



# BLOODWOOD TREE BANTER

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## WORKING TOGETHER TO BEAT AIR-CON BILL SHOCK

Julyardi Aboriginal Corporation, Horizon Power and Bloodwood Tree joined forces last week to provide a facilitated education session for local households on power saving in the home.

This was a part of the Bloodwood Tree Thrive Program local tenancy and support services. The session focused on in home power usage with a particular emphasis on air conditioner operation and how to employ best practice use of air conditioners.

The workshop participants learnt about ideal operating temperatures for air-conditioners, how fans can assist you to feel cooler, regular air conditioner cleaning and annual maintenance to improve air conditioner operations.

The workshop proved very popular. Positive feedback was received from those in attendance. All felt that they were feeling better informed and empowered to operate their in-home air conditioners, without the

dreaded fear of bill shock and the possibility of their household power being disconnected.



**AOD THERAPY GROUP EVERY MONDAY 10AM-12PM AT BLOODWOOD INFO: 9138 3006 ALL WELCOME**

PERSONAL CHANGE, STAGES, SUPPORT & MAINTAINING CHANGE.

## CHRISTMAS PROGRAM HUGELY SUCCESSFUL

Last Christmas was Bloodwood Tree's fourth year of coordinating the Hedland Community Christmas Assistance Program, on behalf of all the local service and welfare agencies. Those in need were provided with applications for assistance via referrals from local service and welfare organisations. This reduced doubling up. The 2019 Program assisted 101 individuals, 124 families and provided presents to more than 360 children from Port and South Hedland. Toys were provided from the KMART – South Hedland Wishing Tree Appeal, and 'Food Only' gift cards from Coles. The Coles 'Food Only' gift cards were generously supported by Lotterywest, Roy Hill and FMG. The collective efforts ensured that Christmas was much brighter for a significant number within our local community. Preparations are already underway for the 2020 Hedland Community Christmas Assistance Program.



## LIFE CHANGING OUTCOMES FOR THOSE IN LIQUOR RESTRICTED HOMES

Prior to June 2019, aside from affixing signage and Police visits enforcing the alcohol ban, there were little external services support or referrals for the residents living in Liquor Restricted Premises.

From June 2019 to January 2020, Bloodwood Tree implemented the Healthy Living Project for South Hedland Liquor Restricted Houses in collaboration

with WA Police South Hedland and the Department of Communities (Housing) - thanks to the generous support of the WA Police Force Community Crime Prevention Fund.

This saw at-risk individuals and families connected to the tools and agency/service supports they needed. The project

aim was to enable tenants to lead healthier, happier lives by providing support to enable successful tenancies as well as reduce alcohol related harm and related anti-social behavior in South Hedland.

The Project made a significant difference to a number of households in South Hedland. The result saw 33 households in South Hedland engage with Bloodwood Tree. During this time, 756 visits were conducted by Bloodwood Tree staff.

In addition, the Project acted as a significant learning point for guiding organisations and

services on how to engage with this target group as well as identifying the many challenges facing those at-risk and vulnerable clients who live in public housing within South Hedland.

By securing additional support, it is hoped that this

Project will continue to assist local people living in Liquor Restricted homes to change and improve their lives, and become a potential model for future support for these premises across the State.

### POSITIVE RESULTS

- 9 people became AOD counselling clients.
- 22 people attended AOD Group Therapy sessions.
- 38 external referrals were provided.
- 5 people became mental health counselling clients.
- 6 people engaged with our Employment & Training team.
- 3 people completed Work Ready Programs.
- 2 people were employed.
- 12 people attended home maintenance and financial counselling workshops.
- 24 houses received yard clean ups by AAC. Plus 6 skip bins, 6 tip loads and 27 cleaning kits were issued.
- South Hedland Police monthly disturbance callouts reduced on average from 31 to 14.



### JULY-DECEMBER BLOODWOOD TREE CLIENT SERVICES

<b>Alcohol &amp; Other Drug Services</b>	
Counselling appointments	229
Drug & Alcohol Education sessions	103
Community Visits – Marble Bar	17
Community Visits – Yandeyarra	27
Community Visits – Warralong	24
Stakeholder Meeting attendance	18
<b>Cultural Mental Health Services</b>	
Clients Assisted	93
<b>Yandeyarra Centrelink</b>	
Clients Assisted	97
<b>Aboriginal Training &amp; Employment</b>	
Resume Assistance	137
Work Ready Program Participants	71
Clients Into Employment	25
Aboriginal Youth Career Plans	33
Jobs displayed	190
<b>Driver Training</b>	
Justice interventions	98
Driving Lessons delivered	421
Driver Education Workshops delivered	12
Vehicle Licences obtained	53
<b>Administration</b>	
Identification provided	1673
Emergency relief cards	214
<b>Wapa Maya/Sobering Up Centre</b>	
Homeless Support Breakfast program	2377
Sobering Up Centre overnight stays	702
South Hedland Soup Kitchen	2676
<b>Housing Support</b>	
Healthy Living participants	169
Thrive participants	24
<b>Community Patrol</b>	
Water Bottles distributed CBD	5839
Referrals from Sth Hedland CBD	122
Community Patrol Service pick ups	8903



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