

Client story from Rosella house

Rosella House has seen some positive outcomes for a number of clients. This is one story.

Peter, (not his real name) came to Rosella House after a long history of alcohol abuse. He had worked within the mining industry in a responsible position, because of his alcohol addiction he lost his job and separated from his wife. He had been to Rosella House previously but returned for a second time in 2004 and completed the program.

During his time there he made application to enrol in a 3 year TAFE course and be a resident at the campus. He also applied to be accepted onto the Central West TAFE Governing council.

After successfully completing the 13 week program he moved into the transitional house in preparation to go to TAFE; while at the transitional house he had a number of setbacks in regards to a previous relationship, followed by a relapse. The coordinator of Rosella House made the decision to invite him back to Rosella House to participate in a two week Intense Program. This was a two week, non-contact program with increased Cognitive Behaviour Treatment.

The measure has given him the necessary support to complete the goals that he put in place. In January he received a letter from the Minister for Education and Training informing him that he has been appointed as a member for the Central West TAFE Governing Council for a period of 3 years. He also received confirmation of appointment to the 3 years course that he applied for and will be moving into the TAFE village.



Bradley, now looking to the future with hope

Bradley, pictured here with his son, was referred to our Youth Skills Program (now Youth Options Program) by a local high school in 2000. He had a problem with truancy. He was an enthusiastic participant at the Youth Skills Training Program. He got involved with woodwork, painting and mechanics. However, he found that football was his passion. We arranged for an appointment with East Fremantle Football and subsequently he was able to enter the program at Clontarf. Unfortunately Bradley didn't feel 'at home' in that program, so he went to stay with family in Wiluna. With the help of the local Council he commenced a Certificate 3 in Youth Studies. Since then he moved to Geraldton and stayed there a while. He met his partner and has a baby boy. Now he has moved back to the 'big smoke' with his small family.

Bradley is now enrolled at ECU and wants to study to be a sports teacher. He said he wants his son to be proud of him.

Restoring with fun...

Youth Options Program is running very smoothly at the moment, with young people being encouraged, supported and taught new skills during their time here. This program has received very positive comments from other agencies and Departments saying that this is the best facility for these young people to be attending. There is a rapid turnover of youth at the moment.

Donations have been made to the workshop of old furniture and Graham and the boys have enjoyed restoring them. By making them look as good as possible, selling them in the Op Shops is easier.

The boys go to the Tip regularly to get old bike frames. Using their initiative and imagination, they are able to rebuild them and ride them. Some of the boys have never owned anything like a bike before, so it's a real sense of achievement and learning while having a bit of fun.

New face at Drug ARM WA

Drug ARM WA Inc welcomes Matt Pearce who joins us after completing a BScSoc in Youth Work at Edith Cowan University. Matt will be working with Street Van and also Mentoring young people. His past work includes working as a Youth Minister and Associate Pastor at Dalkeith Rd Church of Christ, and for 2 years at Scripture Union as part of the Fine Edge Theatre Group, performing shows in high schools around the state looking at the issues of drug and alcohol use. He has been married for three years to his wife Karen, who is in her last year studying Fine Arts at ECU Mt Lawley. His spare time is filled with organic gardening, worm farming, painting, drawing, web page design and going along to a meditation group at the Dayspring Centre for Christian Spirituality.



Wild Time for Drug ARM WA Inc

Executive Director Susy Thomas with Board Member Pat Kelly and staff members Ian Prangnell and Graham Whitworth.



Executive Director Susy Thomas with Ricky Grace and office staff..



Drug ARM WA Inc had the opportunity to sponsor a Wildcats game in February. It was a bonus that it was the final home game for Ricky Grace. The Street Vans were displayed at the car park entrance, we were permitted to shake tins and take donations, staff and volunteers wore our Drug ARM t-shirts, there were posters and our display board was in the entrance of the stadium. It was a very good promotion for Drug ARM WA. The money spent on the sponsorship will get Drug ARM WA on the Wildcats webpage and further advertising at the following 13 games.

The office staff had the pleasure of having a coffee morning with Ricky Grace. He came to find out more about the work of Drug ARM WA, he has a heart for kids in need and is keen to work with us in some way in the future.

Our thanks to the Wildcat staff and to the Drug ARM volunteers for their efforts.

Chilling Out at Rock iT

In 2005 Drug ARM WA Inc assisted, for the first time, in the management of crowd issues at the Joondalup Arena Rock iT Festival. We provided our Chill Out Tents, a water station - giving people water to rehydrate, foot patrols where two or more volunteers walked through the crowds providing information and support to a partying crowd and if needed they could receive basic first aid. The services were staffed by 3 staff members and 9 volunteers. The tent was used by a number of people for varying reasons and over 3000 cups of water were given out along with refilling bottles. This was a worthwhile event for Drug ARM WA to be participate in and we thank the staff and volunteers once again for their time and efforts.



Drug ARM WA Chill Out Tent

Drug ARM WA recognises the work David Yardley put into having Drug ARM promoted at the David Meece concert. We were able to take an offering and over \$1500 was collected. Thank you very much to David Yardley and Custom Event Management.

Vault One When you or your family make your next purchase please consider using Vault One and have a portion of the payment go towards supporting the work at Drug ARM WA. It won't cost you anything extra and the benefit to Drug ARM WA is huge. Read the enclosed leaflet for more information.

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