



# **Outreach Newsletter**

## **June 2025**



# A note from Deputy Chief Executive Officer Jocelyn Dhu



*Werte!*

On Friday 27th June, we farewelled Jeremy McKellar, Service Manager Non-Residential Programs at DASA. Jeremy began his journey with us over seven years ago as a Shelter Worker at the Sobering Up Shelter. Since then, he embraced a range of roles, including Shelter Manager, before stepping into his most recent position.

Jeremy also took on the role of lead facilitator for the Back on Track Drink Drug Driver Program, delivering DDE sessions both in town and across remote communities. He had a genuine passion for going out bush, especially if there was water nearby and never missed a chance to cast a fishing line. Always up for a challenge, Jeremy brought energy, curiosity and a sense of adventure.

Throughout his time at DASA, Jeremy was known for his great sense of humour and his unwavering willingness to lend a hand wherever it was needed. His presence, leadership and laughter will be missed by all.

**We wish Jeremy all the very best in his next chapter and look forward to hearing about his future adventures.**





# Aboriginal Outreach Team

Our Aboriginal Outreach Team (AOT) was established as an intervention and referral program in 2004 and since then has become an integral part of the organisation.

Our AOT workers Brian McDonald and Michelle Dhu, play a vital role in supporting individuals seeking to break the cycle of addiction. Through dedicated case management and outreach, they connect clients with essential services, including our Sobering Up Shelter, Aranda House & Alternative to Custody programs.

In addition to linking clients with DASA's internal programs, Brian and Michelle collaborate closely with community service providers to ensure a holistic and supportive approach to recovery.

Everyday is different for the team. Some days you can find them assisting clients with housing applications, banking tasks & shopping trips. Other days they're providing valuable cultural advice to staff, holding a BBQ down at the Alice Springs Town Council lawns or attending important training to upskill.

Brian and Michelle are a happy and vibrant team ready to take on a challenge so please feel free to contact them on 8950 5000 if you or somebody you know could benefit from their program.



**Michelle**



**Brian**



# Drink Driver Education

The Back on Track Drink Drug Driver Education (DDE) program is a structured, educational intervention initiative designed for individuals who have been caught driving under the influence of alcohol (DUI). This program is often court-mandated or required as part of license reinstatement processes. The primary aim is to reduce the likelihood of reoffending by increasing awareness of the dangers and consequences of impaired driving. DASA covers both the Central and Barkly regions of the Northern Territory and between April and June 2025 classes have been facilitated in Alice Springs (4), Tennant Creek (1) and 2 remote communities – Tjuwanpa & Arlparra.



For all DDE enquiries, please call our friendly Intake & Assessment team on 8950 5000 – press 3 or alternatively visit <https://www.dasa.org.au/drink-driver-course> for further information or to enrol.



# Celebrating 40 Years of DASA

## 1985 - 2025

*On 16th January 1985 Drug and Alcohol Services Australia (DASA) was officially registered to provide supervised accommodation and care for intoxicated people in Alice Springs. Since then, our organisation has grown considerably and continues to deliver services and programs in Alice Springs, across Central Australia and expanding onto Groote Eylandt.*



To commemorate our 40<sup>th</sup> year of service we held a free community event on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> April at the Alice Springs Town Council lawns. Guest speakers including Margaret Borger, Steve Edgington MLA, Joshua Burgoyne MLA and past Alternative to Custody resident Selina Newcastle who all highlighted the importance of DASA and what we bring to the community. It was a privilege to have them jump on board to support our clients on their road to recovery.



We were lucky enough to have a photographer on board for the day so if you wish to check out pics from the day, please check out the next page.

Our gratitude to the Alice Springs Town Council for their sponsorship, Milner Meats for their kind donation of meat for the BBQ as well as the Bahai Faith Community of Alice Springs for funding the jumping castle. Our thanks to all other businesses and organisations that were involved on the day.





# Out & About at DASA







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## DRUG AND ALCOHOL SERVICES AUSTRALIA (COMPANY) - MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION AND CONSENT FORM

I, the individual whose full name and address are set out below, consent to become a member of the Company and agree to be bound by its constitution.

Family Name: ..... Given Names: .....  
Residential Address: .....  
..... Postcode: .....  
Postal Address (*if different from above*):  
..... Postcode: .....  
Tel: BH ..... AH.....  
Fax: BH ..... AH.....  
Email: .....

### DECLARATION

*I hereby declare that I do not derive all or part of my income directly or indirectly from the sale or promotion of alcoholic beverages or tobacco products.*

My interest in joining DASA is

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Signature: .....

Date: .....

Applications for membership must be proposed and seconded by a current DASA Member

Proposed by (print name):	Signature:	Date:
Seconded by (print name):	Signature:	Date:
	<i>Board use only</i>	
Membership approved / not approved	Date considered by Board:	
Board President name:	Signature:	
Board secretary name:	Signature:	
Date added to membership register:	Date member notified:	



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5. **Member liability and guarantee**

5.1 The liability of each Member is limited to the amount specified in clause 5.2.

5.2 Each Member undertakes to contribute a maximum of \$10.00 to the Company if it is wound up:

5.2.1 while the Member is a Member; or

5.2.2 within one year after that Member ceases to be a Member,

for:

5.2.3 the debts and liabilities of the Company contracted before that Member ceases to be a Member; and

5.2.4 the costs, charges and expenses of winding up.

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7.4 **Applying for membership as a General Member**

7.4.1 Each applicant for membership as a General Member must apply in the form and manner determined by the Board from time to time and must provide a signed consent to comply with this Constitution.

7.4.2 The application to the Board must state whether the General Member derives all or part of their income directly from the sale or promotion of alcoholic beverages or tobacco products. This may include but is not limited to:

(a) having shares in an alcohol or tobacco company; or

(b) being on a board of an alcohol or tobacco company.

7.4.3 The Board must consider each application for membership and determine whether to accept or reject the application.

7.4.4 The Board does not need to give any reason for rejecting an application.

7.4.5 If the Board approves the application, as soon as practicable thereafter, the secretary will notify the applicant and enter their name in the Register. The applicant becomes a Member when their name is entered in the Register.

7.4.6 If the Board rejects the application, as soon as practicable thereafter the secretary will notify the applicant.