

Regional Newsletter January 2004

Welcome to our BSWYA Newsletter. The Newsletter is part of a regional Alliance between 6 drug and alcohol services supporting young people living in the Barwon South West Region.

South West AOD services join the Alliance!!!!

In late 2003 the Western Region Alcohol and Drug Centre (WRAD) and Glenelg Southern Grampians DTS officially joined the Barwon South West Youth Alliance Executive. The Alliance welcomes the collective expertise of WRAD and Glenelg Southern Grampians will bring to the Executive and young people living in communities across the region.

The Alliance now has 80 professionals represented on the Regional Reference Group and 6 drug and alcohol services on the Executive, an excellent example of collaboration and community development.

This year will give rise to strong representation from South West AOD agencies and services in an Alliance committed to collaboration when assisting young people and their families with drug and alcohol issues. [For more information please contact Paul on 52447372.](mailto:Paul@barwonsouthwestdrugs.org.au)



Yes it's on again!!!!!!!!!!

This will be the third year of young people involved with regional youth services are given the opportunity to create art for Drug Action Week in June 2004.

So, if you would like to participate in the Arts Project please access the poster and design brief from:

www.barwonsouthwestdrugs.org.au

This project will be in conjunction with Alliance services and the City of Greater Geelong.



Regional Adventure Program—RAP

This program commenced thanks to DHS funding allowing BAYSA to purchase adventure and camping equipment. Young people from ZONES and other services can access this equipment to assist in adventure or recreation programs.

A total of three camps were held during 2003 to locations on the South West Coast and inland as far as the Grampians.



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Zones Update:

The Regional Day Program—Zones has a full program planned for 2004 including peer education, relapse prevention sessions and youth development camps. A monthly timetable on programs / activities can be accessed from either Di or Dom at BAYSA on 52214466.



AERF Submission for Youth Outreach Workers in the South West.

Other News:



- CAOS Ball above: 21/02/04 and call Di on 52214466.
- WADAC Conference August 2004 call Suzan on 55605144
- Alliance Office @ BAYSA.

AERF 2004:

As part of the Community Development Project in 2003 BAYSA and WRAD developed a submission for funding a team of regional Youth Outreach Workers to strengthen Alliance assessment and referral capacity. We hope to have an outcome by March 2004. Thanks must go to all Alliance services for assisting with the submission.

Regional Consults:

The Senior Project Officer will commence monthly regional AOD service consults this year to ensure alcohol and drug issues impacting on communities are monitored and strategies developed.

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