



Community Development Officer's

COMMUNITY DRUG ACTION TEAM (CDAT)

REPORT JUNE 2023

Community Drug Action Teams (CDATs) have been previously established in Broken Hill, Collarenebri, Condobolin, Forbes, Lightning Ridge, Orange, Parkes, and Walgett Communities. Currently Condobolin, Lightning Ridge and Broken Hill are up and functioning with active funding, and Forbes has recently completed the action planning stage for the current funding round.

- Joe travelled down to Coomealla AMS to meet with Jaharlyn Mitchell (Suicide Prevention worker) and Gary Mitchell (Aboriginal Health worker) in regard to establishing a Community Drug Action Team (CDAT) within their community. Shauna Lenagh (Far West NSW LHD Manager) and Marie Parker (Far West Mental Health Clinician) were also present at the meeting and expressed their interest in supporting the establishment of CDAT.
- CDO's attended the 2023 annual CDAT Conference in Sydney, and organised travel and accommodation for 6 CDAT Committee members from our region to attend the Conference.
- CDO's met with Forbes CDAT Committee and assisted them to develop an action plan to support their funding request for the 23/24 financial year.
- CDO's travelled out to Lightning Ridge/Walgett to officially meet with CDAT Committee Chairperson Sara Smith and potential member Gabby Sledge as well as touching base with the Walgett PCYC to attempt to establish partnerships within the community.
- CDO's met with Condobolin CDAT committee members and were given an overview of their proposed CDAT activities for the year.
- CDO's are in the process of organising a visit to Broken Hill within the coming weeks to meet with CDAT committee members and assist with the develop of an action plan to support their funding request for the 23/24 financial year.
- CDO's created CDAT information packages to distribute at Community events. These include information on AOD, support services, merchandise and how to become a CDAT member.
- CDO's attend online monthly state meetings, as well as fortnightly team catchups.
- CDO's have plans to establish CDAT Committees in other small western communities, once we have all targeted communities within the service footprint up and functioning.

CDO's will continue to support the targeted Communities within the Western regional footprint, with the main objective being to strengthen partnerships amongst community members, local service providers and other stake holders to develop common goals around addressing local legal and illegal AOD related issues.

Joe Gordon

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Sarah Forrester

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