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Message from WANADA

EAP: Get the Most Out of Spring

Is your agency a member of WANADA's umbrella employee assistance program? If so, for confidential, professional and free counselling, call your exclusive EAP provider - PPC Worldwide Australia on 1300 361 008. PPC offers face to face, telephone and online counselling. For more details visit their website: www.ppconline.info/au

Reminder for Members about a Special General Meeting - 30 September

A WANADA Special General Meeting will be held at City West Lotteries House at lunchtime on Wednesday 30 September. The Executive Committee is proposing, in light of WANADA's evolution into a larger organisation, that the Executive Committee be transformed from a committee with direct management responsibilities into a board responsible for the governance of WANADA.

Information has already been posted to members. If you are unable to attend please return the proxy form so that these important changes can be made. Constitutional changes require 75% of votes approving. If you have any questions about the proposed changes, please contact Mike Seward or Jane Harwood at WANADA on 9420 7236, or a member of the Executive Committee.

WANADA Project Update

WANADA and ISI Initiative Welcomes Maree Stellard

WANADA is pleased to welcome Maree Stellard to the team. Maree joins us to work as Senior Project Officer on the Improved Services Initiative project, which aims to increase the capacity of the alcohol and other drug sector to work with people who have both AOD and mental health issues.

Maree's background is in the health and community services sector, with extensive nursing experience in tertiary and primary care environments, in metropolitan and rural and remote settings.

More recently Maree has been instrumental in developing and delivering accredited nursing and community services training at West Coast TAFE.

Maree begins her work at WANADA next Tuesday 29 September and is sure to come into contact with many of our readers through her work in the next few weeks. Please make her welcome!

If you would like more information about WANADA's role in the Improved Services Initiative, please contact Angela Corry on 9420 7236 or at angela.corry@wanada.org.au

Events

WAAC: A Body of Knowledge Photographic Exhibition

A Body of Knowledge

Sexual Health Awareness Week

Wednesday 23 , Thursday 24 and Friday 25 September, 11am – 2pm and 3pm - 6pm

Saturday 26 September 2009, 10am - 2pm

Central TAFE Art Gallery, Showcase Space, Cnr Aberdeen and Beaufort Sts, Northbridge

Body of Knowledge is a photographic and text exhibit by Michael Coyne and Graham Pitts aimed at decreasing the stigma and discrimination that women living with HIV face everyday. There are 15 images, featuring 13 women who are HIV positive and two who are not. As in real life, it is impossible to tell who is and who is not HIV positive in the group.



WA AIDS Council

For more information, please contact Sally Lewis at the WA AIDS Council on 9482 0000 or slewis@waaid.com

WCDFVS: Women's Council / Amnesty: 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence

16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence

25 November – 10 December 2009

25 November International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women

10 December - International Human Rights Day

The Women's Council for Domestic and Family Violence Services (WA) and Amnesty International (WA) invite you to address the human rights challenges women experience around the globe by participating in the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence.

In Australia, 57% of all women who have been in a relationship have experienced violence. Violence against women is systematic and culturally entrenched.

Contribute to this year's calendar of events. Your event can be as big or as small as you like, for example; host a morning tea, invite a guest speaker, write a letter to your local MP or hold a safe school/safe relationships event.

The 16 Days Calendar will be hosted on the websites of Amnesty International and the Women's Council. This provides people with the opportunity to attend community events and to demonstrate the solidarity of organisations for the campaign to end gender violence.

To register your event please complete a registration form from either:

www.amnesty.org.au or www.womenscouncil.com.au

Closing date to register for the Calendar of Events is Monday 12 October 2009.

For further information about holding an event please contact Terri at the Women's Council on 9420 7264 or Claire at Amnesty International WA on 9476 4800.

Women's Council: White Ribbon Day

White Ribbon Day

25 November 2009

White ribbon Day coincides with International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women and is a male led campaign that asks men to 'not commit, condone or remain silent about violence against women'.

The Womens' Council invites men from your organisation to take a leadership role in this campaign by nominating White Ribbon Day Ambassadors. To register to become an ambassador go to: <http://www.whiteribbonday.org.au/Ambassadors-33.aspx>

Australia to Host US Drug Law Campaigner Norm Stamper

Former Seattle Police Chief Norm Stamper will be in Perth from 15 – 18 October 2009 to offer his perspective on international drug laws and their impact on communities. Information about his speaking engagements will appear in *FYI* in the coming weeks, or for more information, please contact Deanne Ferris via deanne.ferris@wanada.org.au or call 9420 7236.

Update: WANADA Diversion Forum

Diversion Forum

Monday 12 October 2009

New Time - 11.30am – 1.30pm

55 Central Inc, Cnr Guilford Rd & Peninsular Rd, Maylands

Chris Smart from the Department for Child Protection will present on Strong Families, Chrissy Ryan from WASUA will talk about current drug trends, and Aroha will showcase 55 Central.

For more information or to RSVP, please contact Emma Ridge-Cooke, Diversion Policy & Support Officer at WANADA on 9420 7236 or e-mail emma.ridge-cooke@wanada.org.au

Final Reminder: St Patrick's Community Support Centre: Quiz Night

St Pat's Quiz Night

Quizmaster Fremantle Mayor Peter Tagliaferri

Friday 25 September 2009

Doors open 7pm, eyes down 7.30pm

St Patrick's Community Support Centre,

12 Queen Victoria St, Fremantle

Tea/coffee, cake will be available

BYO drinks and nibbles

Tickets: \$15 per head, 8 per table



For more information or to book, contact reception on 9430 4159 or via lgood@stpats.com.au

Reminder: Streets to Angels

Streets to Angels - The Spirit of the Streets Choir together with – Perth Male Voice Choir and the Mercedes College Select Choir

23 October 2009

8pm

St Georges Cathedral

Tickets \$32 and \$22 Concession - Bookings through BOCS on 9484 1133.

Supporting organisations: City of Perth, Celebrate WA, Morley Rotary Club

Reminder: WANADA/WHS Consumer Participation

Can experts get it wrong? The case for consumer engagement in AOD services

Wednesday 30 September 2009

9am - 4pm

City West Lotteries House, 2 Delhi St, West Perth

Free

Lunch provided

The program includes Joel Levin from the International Association for Public Participation, and Michelle Kosky from the Health Consumers Council, Examples of consumer participation in the WA AOD sector will be discussed by a range of speakers

For more information, please contact either Wendy Shannon at WHS via wendy@whs.org.au or Milambo Sichaaba at WHS via m.sichaaba@whs.org.au

Reminder: WA Perinatal Mental Health Unit - Medication During Lactation and Pregnancy

Medication for depression, anxiety disorders and bipolar disorders in pregnancy and lactation... an update

Presented by Dr Jonathan Rampono

Wednesday 7 October 2009

7.15am - 8.30am

The Boulevard Centre, Floreat

Cost: \$25.00 (breakfast included)

For more information about the breakfast presentation and to request registration forms, please contact WA Perinatal Mental Health Unit on (08) 9340 1795 or via wapmhu@health.wa.gov.au
Web: www.wnhs.health.wa.gov.au/wapmhu.php

Reminder: ICCWA Luchtime Forum - Healing Power of Communiy Singing

Madjartil Moorna, Singers of Aboriginal songs: *Breaking barriers and building bridges through the healing power of community singing*

Presented by Pauline Vigus and Dawn Michelle - Keen singers and regular members of Madjartil Moorna choir

Thursday 8 October 2009

12.30pm – 1.30pm

City West Lotteries House, 2 Delhi St, West Perth

Light lunch provided.

RSVP to iccwaevents@iccwa.org.au or on 9420 7212.

AOD News

ATCA Presents Awards for Excellence in Drug Treatment

Awards for Excellence in Drug Treatment were presented last week at a special dinner in Canberra. The awards dinner was part of a conference organised by the Australasian Therapeutic Communities Association (ATCA), which has brought together drug treatment experts from across Australia and New Zealand.

Therapeutic Communities provide a wholistic approach to treatment and rehabilitation, working to address the underlying causes of alcohol and other drug abuse, all of which impact on the person's ability to recover. The ATCA is the peak body representing Therapeutic Communities in Australasia.

Two awards recognise the significant contribution made to drug treatment by a program or intervention in Australasia. Winners in this category were the Program for Adolescent Life Management (PALM) run by the Ted Noffs Foundation; and the Alcohol and Drug Foundation ACT's Early Birds Project.

Individuals receiving awards for Significant Contribution to the Therapeutic Community Movement in Australasia have each worked within the drug treatment sector for many years.

Kim Fleming is the Manager of the Karralika Program and has worked with therapeutic communities for more than 20 years while Gerard Byrne worked as a Case Worker and Program Director before moving into a management role with responsibilities for programs in Queensland, NSW and the ACT.

Lynne Magor-Blatch, Acting Executive Officer of the ATCA said, "These awards acknowledge and publicly recognise the exceptional work done by people who have worked tirelessly over a number of years to promote and develop the therapeutic community approach to treatment within the sector, as well as the programs which are making a difference in people's lives".

NCETA: Survey on Child-Friendly AOD Services

NCETA is conducting a survey on Child and Parent Sensitive Practice. This is a growing area of interest to the AOD field and Professor Dorothy Scott, with whom NCETA is collaborating on this work, will be a keynote speaker at this year's APSAD conference. NCETA want to hear your views about how AOD services are, or can be, more child friendly.

The survey takes approximately 15 minutes to complete and it can be accessed from the NCETA website: www.nceta.flinders.edu.au

NCETA would be very grateful if you could complete this brief survey, and thanks those of you who have already done so. For hard copies or more information, please contact NCETA reception via nceta@flinders.edu.au or on (08) 8201 7535.

APSAD Conference: Sponsors and Exhibitors

Planning for the Australasian Professional Society on Alcohol and other Drugs 2009 Conference (1 - 4 November 2009, Darwin) is progressing at a rapid rate but your organisation still has the opportunity to be involved as a sponsor and/or exhibitor.

Download the sponsorship and exhibition kit from:

<http://tinyurl.com/nzqtkb>

Alternatively, please contact the conference managers, WALDRONSMITH Management via kymberlee@wsm.com.au or telephone (03) 9645 6311 to have a package tailored to suit your individual needs.

Further information on the APSAD 2009 conference can be found on the conference website at:

<http://www.apsadconference.com.au/>

AOD Programs and Services

WHS: Reclaiming Your Life

A free group for women interested in self-esteem and self-care in order to empower themselves and improve their life.

Reclaiming Your Life

From 12 October to 23 November

10.30am - 1pm, Mondays

Women's Health Services, 122 Aberdeen St, Northbridge

Free Crèche available (bookings essential)

Morning tea provided

If you are interested in attending, or for more information, please contact Valerie at Womens Health Services on 9227 9032.

Cyrenian House: Helping Hands Parent Bereavement Group

Cyrenian House is a non-government, not-for-profit alcohol and/or drug treatment centre.

The Cyrenian House Parent Bereavement Program is a free group for parents who have lost children to drugs.

If you would like to learn more about the parental bereavement group, please telephone (08) 9328 9200.

For more information about Cyrenian House, please visit:

www.cyrenianhouse.com

Community Service News

Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect Online Survey

The Federal Government has launched the National Association for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (NAPCAN) online survey and community engagement strategy to get an insight into child abuse and neglect, and assist in developing prevention strategies.

The survey is part of National Child Protection Week in September. This year's theme is *Help bring child abuse out in the open*, acknowledging that child abuse is often hidden behind a wall of fear, ignorance, denial and disinterest.

The online survey is available at:

www.preventingchildabuse.com.au

Pro Bono Australia's Directory of Not for Profit Organisations - 2010 Bookings Close Soon

The Australian Directory of Not for Profit Organisations is preparing its 20th annual edition, and booking forms are now available for 2010 from:

<http://www.probonoaustralia.com.au/webpage/items/105237-upload-00001.doc>

Each year the Directory is sent to over 56,000 professional advisors and grant makers around Australia, focusing on bequests, philanthropy, giving and partnerships nationally.

You can now book your space to ensure that your organisation is seen by hundreds of thousands of potential private and corporate donors in 2010 – for more information, please visit:

<http://www.probonoaustralia.com.au/directory/contact.shtml>

The booking deadline is **25 September 2009**.

Mental Health News

Finalists Announced: 2009 Mental Health Good Outcomes Awards

Congratulations to the finalists of the 2009 Mental Health Good Outcomes Awards. The Minister for Mental Health, Dr Graham Jacobs, will announce the winners at the awards breakfast on Tuesday, 6 October 2009, 7am - 9am at the Parmelia Hilton in Perth. Finalists include WANADA members and/or FYI readers the WA Association for Mental Health (Partners in Respite), WOMEN's Healthworks (Body Esteem Program), Fremantle GP Network (headspace) and Lyn Mahboub from Richmond Fellowship.

For more information on the awards, visit

<http://www.health.wa.gov.au/mentalhealth/events/awards.cfm>

New Resources

First Issue: Minister for Mental Health's Newsletter

The first issue of Minister for Mental Health and Water Dr Graham Jacobs' newsletter is now available online from:

<http://www.premier.wa.gov.au/MINISTERS/GRAHAM-JACOBS/Pages/Newsletters.aspx>

If you would like to receive subsequent issues and updates via e-mail, please contact the Minister's office via Minister.Jacobs@dpc.wa.gov.au

Drug and Alcohol Findings Project: Effectiveness Bank Search Upgrade

Drug and Alcohol Findings bridges the divide between research on the effectiveness of responses to drug and alcohol problems and the practitioners who provide those interventions, with a focus on UK-relevant research. The project aims to encapsulate the studies' findings, set them in context and to explore the implications for practice. From 1999 to 2006 its main output was the *Drug and Alcohol Findings magazine*. This has now been replaced by a free web-based service called the Effectiveness Bank. *Findings* is a partnership project managed by Alcohol Concern, DrugScope, the National Addiction Centre, and the editor, Mike Ashton.

More detailed subject breakdowns, broader search possibilities and improved help services now make it easier to find exactly what you want using the Effectiveness Bank Subject Search screen at: http://findings.org.uk/topic_search.htm

Grants & Funding

Final Reminder: Volunteer Grants

Volunteer Grants 2009 provides funding for eligible non-profit organisations to support their volunteers and encourage volunteering by:

- purchasing practical and tangible small equipment items to help volunteers; and/or
- contributing towards the reimbursement of volunteers' fuel costs incurred when carrying out their volunteering work, including those who use their cars to transport others to activities, deliver food and assist people in need.

Organisations can apply for grant funding from a minimum of \$1,000 up to a maximum of \$5,000. Funding is limited and applications will be assessed and prioritised according to how strongly they meet the selection criteria. The selection criteria, eligibility criteria and other essential information about Volunteer Grants 2009 are provided in the Volunteer Grants 2009 Application Guidelines, available at:

http://www.fahcsia.gov.au/sa/volunteers/funding/vgp_round2/Pages/default.aspx

Applications close 5pm AEST, Friday 25 September 2009.

Western Australian Suicide Prevention Strategy 2009 to 2013 - Tender

The Mental Health Division, on behalf of the Minister for Mental Health, invites Expressions of Interest (EOI) from non-government organisations for the implementation of the Western Australian Suicide Prevention Strategy 2009-2013. NGOs will be required to demonstrate an understanding of the WA Suicide Prevention Strategy 2009-2013 and experience in the use of the community development approach with specific emphasis on rural/remote localities and Indigenous populations.

An industry briefing will be held on Wednesday 30 September commencing at 9am in Conference Room 2B, Department of Health, 189 Royal St, East Perth. Interested organisations are encouraged to attend this briefing. Please register your attendance **by Friday 25 September 2009** with Katherine.Davis@health.wa.gov.au

Documents associated with the EOI and a list of eligible areas are available at:
<http://tinyurl.com/r8r25z>

Enquiries to David Axworthy on (08) 9222 2426. **The deadline for Expressions of Interest is Thursday 22 October 2009 at 2pm.**

Reminder: OATSIH / NT GP Education: Training and Development Scheme

Invitation to apply for financial support

The Training and Development Scheme (TDS) is a national program that aims to enhance the capacity and culture of continuous quality improvement of eligible Office for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders Health (OATSIH) funded Indigenous health Organisations, through support for staff to undertake training and development courses.

Northern Territory General Practice Education (NTGPE) sponsored by OATSIH, are pleased to offer financial support to eligible staff of OATSIH funded Indigenous Health Organisations.

Two streams of access for funded training are available. Short Term Stream and Long Term Stream. TDS long term stream applications for 2010-2011 commence 1 September 2009 and **close 15 November 2009**. TDS short term stream applications are accepted throughout the year.

Details of project aim, eligibility and application process are available online at:
www.tds.org.au

Further assistance on the application process can be obtained by contacting Kym Phillips (08) 8946 7015 or via e-mail at enquiry@tds.org.au

Conferences

Life Education Australia International Conference

Life Education Australia International Conference

Head to Head with Life Ed.....heading toward a healthy, drug safe world

12 - 14 December 2009

Sydney

For a full program and registration go to www.lifeeducation.org.au or e-mail reception@tourismtraining.com.au

Early bird registrations **close Wednesday 30 September 2009.**

Conference highlights include:

- Hubert Sacy - Director General of Éduc'alcool, Canada
- Trevor Grice – Director of Life Education Trust New Zealand
- Dan Lubman – Orygen Youth Health Research Centre
- Andrew Fuller – Full day workshop for educators and teachers
- Ross Fitzgerald – Writer, broadcaster, political commentator
- Jo Baxter – Drug Free Australia
- Professor Helen McGrath – School of Education, RMIT University
- Pareto – Recession-proof fundraising for Not For Profits
- Life Education's 30th Anniversary Celebration Dinner

For more information, please contact:

Barbara Shannon at Life Education Australia on (02) 8262 4300 or via bshannon@lifeeducation.org.au



Last Call for Registrations: Anex 09

Limited places are still available for the Anex 09 Australian Drugs Conference - Drugs in Hard Times. Places are filling fast. **Registrations must close on Friday 25 September 2009.**

Conference highlights include:

- Opening Plenary with Dr Alex Wodak, Director, Alcohol and Drug Service, St Vincent's Hospital and Vickie Roach, human rights activist and prisoner advocate.
- Drug use, homelessness and mental health
- Patrick Kennedy, Managing Director, Kennedy Communications will present in the session 'Communicating Drug Issues: More than Language' exploring ways to gain broader community support for harm reduction.

For a full program and registration, go to www.australiandrugconference.org.au or e-mail register@australiandrugconference.org.au

Training

Lotus Education: Valuing Lived Experience

Valuing lived experience: Strengths Based Practices in Mental Health

By Jacqui Wharton

Friday 25 September 2009

9.15am to 1pm (register & coffee from 9am)

4/103 Catherine St, Morley (Salvation Army)

Cost: \$55 for non members of MIFWA, \$45 for members)



Successful author and schizoaffective disorder survivor, Jacqui Wharton, presents this original workshop combining the knowledge gained through a recovery journey spanning seven years and specialist training she received from the University of Kansas, School of Social Welfare.

Participants will hear first hand of Jacqui's remarkable recovery from severe psychiatric disability and learn of the similarities of her own methods of recovery and Professor Charles Rapp's Strengths Approach to psychiatric case management. Using practical exercises the six key principles of the Strengths Approach will be demonstrated, reinforced by Jacqui's personal story.

This unique opportunity will benefit professionals who wish to adopt a more recovery focussed practice, and consumers and carers who are interested in learning practical strategies to assist recovery.

More about Jacqui

Seven years ago Jacqui Wharton found herself severely disabled from the symptoms of a schizoaffective disorder. Since her teenage years she has suffered through several episodes of psychosis, depression, mania and anxiety, often bringing with them intense fear and paranoia. Despite her disabling symptoms and eight year unemployment history, Jacqui managed to turn her life around, complete university studies and progress to volunteer work and eventually full time competitive employment. She is now a valuable asset to her community.

Jacqui is passionate about making a difference in the mental health of others. She is also passionate about reducing stigma, promoting understanding in the community and communicating her experience and knowledge to others. She has personally funded a university scholarship to help others with mental illnesses achieve their goals, and aspires to set up a trust for the same purpose. By focusing on their strengths rather than their diagnosis, Jacqui seeks to help reintegrate people with mental illnesses back into the community – so that they too can pursue their goals and dreams.

Booking essential please RSVP to MIFWA on 9228 0200 or e-mail info@mifwa.org.au

Lotus Education is a service of the Mental Illness Fellowship of WA

NDRI: Information Evening for 2010 PhD, Honours and Masters Students

The National Drug Research Institute invites you to an Information evening for 2010 PhD, Honours and Masters students –

Thursday 8 October 2009

4.30pm – 6.30pm

A light supper will be served from 5.30pm

National Drug Research Institute, Health Research Campus, Curtin University of Technology Seminar Room, Level 2, 10 Selby St, Shenton Park

For the event flyer, including directions to NDRI , or to find out more about the Institute, go to: <http://ndri.curtin.edu.au>

Please RSVP to NDRI Reception on (08) 9266 1600 or ndri@curtin.edu.au by **Thursday 1 October 2009**.

Final Reminder: Health Consumers Council - Consumer Activism

Consumer Activism: : Creating Change in the Health System

Training for Health Consumer Representatives

Wednesday 7 October 2009

9.30am – 3pm

Health Consumers' Council, Unit 13/14 Wellington Fair, 40 Lord St, East Perth



Please register for this event by Wednesday 30 September

2009. To request a registration form or for more information, please contact Cheryl Rugdee at the Health Consumer Council.

Telephone: (08) 9221 3422 Fax: (08) 9221 5435 E-mail: cheryl.rugdee@hconc.org.au

Reminder: Health Consumers Council WA: Consumer Representative Skills

Want to improve the quality and delivery of health services in WA?

Consumer Representative Skills Training

Saturday 14 November 2009

9.30am - 3pm

Health Consumers' Council WA, Unit 13/14 Wellington Fair, 40 Lord Street, East Perth (corner Lord and Wellington Streets)

For more information or to register, please contact Cheryl Rugdee, Health Consumers' Council WA Telephone: (08) 9221 3422 Fax: (08) 9221 5435 E-mail: cheryl.rugdee@hconc.org.au

Health Consumers' Council - Your Voice on Health

Reminder: Suicide Prevention: Gatekeeper Workshop

Suicide Prevention: Gatekeeper Workshop

Monday 5 and Tuesday 6 October

Day One: 9am - 4.30pm and Day Two: 9am - 4.30pm

Outcare, 27 Moore St, East Perth

Cost: Free

Lunch, morning and afternoon tea provided

Do you want to:

- Distinguish between suicidal and self-harm behaviour?
- Be able to identify when someone is at risk of suicide?
- Assess suicide risk and take steps to intervene when someone is suicidal?
- Know how to deal with critical incidents associated with suicidal behaviour in your community or agency?

Many of us know that suicide is a real issue in our community, but knowing how to approach someone and what to say can seem difficult. The “Gatekeeper” Workshop provides participants with a range of knowledge and skills that aims to improve ability and confidence in responding to people at risk of suicide.

The workshop includes information about:

- The extent of the problem and understanding suicide
- Mental disorders and suicide
- Recognising and understanding (repetitive) self-harm
- Understanding the needs of the suicidal person, their carers and workers
- Recognising warning signs
- How to approach someone at risk of suicide and raise the issue
- Doing a risk assessment
- What to do when the risk of suicide is low, medium or high
- Postvention – strategies to help after a suicide

The workshop is based on current evidence and best practice in suicide prevention and has an interactive adult learning framework that provides opportunities for practicing new skills. Participants also receive detailed workshop resources.

Facilitators: **Anja Brok**, social worker and locally based Accredited Regional Trainer for the **Ministerial Council for Suicide Prevention**, and **Wendy Shannon**, a social worker with qualifications in mental health practice

For more information and to request a registration form, please contact Milambo Sichaaba at Womens Health Services via m.sichaaba@whs.org.au



In the Media

Media articles of possible interest to people working in the AOD sector this week include:

UK addicts may be given free foil for 'safer' heroin smoking, *The Observer*, 20 September 2009: <http://www.guardian.co.uk/politics/2009/sep/20/heroin-addicts-needles-free-foil>

Forget sideshow alley... It's smokers alley, *The Sunday Times*, 20 September 2009, p5

Risky uni drinkers a brain drain, *WA Today*, 19 September 2009:
<http://www.watoday.com.au/national/risky-uni-drinkers-a-brain-drain-20090920-fwew.html>

Massive welfare funds 'fail to help' Aboriginals, *The West Australian*, 19 September 2009, p1

Smokers on HRT 'have bigger risk of dying', *ABC Online*, 19 September 2009:
<http://www.abc.net.au/news/stories/2009/09/21/2691631.htm>

A squalid world left behind in progress, *The West Australian*, 19 September 2009, p7

Mother urges support for Bill to ban sale of butane to minors, *The West Australian*, 18 September 2009, p13

Teen smoking lowest ever, *The West Australian*, 18 September 2009, p26

Drinking out loud, *The West Australian*, 18 September 2009, , *The Wire*, p21

Criticism of anti-smoking laws rejected, *ABC Online*, 18 September 2009:
<http://www.abc.net.au/news/stories/2009/09/17/2688646.htm>

Deadly drug find worries police, *The West Australian*, 16 September 2009, p3

GP seeks ban on evil drug / The opinion of WA drug and alcohol experts, *The West Australian*, 16 September 2009, Health + Medicine, p3

Work drinks leave business with \$5b hangover, *ABC Online*, 14 September 2009:
<http://www.abc.net.au/news/stories/2009/09/14/2685806.htm>

AOD Work Wanted

Experienced AOD Counsellor / Educator

Genevieve Morrissey is nearing the end of a Counselling/Educator contract with Palmerston South Metro Community Drug Service and is looking for more work in the alcohol and other drug sector.

With three years experience in the AOD field, Genevieve's main focus has been one to one counselling, working with a large percentage of Drug Court clients. Genevieve has also worked with the significant others of people with alcohol and other drug issues and with groups.

Genevieve is a graduate of Notre Dame University and is looking for work south of the river similar to her current work because she enjoys this field of counselling. Genevieve is also open to new directions in the alcohol and other drug sector, particularly of an educative nature.

For more information, please contact Genevieve via genm@inet.net.au

Job Opportunities

Job opportunities are listed on WANADA's website and can be found at:

<http://www.wanada.org.au/jobadfyi.htm> . This week we have notices for the following positions:

Ruah Community Services - Team Senior - Ruah Centre:

<http://www.wanada.org.au/jobadfyi.htm#ruahsrc>

Palmerston Association - Senior Project Officer - Mental Health & Alcohol and other Drugs focus:

<http://www.wanada.org.au/jobadfyi.htm#paspomha>

Fresh Start Recovery Programme - Various Positions:

<http://www.wanada.org.au/jobadfyi.htm#fsrpvpos>

MIFWA - Community Mental Health Worker:

<http://www.wanada.org.au/jobadfyi.htm#mifwacmh>

Carers WA Inc - Carer Advisor:

<http://www.wanada.org.au/jobadfyi.htm#carerwaa>

Contact *FYI*

Contributions

FYI is sent to over 350 individuals and organisations with an interest in the alcohol and other drug sector and is a great way to stay in touch. We especially welcome news about new AOD programs, changes to your service, events, training and job opportunities. Contributions for next week's *FYI* should be received **by Friday**. Please send your news to Deanne Ferris at deanne.ferris@wanada.org.au or call 9420 7236.

Subscriptions

FYI is free to anyone with a genuine interest in the WA alcohol and other drug sector. If you would like to subscribe, unsubscribe or update your subscription, please contact Deanne Ferris via e-mail to deanne.ferris@wanada.org.au or call 9420 7236.

Quote for the Week

**“When we are no longer able to change a situation,
we are challenged to change ourselves.”**

Victor Frankl