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FEEDBACK SOUGHT FOR DRAFT 2020-2022 LOCAL PLAN FOR ALCOHOL & OTHER DRUGS

The culmination of a number of evaluation and review workshops plus feedback meetings, has seen the Port Hedland Alcohol and Other Drug Management Plan Working Group (PHAODMPWG) recently finalise its draft 2020-2022 Port Hedland Alcohol and Other Drug Management Plan.

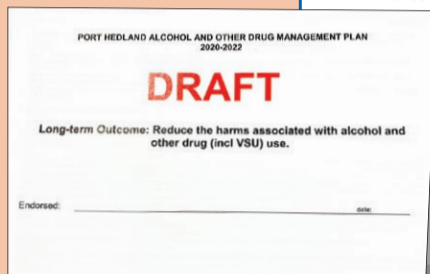
The PHAODMPWG is seeking public comment on the initiatives and strategies proposed for the next two years. The aim is to reduce local harm associated with alcohol and other drug use.

Following evaluation, review and targeted workshops with service providers and stakeholders in the lead up to the plan's development, it was felt that the same overall

general focus would remain. This effectively recognises the progress made to date and fine tunes the future focus to adapt and tackle emerging trends.

FOUR PRIORITY AREAS FOR ACTION

- (1) Changing the culture/normalisation of alcohol use in Port/South Hedland.
- (2) Addressing the impact of alcohol, other drugs (including Volatile Substance Use) on families and young people.
- (3) Reducing alcohol-related violence in Port/South Hedland.
- (4) Addressing needle syringe disposal issues and raising awareness of the role & function of local NSP/NSEP programs.



To obtain a full copy of the draft Plan, please see: <https://www.bloodwoodtree.org.au/consultation/> or alternatively 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/AODMP2020> Public comment closes Friday 3 April 2020. Please don't miss your chance to have your say!

NEW DRIVER TRAINING CAR



Bloodwood Tree recently took receipt of a bright new and blue specially equipped, manual driver training vehicle as part of its asset maintenance planning.

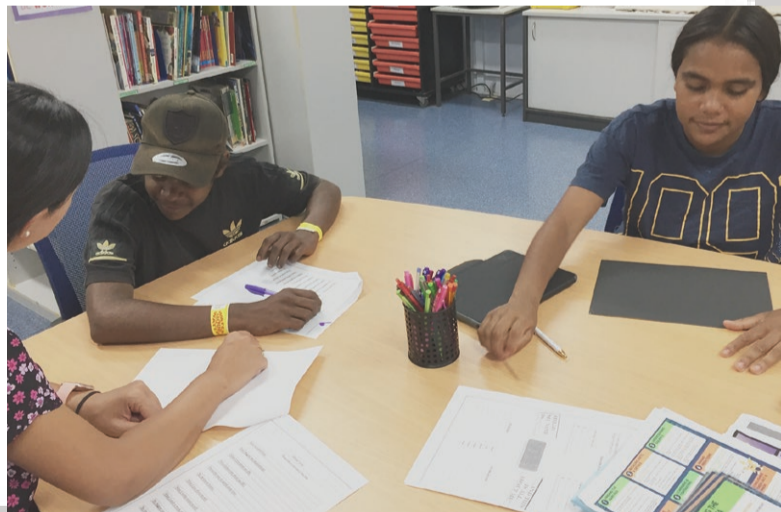
Participants of the Department of Justice's 'Enhanced Driver Training and Education for Regional and Remote Communities Project' have been enjoying using the 2019 sports model Corolla hatch, which is the newest addition to the Bloodwood Tree vehicle fleet.

The project is funded under the Royalties for Regions funding program managed by the State Government Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development.

With its distinctive colour and bright sticker work, the first participant to use the vehicle was Shenella Ejai who was all smiles, as she recently had her lesson in South Hedland.

NEW WORKBOOK USES NARRATIVE THERAPY

The Bloodwood Tree AOD team is constantly changing and improving their interactions with their clients. The AOD Therapy Groups, held every Monday



morning from 10am to 12pm at the Bloodwood Tree main office, and during the Remote Community visits, are no exception.

After receiving feedback from past clients who attended these sessions, there have now been new, culturally appropriate, workbooks developed.

The new workbooks use Narrative Therapy and other AOD principles to create another tool to assist

our clients reach their goals and gain confidence to overcome barriers.

These workbooks have been developed to accommodate both adults and youth. They are being used in the Hedland area as well as during our remote community outreach visits to Warralong, Yandeyarra and Marble Bar. Feedback from both clients and teachers about the new workbooks has been positive.

Comments indicate adults and youth are engaging more readily, and they better understand the material being presented. This is evident from the many

conversations that continue after the groups and the school sessions.

The pleasing result has been an increase in retained knowledge as well as a noticeable increase in positive engagement.



FEBRUARY BLOODWOOD TREE CLIENT SERVICES

Alcohol & Other Drug Services	
Counselling appointments	46
Drug & Alcohol Education sessions	9
Community Visits – Marble Bar	3
Community Visits – Yandeyarra	2
Community Visits – Warralong	3
Stakeholder Meeting attendance	5
Cultural Mental Health Services	
Clients Assisted	16
Yandeyarra Centrelink	
Clients Assisted	13
Aboriginal Training & Employment	
Resume Assistance	23
Work Ready Program Participants	20
Clients Into Employment	3
Aboriginal Youth Career Plans	0
Jobs displayed	27
Driver Training	
Justice interventions	50
Driving Lessons delivered	60
Driver Education Workshops delivered	2
Vehicle Licences obtained	5
Administration	
Identification provided	206
Emergency relief cards	50
Wapa Maya/Sobring Up Centre	
Homeless Support Breakfast program	534
Sobring Up Centre overnight stays	225
South Hedland Soup Kitchen	360
Housing Support	
Healthy Living participants	21
Thrive participants	27
Community Patrol	
Water Bottles distributed CBD	1229
Referrals from Sth Hedland CBD	33
Community Patrol Service pick ups	1541



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