

Andrew Vlahov

Ambassador for Drug ARM WA

Drug ARM WA is very proud to introduce Andrew Vlahov who has accepted our invitation to be the Ambassador for our organisation.



Andrew Vlahov, the Managing Director of the Perth Wildcats needs little introduction to West Australians.

Andrew has a long list of achievements including an Economics Degree from Stanford University, California.

He played in the Seoul Olympics in 1988, Buenos Aires saw Andrew play in 1990 World Championships.

1991 was a very successful year when Andrew joined the Wildcats. Not only were the Wildcats NBL Champions, he was Rookie of the Year. Andrew was International Player of the Year also in 1991.

He played in the Barcelona Olympics in 1992 and the Worlds Championships in Toronto, Canada in 1994.

The Wildcats were once again NBL Champions in 1995 and 2000. In 1996, he played in the Atlanta Olympics.

After the World Championships in Athens, Greece in 1998 and the 2000 Sydney Olympics, 2002 saw Andrew retire from playing Basketball.

Drug ARM WA has been working with the Perth Wildcats to promote "Fun Without Drugs". We are proud to be associated with a sporting club which also promotes zero tolerance to drugs in sport.

The Executive Board is very proud to welcome Andrew as our Ambassador. Susy and the team at Drug ARM WA look forward to working with him.

Rosella House Cameron Kinsella Testimony

I arrived at the front door of Rosella House with all my worldly possessions in a backpack.



I had been a homeless drug addict with no prospects and little money when I decided to go into rehabilitation.

I'd tried battling the demons of addiction alone with no success; I continued to relapse time and time again. I had been admitted to a psychiatric ward for the second time with drug and alcohol psychosis. I came to realize that my life had to change in order to live life to the full.

I made the decision to "bite the bullet" and give re-hab a go. I had made this decision before, but never followed it through. I found the strength to remain clean long enough to get to Geraldton and commenced the Rosella Program.

Things just got easier from there.

Rosella educated me about the thought processes that fed my addiction and how to change them. They kept me active with permaculture, sport, music and art (among other elements) and I came to embrace the program, and decided to remain in Geraldton.

In my last two weeks the co-ordinator approached me and suggested that I study community work at T.A.F.E here in Geraldton so I applied. Rosella supported me through my studies, and employed me as an overnight support carer at the facility. I enjoyed working at Rosella House and have a mission to support others to beat their own addictions.

My quality of life has improved immeasurably and I have Drug-ARM WA, Rosella House and their caring staff to thank for this. I am enjoying my journey on the road to recovery and the rewards it offers along the way.

Thanks Guys. *Cameron Kinsella*



Drug ARM WA and Perth Wildcats Dribble

Drug ARM WA together with the Perth Wildcats are holding a drug awareness event on Sunday 12th November 2006.

This will be an awesome event!

Perth children aged 10-13 years can enter to dribble a basketball around the tracks at Perry Lakes Stadium, where there will be a sausage sizzle waiting for participants.

The registration fee is \$30 and includes a basketball and a ticket to a Wildcat's game in Perth. As this is a fundraising event for Drug ARM WA, participants have the opportunity to win for themselves some great prizes based on how much each participant raises for Drug ARM WA Inc.

Registration is available through the Perth Wildcats, schools and local community papers.

Be Quick! registration closes 31st August

New Staff

Geraldton: Drug ARM WA would like to welcome Pauline Burgess who is the new Coordinator for Rosella House, Olivia Winston who heads up the Street Van Program in Geraldton

Perth: Welcome also to Samantha Atkinson who is the new Residential Support Worker at Moorditj House.



Work Experience

Christine De Freitas has joined us one day per week from Lakeland Senior High School doing work experience in the administration



Street Van welcomes their newest volunteer.



Our Street Van Coordinator Chris Summerfield and his wife Nyree are now the proud parents of a gorgeous baby daughter Scarlett, born on the 3rd May 2006.

Congratulations

Congratulations go also to Graham & Sue Whitworth on the arrival of their beautiful granddaughter Brianna Amie.

Street Van expands to Cockburn

Drug ARM WA now has Street Vans in the City of Cockburn on a Friday and Saturday night. The launch took place at the end of March hosted by the Mayor Steven Lee.

Annual Fundraising Dinner Parmelia Hilton Hotel

Drug ARM WA is holding its annual fundraising dinner. Last year we held our very first fundraising dinner at the Parmelia Hilton Hotel in Perth. The event was an enormous success raising over \$20,000.

This year Drug ARM WA in association with the Perth Wildcats invites you to join us for a Fundraising Dinner on 26th October 2006. If you are interested in having a great night out and help raise money for Drug ARM WA Inc get your ticket early.

Tickets are available through the office at a cost of \$80 each or \$750 for a table of 10.

Can You Help with any auction items? Contact the office if you can.



Entertainment Books

Have you missed out on getting your Entertainment Book for 2006/07? Drug ARM WA still have books available only \$60. Phone 9497 9498 or Email: drugarm@drugarmwa.org.au

Drug ARM WA Parent Drug Information Seminars

Drug ARM WA is now able to provide churches and community groups with Parent Drug Information Seminars to help parents Reduce Drug-Related Harm and promote Drug-Free Lifestyles for their children. Over a series of presentations the Drug ARM WA Team will...

- Provide background information on drugs and their use and abuse in the Australian context. Explore some of the reasons why people use drugs.
- Assist families to develop strategies to deal with some of the tough questions families face when they discover their child is using (or mixing in a crowd of users).
- Discover ways to build a trusting relationship with your teenager while exploring ways to discuss issues concerning drugs and their use with the kids.

When all else fails – what do I do and what can I say to ensure my child is safe?

If you or someone you know would be interested in having a presentation, do not hesitate to contact Drug ARM WA

Congratulations to Ian and Evelyn Prangnell on the marriage of their son David to Heather on June 17th. They have just returned from holidays in Texas. Welcome Back!



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