

Outreach Newsletter

September 2026



Acknowledgement of Country

**DASA ACKNOWLEDGES THE
TRADITIONAL OWNERS OF
THE LANDS ON WHICH WE
WORK & LEARN, THE
CENTRAL ARRERNTE &
ANINDILYAKWA PEOPLE.**

**WE PAY OUR RESPECTS TO
ELDERS PAST, PRESENT &
EMERGING.**





A note from Deputy Chief Executive Officer Jocelyn Dhu

Hello!

This year has provided many opportunities for DASA staff to celebrate culture, connection and community through a range of significant events.

We were proud to participate in the local NAIDOC Week celebrations in Alice Springs, marking the important milestone of 50 years of NAIDOC. The week was a wonderful opportunity to come together to honour the history, achievements and contributions of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples while celebrating the strength and resilience of culture and community.

DASA representatives also had the privilege of attending the National NAIDOC Ball, joining organisations and community leaders from across the country in recognising and celebrating this significant anniversary. The event highlighted the achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and reinforced the importance of continuing to walk together towards a stronger future.

We were also delighted to be part of Saltbush Social Enterprises 10 Year Celebration, recognising a decade of creating opportunities, building skills and supporting positive outcomes for people across Central Australia. Saltbush plays an important role in our community, offering a range of programs and services that help individuals build confidence, develop life skills and work towards their goals.

Many of our clients have benefited from Saltbush's Foundation to Future Program, which supports participants to strengthen their skills, increase independence and explore pathways to employment and personal growth. We value our ongoing partnership with Saltbush and congratulate them on this significant milestone.

These events remind us of the importance of strong partnerships, cultural connection and community collaboration in creating meaningful opportunities and positive outcomes for the people we support.

Cheers, Jocelyn



NAIDOC WEEK

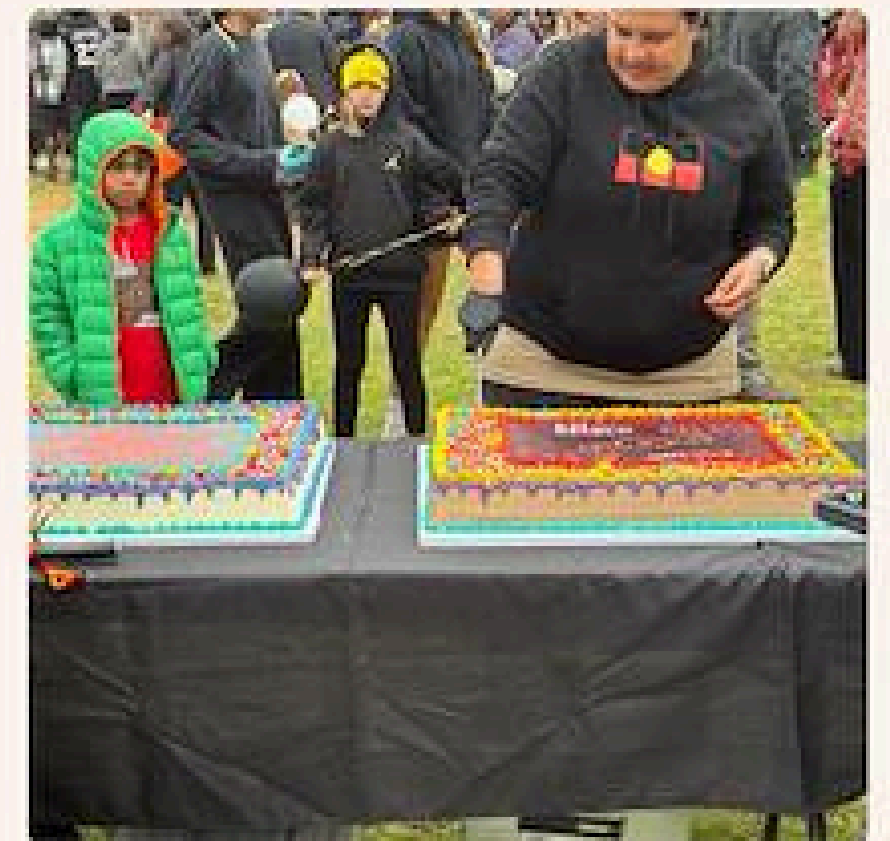
50 YEARS DEADLY

5-12 JULY 2026

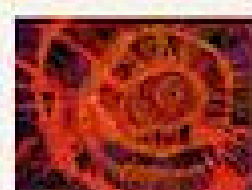


Fifty Years of Deadly signifies a significant milestone. It serves as a homage to those who forged this movement: the Elders who remained resolute, the organizers who created opportunities, the artists who transformed resistance into creativity, and the communities that consistently come together, year after year.

DASA takes immense pride in celebrating this remarkable week that honors First Nation peoples in their true essence. DASA actively participated in events and set up a stall at the Town Council Lawns, uniting the community in a shared voice.



Mparntwe (Alice Springs) is the landmark host city for the 2026 NAIDOC Week (5-12 July) and the 50-Year Celebration. While local community days and marches took place in July, the main event—the National NAIDOC Awards and 50-Year Celebration—culminates on Saturday, 15 August 2026



Paralpi by Zaachariaha Fielding
National Poster Winner NAIDOC 2026



Restorative Day Program

Introduced in the first week of June, the Restorative Day Program is delivered over three months in an open-group format. The program provides participants with a supportive environment to strengthen treatment readiness, build personal accountability, and develop practical life skills. Operating Monday to Thursday from 9am to 12:45pm, the program encourages consistent engagement, with an 80% attendance rate required for successful completion. The program is delivered in a way that respects and acknowledges participants' cultural, family, and community commitments.

Core program elements include:

- Strengths-based activities designed to enhance resilience, build self-confidence, and foster a positive sense of identity.
- Practical life skills development to support everyday living, informed decision-making, and healthy interpersonal relationships.
- Alcohol and other drug harm minimisation strategies that encourage safer choices and reduce the impact of substance use.
- Wellbeing-focused activities that promote emotional, physical, social, and cultural healing.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Men aged 18 years + who are either serving a community-based sentence of 3 months or longer for Domestic Family Sexual Violence (DFS) offences involving alcohol or other drugs
- Are engaging in high risk alcohol or other drug use and are at increased risk of involvement with the justice system, including those on bail for DFS offences involving alcohol or other drugs.

If you believe this program may be of benefit to you or someone you know, please reach out to our team on (08) 8950 5000. We would be happy to discuss how we can support you.



Left to right:
Tui Leleisiuao
Program Coordinator
Dominic Bell
Case Manager
Dylan Jardine
Support Worker

Saltbush 10 Year Anniversary Celebrations

DASA's Aboriginal Outreach Team was invited to participate in Saltbush Social Enterprise's 10 Year Anniversary and Community Day on the 12th August.

DASA and Saltbush have developed a strong and successful partnership over many years, working collaboratively to support positive outcomes for participants. Through the ongoing support of DASA's Outreach Teams, clients regularly engage in the Foundation 2 Future program. This pathway has enabled a number of participants to secure employment while continuing to receive coordinated support from both DASA and Saltbush, contributing to their long-term success and independence.

*For further information on Saltbush check out their website **www.saltbushnt.org.au** or flick them an email at **alice-es@saltbushnt.org.au***



*"If everyone is moving forward
together, then success takes care
of itself."
Henry Ford*



2025 National NAIDOC Ball

50 Years of Deadly!

Back row: Kristy Ryan, Jocelyn Dhu, Beatrice Villadelrey, Eloise Cole, Samantha Chilcott and Amanda Houston.

Front row: Kathy Gooda, Joel Pillay, Robert Naylor and Wahid Brandso.



DASA staff were proud to attend the 2026 NAIDOC Ball in Alice Springs, joining community members, leaders, organisations, and guests in celebrating the rich history, culture, and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

The evening provided a wonderful opportunity to come together in recognition of this year's NAIDOC celebrations, while also acknowledging the significant contributions Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people make to our communities every day. The event featured inspiring guest speakers, cultural performances, and opportunities to connect with community members in a meaningful and respectful way.

Our staff enjoyed celebrating alongside colleagues and community partners, strengthening relationships and reflecting on the importance of reconciliation, cultural awareness, and working together to create positive outcomes for all.

DASA is committed to supporting and celebrating Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, cultures, and communities. Attending events such as the NAIDOC Ball is an important way for our organisation to honour these connections and demonstrate our ongoing commitment to inclusivity, respect, and community engagement.

We thank the organisers for hosting such a memorable evening!





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WE'VE MOVED!

DASA Head Office has moved!



Mon - Fri



8am - 4pm

*Come visit us at our new home - we
can't wait to welcome you!*

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DON'T FORGET!

**Aranda House is now
located at 4 Schwarz
Cres (previously
Head Office.)**

**You can find our
friendly Outreach
teams, the Sobering
Up Shelter and
Restorative Day
Program here also.**



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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:
	Board use only	
Membership approved / not approved	Date considered by Board:	
Board President name:	Signature:	
Board secretary name:	Signature:	
Date added to membership register:	Date member notified:	

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.

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.