

## Celebrating Four Years at Rosella House

Rosella House and guests were privileged to celebrate 4 years of service to the community.



Afternoon Tea at Rosella Workshop

Drug ARM WA Executive Board went to Geraldton to meet with local Agencies, staff and clients for an afternoon tea and to visit the Transitional Houses - Denis House and Ruth House.

Local Member for Geraldton Shane Hill also joined the celebration.

A former client of Rosella House is now the caretaker of the men's Transitional House. He made the Board feel very welcome with a tour of the shed, full of woodwork that

he does when he's not tending the vegetable garden. He also prepared the most delicious selection of food for our dinner and was clearly delighted to have us there.

The women's Transitional House had one client at the time who has been invited to share her story at the Fundraising Dinner on the 20th October.

The services at Rosella House have improved greatly in the past 4 years. Our thanks go to the Steering Committee and to the staff of Rosella House.



Drug ARM WA's Executive Director Susy Thomas with member for Geraldton Shane Hill

## Street Van



On a cold quiet night the Geraldton team stopped off at local car park where they met a group of four people who began to tell the team that their brothers and sisters and grandparents are Christians, and

they used to go to church. The group were from out of town and had no place to stay. The team organised accommodation at a sobering up centre for the night and stayed chatting with one young man. He felt that he had been messing up his life and wanted to make a change, including fixing up his drinking problem and his relationship with his girlfriend.

The team prayed with him and he said he felt that something changed in him. He asked for a bible and a church to go to. That following Sunday he did go to church and met up with Mitch from Rosella House.

### *Annual General Meeting*

You are invited to attend the 2005 Annual General Meeting for Drug ARM WA Inc. The meeting will be held in...

The Drug ARM WA Board Room  
1st Floor,  
56 Fourth Rd Armadale  
at 2pm on the 27th September.

We would love to have you attend. If you are not a member and would like to consider becoming one please call the office for details.



### *Fundraising Dinner*

Drug ARM WA in association with  
The Perth Wildcats invites you to  
join us for a Fundraising Dinner  
20th October 2005

At the Parmelia Hilton Hotel

Have a great night out and help raise  
money for Drug ARM WA Inc.  
Tickets are available through the  
office at a cost of \$80 each.



You can be a part of the Street Van Outreach Service, by sponsoring a van for a week, month or a year.

\$25 per week is petrol, coffee/milo and biscuits for 1 van, i.e. \$100 per month or \$1200 per year for 1 van.

You might be interested in training for Street Van, Leavers or Events - Youth Outreach Training is coming up soon contact the office for details.

**Events** include Rock iT and Perth Skyshow. The services include Drug ARM WA's Chill Out tents, Water station and Roving patrols to look after patrons.

# Youth Options Program

Grant (not his real name) came to our Youth Options Program 18 months ago. Since young, Grant had lived in a succession of foster homes and more recently in Youth Hostels / Refuges. He was referred to us by a local High School and his DCD support worker. School and Grant didn't mix. He hadn't been attending school regularly and when he did it was with a grudging, uncooperative and aggressive attitude.

We agreed to take Grant two part days a week. Within a short period of time he was asking for his time to be increased until he was eventually attending full time. It was

said that the 4 months here was the longest time he had engaged with one program. Grant ultimately had to be integrated back into school, initially for 2 half days.

This was not all plain sailing and following some disciplinary and safety issues Grant was suspended from YOP and from school.

Having come so far it became possible to negotiate for Grant to recommence with us on an agreed

behavioural contract while beginning to attend school for ever increasing times with less and less difficulty.



Since early this term Grant has been attending school and is no longer engaged in Youth Options.

This success has been possible because of the

hard work of the staff of Drug ARM, a local High School and the Department for Community Development. The A/Deputy Principal of Armadale Senior High School recently wrote "Youth Options Program is an extremely valuable and necessary strategy in engaging students who are disassociated from school".

Drug ARM's Youth Options Program has been supported for past 12 months from the Federal Proceeds of Crime Fund provided through the Commonwealth's Attorney Generals Department.

Additional support and funding is constantly being sort to continue and expand this most valued program.



Self Contained Time Out Centre

## Time Out Centre

The Time Out Centre is working well with intoxicated young people having the benefit of a safe place to sober up. Time Out Centre receives referrals from 10pm. Last admissions are at 4am.

## Congratulations



Our youngest Board member Scott Hollier is getting married on the 4th September. We wish Scott and Rucchi all the best for the day and for the years to come.

Scott also celebrated his 30th birthday and had his friends donate their unwanted household goods to Drug ARM Op Shops instead of giving him gifts.

Maybe this is something you could do also?

## Make your change.... make a change

Donations of any size will help us help those in our community who have lost their way. It is accepted gratefully, on their behalf.

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