

Christmas has come early at Drug ARM WA

Staff and clients at Rosella House were thrilled to receive their brand new Commuter Van. The van means the staff and clients can travel together to outings and appointments instead of in two vehicles. Seating 12 people, it has plenty of space for bits-n-pieces.



Rosella House, Denis and Ruth Houses all received much needed new white goods, laptop, projector, kitchen equipment and lovely new furniture.

The Youth Options Program also received new goods. Pictured is staff member Leigh Smithers with three clients playing on our newly purchased Djembe Drums.

The drums are for the Drum Beat Program that Drug ARM WA has introduced. Drum Beat is a music therapy program where clients can tap in to and further their musical skills which can be used as an outlet for emotion and personal expression.



The Youth Options Program has purchased a Thicknesser, Air compress Cable Retractor and other workshop and kitchen equipment.

This new equipment means that **Drug ARM WA** can provide a better service to the clients, giving them a greater choice of tasks to learn using proper equipment.

A huge thank you to Lotterywest for the provision of funding to purchase all of these items. Without Lotterywest this would not have been possible.



School Leavers Program

Our school leaver's program has been a huge success this year once again with teams going to Rottnest, Dunsborough and Kalbarri. All teams comprised of one staff member, and a team of 11 dedicated volunteers. We worked in conjunction with other community groups and organisations in making sure the leavers week is as safe, and as smooth-running as possible.

In Dunsborough this year we operated a leavers recovery tent where we received calls from leavers and other community members if someone was in need of help and needed to come to the tent to sober-up. We also had foot patrols and vans patrolling various parts of the town, making sure leavers were safe and looking for anyone needing our assistance. In Rottnest and Kalbarri similar operations were run, except that Rottnest had access to a sobering up house.

A BIG thank you to all the SLP volunteers and staff for their fantastic efforts during this week!

A visit by His Excellency Dr Ken Michael Governor of WA & Patron of Drug ARM



Some of Drug ARM staff with our Patron His Excellency Dr Ken Michael and Andrew Vlahov (Ambassador)

met with staff and clients. Clients from the workshop participated in a 'Drumbeat' performance for the Governor. From there the Governor was taken to Moorditj House and the Margaret Turner Centre where he was given a tour of the house and

The Governor of WA His Excellency Dr Ken Michael visited Drug ARM WA in November. The Governor was welcomed by Ian Pasmore Chairperson for Drug ARM WA. During his visit the Governor viewed the new Drug ARM promotional DVD and met with staff and official guests for morning tea, followed by a trip to the Youth Options Workshop where he

Annual Fundraising Dinner

Drug ARM WA held its Annual Fundraising Dinner at the Parmelia Hilton Hotel on 26th October. Our MC for the evening was Barrey Williams and we were very pleased to have Scott Fisher as our Guest Speaker. A player from the Perth Wildcats was seated at each table and door prizes were given out during the evening. Sherwyn Darnell and his musicians provided the entertainment with Steven Gordon on piano with background music. A number of items and vouchers were auctioned off including accommodation at Fern Gully Retreat and Parmelia Hilton, to a dinner for two at 150 East Riverside Restaurant.

Our Auction this year raised \$12,000 which will go towards keeping our programs running.



Guest Speaker Scott Fisher from the Perth Wildcats



Peter Mann shares his story



Sherwyn Darnell and musicians entertaining the guests



Board Member Nola Bosveld holding a Wildcats Basketball which was auctioned.

Drug ARM WA would like to thank the following people for their kind support of the Fundraising Diner

Barrey Williams, Sherwyn Darnell & Band, Steven Gordon, Peter Mann, Sally Saunders, Perth Wildcats, EIG Ansvr, Parmelia Hilton, Shapes Health Club, Retravision Armadale, 150 East Riverside Restaurant, Ranier Framers, Fern Gully Retreat, Araluen Golf Resort, Cocos Restaurant, Maurice Meade Hair Salon, Down Under Signs, Pioneer Garden Nursery, Hi Tech Video.

Entertainment Books

Have you missed out on getting your Entertainment Book for 2006/07? Drug ARM WA still have books available for only \$60.00.
Phone: 9497 9498 or
Email: drugarm@drugarmwa.or.au

New DVD

The new DVD for **Drug ARM WA** has now been completed. If you think you could use one please contact the office. Thank you to PEACH for making this awesome opportunity possible through its funding.

Chairperson

Drug ARM WA wishes to thank the Rev Dr Alan Stubbs for his work as Chairperson of the Executive Board. His contribution has been invaluable. We would also like to welcome Mr Ian Passmore as the new Chairperson of the Board .



On behalf of Drug ARM WA I would like to thank you for your support during 2006. Together we were able to reach out to the lives of many people. May I take this opportunity to wish you a Joyful Christmas and a Blessed New Year. "Unto us a Child is born" *Susy Thomas*

Success Story Youth Options Program

Jeff (not his real name) came to the Youth Options Program from the Drug Court under treatment for a serious amphetamine problem. He was determined to kick his habit and was progressing very well until a positive urinalysis test revealed he had used cannabis. This resulted in his bail being withdrawn and his removal to a long term residential rehabilitation program north of the river. Around 6 months after leaving the program, Jeff rang the workshop recently to say hello and to let us know that he has almost completed his rehabilitation course, is drug free, has started a TAFE course, has secured a welding apprenticeship, has turned his life around and is living at home again with Mum. What a great outcome!



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