

Big Brekkie

On Friday 16th of March, CTC Connections, Murgon hosted their 3rd Big Breakfast at Murgon State School to celebrate the National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence.



'We spent the morning cooking bacon and eggs, face painting, playing Stacey's famous Tub of Goo game and we also had the MERV there too. The breakfast was to promote awareness of bullying and violence in our community and to take a stand together to say "No Way!"

'We had a fantastic morning with the students, teachers and families, a big thank you to our staff who got up early and put in a huge effort to feed and entertain everyone, thanks to D.K, Leanne, Katrina, Barbie, Damien, Damaris, Stacey and Simon.' by Paul Gray



Our new Trainees

CTC Diversionary Services are host to two high school girls, Mikira Fisher and Ricki Purcell who are doing a school based traineeship for one day a week.

These girls are doing their traineeship through MRAEL which was organised by Murgon State High School.

Ricki is here every Wednesday and is doing a Cert III in Community Services. She will be assisting Albertha in her Young Families Program every second week and then spending time here in the office to gain some administration skills and learn more about our services.

Mikira is doing a Cert III in Business Administration. She will be spending her Friday mornings in Gumnut helping out with administration and any other duties they may have. After lunch Mikira will come back to our Diversionary office to help out at reception and further her administration skills.

This is a great opportunity for these girls to gain some knowledge and skills within a working environment and CTC are more than happy to help and encourage these girls in their training. SBCTC

Office opening hours

CTC Diversionary and CTC Employment

Monday—Friday

8.30am—4.30pm



Drink LESS alcohol. Drink MORE water.

H2O the Way to Go!!

CTC Murgon Newsletter



Men of Cherbourg Indigenous Empowerment Corporation

Men from Cherbourg are gathering together to build a sustainable Men's Group. This small group is in the process of developing a strategic plan, operation procedures, policies, objectives and membership for the future. They are developing a constitution and incorporating the guidelines and rules to ensure the long term future of the Men's Group. This project was proudly funded by the Queensland Government's Building Rural Communities Fund through Blueprint for the Bush with assistance from Department of Communities and DEEDI. This group will be conducting a series of workshops to formulate an action plan that will benefit the community.

The aim of the group is to provide a forum for men to come together, to provide support for other men, their families and the community as a whole. The group has a strong focus on addressing alcohol and drug misuse and reducing the tolerance and incidence of violence in the community.

Cultural accountability will be the main focus; including Mentoring Programs, Family Development and achieving peace and harmony into the community.

Bevan Costello is the current Chairman of the group. Recently, the group went to the Bunya Mountains to discuss and document important information to establish and strengthen a strong sustainable organisation for the future.

They are working in partnership with staff from the Office of Registrar Indigenous Corporations (ORIC) to register the Men's Group.

'We are excited about the Men of Cherbourg Indigenous Empowerment Corporation and the need to support the men and families in and around the Cherbourg region' - Noel Blair CTC.

Once the groundwork is finalised, the Men of Cherbourg Indigenous Empowerment Group will be actively involved with the men of Cherbourg and support of the community as a whole.

'We would like to thank SBCTC for supporting this initiative.'

DIVERSIONARY & SAFE HAVEN PATROL



Our Patrol staff work hard every week to help people access a safe place to sober up and to keep safe.

People are transported to a safe place to sober up whether it be their own house, a relative or somewhere they know they will be ok.

Diversionsary Patrol staff work from 8pm to 4am Wednesday through to Saturday and patrol the streets of Murgon and Cherbourg.

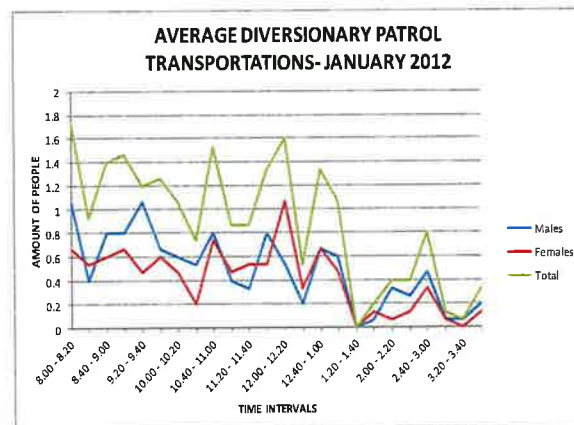
Safe Haven Patrol staff work from 4.30pm to 1am.

This program aims to increase the safety of children.

They patrol the streets four nights per week and encourage children to return home or to another safe place.

Below is a graph that outlines the amount of people that have been transported by the staff for the month of January 2012.

This graph shows the number of male and female clients that have used this service and what times in the night they are being picked up.



Alcohol Management Program

A program as part of the Diversionsary Service provides support and lunch everyday to help clients reduce their reliance on alcohol and achieve their goals. This program has seen a decrease in the number of clients with a number of clients referring themselves to detox programs.

Clients attend the program every day and discuss how to improve their lifestyle and reduce their alcohol intake. Many of the clients are now willing and ready to make a new life for themselves.

They have already made the first step by obtaining their driver's licenses and other relevant IDs and they are determined to get some work. This is a major step for these clients with many changing throughout the months and becoming more aware of their health and well being.

The staff and the clients have formed a relationship that has been built around self confidence, trust, self esteem and learning communication skills.

'Being on the Alcohol Management Program with CTC Diversionsary has given me the time I needed, to look at where I am, and where I want to be. I have made some great choices for myself and gained my driver's licence. I am now seeking employment. I have been off the GROG for 3 months and feeling good.'
- SLS client.

Diversionsary

Our team here at Diversionsary Services provide a wide variety of support for our clients, Indigenous and Non-Indigenous. This entails Sober Living Support, Hub and Patrol.

As part of these services, clients are provided with as much assistance as they need with whatever circumstance they are in.

Through Sober Living Support (SLS) Emergency Relief is given to those clients in need which includes food packs, fuel for hospital appointments away from Murgon and help with a budgeting plan to help them with their day to day costs of living.

SLS also help people with alcohol issues and direct these clients in the right direction to the road to recovery and getting their lives back on track. They assist people to overcome barriers which lead to problem drinking. Help is given with obtaining IDs, Birth Certs and help with any Centrelink enquiries.

Hub provides long term assistance to more sober habits. This also involves assisting people with IDs, Birth Certificates and any other relevant paper work they may need. As part of Hub, programs are set up for young families to help them bond with their children as well as learning life skills along the way.

Every member of staff has helped with clients getting work by referring them to Employment Services, making referrals to the right organisations they feel necessary and assisting in getting housing for the clients.

'I have seen an improvement in adult alcoholism within the community. This Alcohol Management Program that Diversionsary set out has made an impact on the adults consuming alcohol and hanging around in the park.' - Murgon Business Owner.