

Tackling Indigenous Smoking (Goldfields)



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Acknowledgement

“I would like to acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land. I would also like to pay my respect to the Elders past and present and offer my acknowledgement and respect to other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders who are present”.





MEET OUR TEAM



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About us

- The TIS Goldfields team is based in Kalgoorlie-Boulder and work for Bega Garnbirringu Health Services, an Aboriginal Medical Service. We organise events, recurring programs and attend community events to educate the community about:
- the dangers of smoking and vaping
- nicotine addiction
- smoking and/or vaping while pregnant
- cost of smoking/vaping
- steps to quitting
- short term and long term effects
- second hand and third hand smoking

We work with all ages and get our important message out within the community.

Some of the organization's we work closely and regularly with include:

- Goldfields Rehabilitation Services Incorporated (GRSI)
- STARS Girls Academy
- Clontarf Football Academy

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Goldfields Rehabilitation Services Incorporated (GRSI)

The TIS team work with the GRSI once a fortnight, the rehab is based in Kalgoorlie and provides residential rehabilitation treatment services for drugs and alcohol affected people ages 18 and over. Within the program we strive to make the clients feel welcomed and comfortable, we provide the clients with casual conversations about smoking and participate in smoking-based activities, we also have taken them outside of bega to participate in things like sports and BBQs at the park.

With each session we have seen a positive change in the groups attitude and knowledge of how smoking cigarettes affect their health, we have also gotten very positive feedback from the clients that they love coming to bega, they feel respected and heard by bega staff and love that we keep it fun by taking them out around town.



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STARS Foundation Kalgoorlie

Our TIS woman's team work closely with the STARS foundation in Kalgoorlie based at KBCHS. The program is specifically for young girls in high school Years 7-12, We run many classes throughout the school terms. Within our classes, some of our content includes:

- The health effects of smoking and benefits of quitting
- Understanding addiction
- The health effects of vaping and benefits of quitting
- Smoking and vaping related peer pressure

The content we provide is tailored to the program. We also build connections with the young ladies through team building activities, self care, sports and more.

We also run a STARS breakfast program once a fortnight where we provide breakfast for the girls and have a casual conversation about the dangers of smoking and vaping.



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Clontarf Football Academy

- Our TIS men's team work regularly and closely with the Clontarf Football Academy in Kalgoorlie based at KBCHS. The program is specifically for the young boys in high school Years 7-12, we run classes throughout the school terms very similar to the STARS academy and the content we provide is also similar. Content includes:

- The health effects and dangers of smoking
- Understanding addiction
- The benefits of quitting
- The health effects of vaping and benefits of quitting
- Smoking and vaping related peer pressure

The content we provide is tailored to the program. We also build connections with the young men through team building activities, quizzes, sports and more.

We also attend many events the academy may have at the school or within the community



Events we've attended

Its important to the TIS team that we attend community events to promote what we do and engage with as many community members as we can. Two events we've attended recently include:

- Eddie Betts foundation
- NAIDOC week march and opening



Eddie Betts Foundation clinic

Our TIS team got the opportunity to work closely along side the Eddie Betts foundation for their one-day football clinic. The clinic was for the youth of Kalgoorlie and their family's. We were able to educate the participants on the dangers of smoking and give out some promotional gear while also helping with the clinic activities.



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NAIDOC Week march and opening

Our TIS team attended last years NAIDOC march where we participated in the march down the main street. After the march we then engaged with the community at the NAIDOC opening event where we had one on one conversations about what our job is and educated many community members about smoking



Outreach

Although our TIS team is based in Kalgoorlie and work closely with our community and surrounding shires including the shire of Coolgardie and Kambalda. We also cover many other towns and communities, so we often travel for outreach. The area we cover includes south as far as Esperance (400kms away) and heading north we have travelled as far as Wiluna (550kms away)



South outreach

- Within our south goldfields outreach region, we have attended events and created programs in Norsemen and Esperance. This is some of the outreach we have done recently:





Norseman district high school



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ESPERANCE PRIMARY SCHOOLS





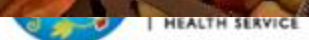
Esperance senior high school



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ESPERANCE SHOW



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Some northern goldfields outreach

- Within our northern goldfield's region, we have attended events and created programs in Menzies, Leonora, Mount Margaret , Laverton and Wiluna. These are some of the outreach we have done recently:



Wiluna



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Menzies and Mount Margret



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Leonora Sports Carnival

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Leonora district high school Breakfast program and No Smoking session



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Leonora Youth Fun Night



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Laverton two-day football carnival 2023



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Laverton youth fun night



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Laverton colour fun run





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