to the people, providing support and assistance to those in need around the South Hedland CBD.

Formally commencing 1 July 2017, 2,346 bottles of water and 257 referrals and accompanied service visits have been made. Referrals include medical appointments, housing referrals, accommodation assistance, food voucher emergency relief, NDIS referrals, alcohol and other drug counselling, women's refuge

referral, Centrelink assistance and referrals to employment agencies. To date, people have been assisted with short-term accommodation, dentist visits, hearing aids, glasses and walking stick/mobility aids to mention just some. Bloodwood Tree enjoys



People in the South Hedland Town Square receiving support, assistance and free bottles of water through the South Hedland CBD Support Project, as a part of Bloodwood Tree Community Patrol Service in partnership with Mission Australia.

very good participation from local community and social service agencies/stakeholders joining them in the South Hedland Town Square. Since August, the project has effectively had one agency/

stakeholder each week and be a part of the Program.

To date, the Hedland Well Womens Centre, EPIC, YIC, Turner River Rehabilitation Centre, Bloodwood Tree Counsellors have all been a part of the South Hedland CBD Support Project.

Bloodwood Tree is keen to expand the South Hedland CBD Support Project from free bottles of water to once-a-week food offerings through a pop-up food/soup kitchen. The Port Hedland Liquor Accord, as well as local camp and accommodation providers, have strongly supported this. They are working with Bloodwood Tree to plan how this will work, so those in need of food and emergency relief can access them. Bloodwood Tree will progress this and look towards regular food offerings after all the appropriate food handling, food safety, delivery approvals are secured.

For information and how to become involved, please contact Bloodwood Tree CEO, Kelly Howlett on 9138 3010 or email: ceo@bloodwoodtree.org.au



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