



# **Outreach Newsletter**

## **November 2025**



# A note from Service Manager Non-Residential Programs Cleavon Davis



*Wente, unta mwerre*

Hi, my name is Cleavon Davis & I am the new Non-Residential Service Manager. I am of First Nations heritage. My background is Waanyi, Kalkadoon and Eastern Arnernte.

I come from a broad range of professional backgrounds and have worked & gained extensive experiences, created and facilitated educational programs around Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander suicide prevention and have qualities in leadership and an expert in cultural knowledge.

I have worked all over Australia, explored many different First Nations countries and engage respectfully on their land. I come from lived experience – you name it I have been there emotionally and tragically. I love a challenge and make the effort. I have worked in various fields all over such as health, mental health, disabilities, men and families, crisis support, suicide prevention, education, helplines, employment, student and residential support, native title, mining, community, domestic & family sexual violence, youth justice and restorative justice.

Alcohol and drug reduction is the driving force behind my team. We are made up of highly experienced professionals that connect, engage, motivate and empower clients to believe in themselves. They guide clients to make more positive decisions for themselves, supports realistic and beneficial behaviours. All outreach teams under non-residential services are culturally appropriate and culturally sensitive to our clients when engaging and have a high understanding of a cultural holistic approach. I am here to support and lead my team to strive to support the reduction of harmful substance use to all client and individuals DASA engages with. We understand addiction can be a hard and long journey but DASA staff will endeavour to empower, be patient, show empathy, and give hope to all clients.

Remember to be culturally sensitive, culturally safe, and culturally appropriate. If you do not know please do not assume; ask the right people and get the right answers.



# Aboriginal Outreach Team

Our Aboriginal Outreach team has had a big year. DASA is ever growing as an organisation and our Outreach team are competent in engagement with First Nations clients and provide follow up communicating in local language and cultural considerations.

Michelle Dhu and Brian McDonald actively engage with individuals and families who are alcohol and drug dependent and those who relapse with alcohol and other drugs. AOT supports the positive progress of clients and families by interacting, advocating, planning and providing brief intervention when connecting to clients when in community and at DASA therapeutic communities including the Sobering Up Shelter.

AOT have presented and participated five community and internal events since June 2025:

- BBQ in the Park
- Stress Less in the Plaza
- Aranda House Men on Country program
- Community Brekky BBQ
- Break the Violence March 2025

The team have engaged with traditional Arrernte loreman Uncle Jonathan to cleanse two DASA facilities through smoking ceremonies in which is of most importance to the clients and staff members of these sites.

Our team presents monthly Safe and Smart programs to clients at the Alice Springs Correctional facility. We've delivered three sessions to men with our women's group commencing in the near future.

The AOT are outstanding in the work that they do and take on any challenge that they are up against. As an Outreach team, they are always willing to upskill and resource themselves to face the unexpected.

Please feel free to contact the AOT on 08 8950 5000 if any you mob could benefit from our service.





# Methamphetamine Outreach Team

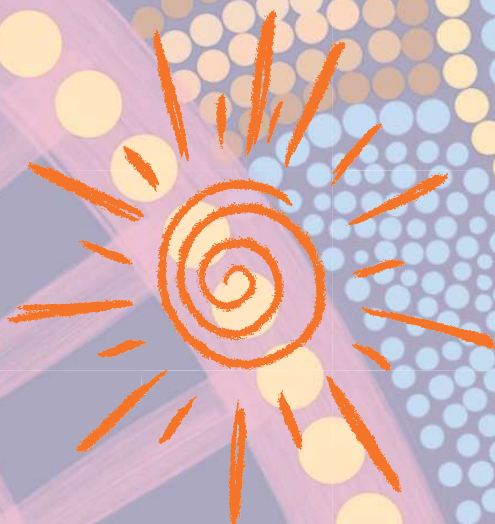
The Meth Outreach Team (MOT) is a highly confident and skilled group that provides dedicated support to individuals affected by methamphetamine use. The team engages daily with clients who often present with complex needs—a challenging space that can be mentally demanding. Despite this, the MOT consistently rises to the challenge. Their confidence stems from their strong professional skill sets, extensive experience, and, in some cases, valuable lived experience.

The team remains focused, engaging, and committed to ensuring all clients receive holistic, person-centred support. MOT workers stand beside their clients, advocate on their behalf, and create a safe environment where clients can express themselves freely. They strive to instil hope and empowerment, working in ways that align with each client's strengths and goals.

The Meth Outreach Team also supports the Aboriginal Outreach Team by participating in events throughout the year, demonstrating strong teamwork and a collaborative approach that benefits all clients.

Currently, two MOT workers are delivering exceptional service, engaging effectively with both clients and stakeholders. Their strong rapport-building skills, dedication to follow-up, and commitment to client safety ensure each person feels supported in planning and working toward their recovery journey.

In addition, one team member delivers and facilitates the Drink Driving Education Course, generously contributing her time to support and educate participants in this program.





# Sobering Up Shelter



The Sobering Up Shelter (SUS) provides supervised accommodation and care as an alternative to the police cells for people 'apprehended without arrest' for being intoxicated in a public place. Clients of this service are given a bed for the night, a meal and shower facilities; and are monitored throughout their stay.

SUS consists of eight committed team members who work tirelessly six days a week. Our staff are amazing at what they do; from how they communicate with clients and individuals who come into the facility to providing appropriate intervention and referrals to the Outreach team.

I want to take this opportunity to thank our staff for their dedication and commitment, and for the way they consistently show their support through their actions and responsibilities. Each member of the team works two stand-up shifts, and I truly appreciate the hard work they put in to provide a safe haven for all individuals who rely on our services.

**Please feel free to contact the DASA on 08 8950 5000 if you'd like to know more about the program.**

*Above pics - development of the SUS in 1984*



# 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 January and October 2025 classes have been facilitated in Alice Springs (10), Tennant Creek (3) and 3 remote communities – Gapuwiyak, Tjuwanpa & Arlparra (2).



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.



# Safe and Smart Program

The Safe and Smart program is delivered within the prison and provides participants with education on alcohol and other drugs. DASA's delivery team includes Jocelyn, Michelle, Brian, Cleavon, and Beatrice, who support the facilitation of this program. We are also fortunate to have Christine Weir from the Alice Springs Correctional Centre working onsite to assist with program setup and participant coordination.

For further information about the Safe and Smart program, please contact the DASA Non-Residential Service Manager on 08 8950 5000.





## 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.