

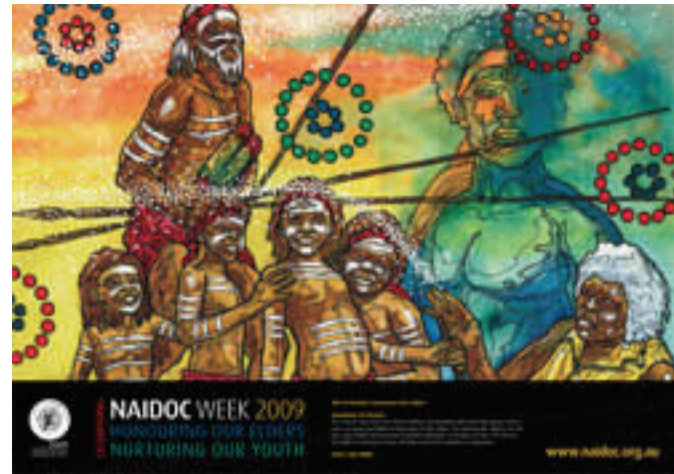
NAIDOC WEEK 2009

WAYSS staff will support our local Indigenous community by attending various events during NAIDOC week

NAIDOC celebrations are held around Australia in July each year to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. NAIDOC Week 2009 will be held from **July 5-12th**.

NAIDOC stands for National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee.

The national theme for this year's NAIDOC Week celebrations is "Honouring Our Elders, Nurturing Our Youth." The theme encourages our communities to acknowledge the status of our Elders as leaders and role models for our youth.



The 2009 NAIDOC Week Poster features artwork by Luke Mallie, winning artist of the National NAIDOC Poster Competition. "Carrying On Our Culture" was painted to reflect the 2009 NAIDOC Theme Honouring Our Elders, Nurturing Our Youth. It represents the elders teaching and keeping watch over their young as they learn and grow into adults to then carry on the culture."

NAIDOC CALENDAR OF EVENTS

	Event	Area
Friday 3 rd	NAIDOC Dinner Dance Rosebud	Peninsula
Sunday 5 th	Warrigine Park hosting Indigenous Heritage morning at Jack's Beach	Peninsula
Monday 6 th	Flag Raising at Dandenong Co-op 9.00am to 12.00pm	Dandenong
Monday 6 th	Flag Raising at Peninsula Health 10.00am to 12pm	Peninsula
Tuesday 7 th	NAIDOC Elders lunch at the AAL	Dandenong
Tuesday 7 th	Flag Raising at Mornington Peninsula Shire, Rosebud. 4.00pm -6.00pm	Peninsula
Wednesday 8 th	Youth Event at Castle	Dandenong
Wednesday 8 th	Flag Raising at Frankston City Council 10.00am 12.00pm	Peninsula
Thursday 9 th	Dandenong Co-op Open day. 10.00am 12.00pm	Dandenong
Thursday 9 th	Family day at Rosebud cinemas, including BBQ 10.00am 2.00pm	Peninsula
Thursday 9 th	Afternoon tea Thomas St or McCrae St Dandenong 2.00pm - 4.00pm	DHS
Friday 10th	NAIDOC march in city.	Melbourne

Looking Ahead

Red Nose Day

Friday 26th June

Red Nose Day, held annually on the last Friday in June, is the major fundraiser for SIDS and Kids. Funds raised through Red Nose Day activities assist in providing vital services and programs.

Overdose Awareness Day

Monday 31st August

Overdose Awareness Day Launch - The Salvation Army **Frankston**

Overdose Memorial Service & Luncheon hosted by SHARPS

Venue: Uniting Church - 16 High Street Frankston VIC 3199

Date: **Friday August 28th**, 2009

Time: 11:00am to 12:30pm

Contact: Melissa Virtue SHARPS (03) 9781 1622 or mvirtue@phcn.vic.gov.au

Daffodil Day

Friday 28th of August.

If you have a mother, father, sister, brother or best friend, there's every chance your life will be touched by cancer. No matter who you are, Daffodil Day is for you.

It's a day for all of us to give hope for a brighter, cancer-free future for ourselves, and for those we love. Daffodil Day merchandise is on sale throughout August, and you can donate to Daffodil Day at anytime.

www.daffodilday.com.au



PROGRAM PROFILES

WAYSS has 12 programs servicing the needs of homeless people and victims of family violence. Each newsletter we will profile three of those programs. Detailed information can be found on the WAYSS website



Drug Court Homelessness Assistance Program

In response to the Victorian Government's drug policy proposals, the establishment of the first Victorian Drug Court Pilot was initiated.

In September 2002, WAYSS was the successful recipient of the 3-year pilot component offering Transitional Housing accommodation and support to Drug Court participants.

The key principle of The Drug Court Homelessness Assistance Program (DCHAP) is to provide support and assistance to clients referred directly and solely by the Drug Court Team (DCT), specifically, the Specialist Community Corrections Officers

responsible for the case management of the referred client.

The Drug Court program structure comprises a full time program coordinator and 3 full time case workers. This structure has been the foundation of a homelessness support service for individuals assessed through the Dandenong Drug Court Pilot Initiative as being homeless, at serious risk of homelessness or in inadequate/unsuitable housing. Such identified individuals will be accommodated in dedicated Transitional Housing Management (THM) properties with attached support.

Predominantly, the service delivery provided by DCHAP is to assist Drug Treatment Order (DTO) clients to obtain long term, affordable, safe accommodation that fits the requirements and obligations to be met as part of their DTO.

DCHAP will also assist clients to identify other structural and/or personal factors contributing to homelessness above and beyond substance use by providing support, basic living skills, advocacy and referrals to counselling and other assistance programs as required.

Youth Support Program

WAYSS Youth Support Program provides a number of services to young people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. Services to young people include Intake, Assessment & Referral, Transitional Support and access to Crisis Accommodation options. The program can also assist young people to return home if this is a safe and secure option.

Through developed pathways, the service aims to increase a capacity to live independently, through im-

proving access to long term secure and affordable housing, to secure income support and to a range of social supports. This includes the provision of a case managed approach based on individualised support plans to assist young people to reach their full potential.

WAYSS Youth Support Program provides options and assistance to young people aged 15 to 25 years who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. Support can extend to include young people

who are in their own accommodation, moving around, or in community housing.

The service has limited access to transitional accommodation where young people can stay in shared accommodation initially for 2 months whilst they are getting their life and long-term housing options sorted.

WAYSS Youth Support Program is committed to assisting young people to access education, employment and training.

Emergency Youth Accommodation

WAYSS Emergency Youth Accommodation (EYA) is a 7-bed facility that is located in Dandenong and provides 24-hour residential support and case management, for a period of up to six weeks, to single young people who are homeless. This facility is available to receive referrals 24 hours, 7 days a week.

When young people access EYA it is with the acknowledgement that they, with staff, will work towards securing safe, affordable accommodation and link in the education, employment and training opportunities.

Residents are encouraged to develop their independent

living skills and are required to contribute to the overall running of the house.

Residents are also encouraged to participate in recreational activities and excursions that take place on Saturday afternoons.

Useful Contacts

WAYSS Family
Violence Crisis Service
A/H 0400 503 338

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Mornington Peninsula
Domestic Violence
Service 5971 9454

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Hanover - Dandenong
"Bob's Place"
Crisis Accommodation,
Housing Support and
Family Focus
9792 0750

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Office of Housing

- Dandenong
9767 8777
- Frankston
9784 3200

Links



WAYSS
www.wayssltd.org.au

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The Association of
Neighbourhood Houses
& Learning Centres Inc.
www.anhlc.asn.au

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Hanover Welfare
Services
www.hanover.org.au

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Homelessness Australia
www.homelessnessaustralia.org.au

Just a Thought

"There are certain things that are fundamental to human fulfilment. The essence of these needs is captured in the phrase **'to live, to love, to learn, to leave a legacy'**. The need to live is our physical need for such things as food, clothing, shelter, economical well-being, health. The need to love is our social need to relate to other people, to belong, to love and to be loved. The need to learn is our mental need to develop and to grow. And the need to leave a legacy is our spiritual need to have a sense of meaning, purpose, personal congruence, and contribution"

-- Stephen R. Covey