

Country Connections – Southern Alinytjara Wilurara region

The Project

The project provides on Country diversionary activities for Aboriginal people sleeping rough and living with drug and alcohol issues in Ceduna. Working in partnership with the Aboriginal Drug Alcohol Council (ADAC), Natural Resources Alinytjara Wilurara (AW) staff take people out from the Ceduna day centre to assist with the Natural Resources Management (NRM) project works being undertaken in the Southern AW region.

Activities are directly informed through a planning and engagement process with the relevant Traditional Owner authority and have included working on significant cultural and ecological sites. No one says no to get out of town and being involved in Caring for Country and this is reflected in the strong participant motivation to take part in the Country Connections Trips.



Healthy relationships and outcomes

Successful drug and alcohol diversionary program for men living rough in Ceduna. Supports participants to sober up, re-connect with Country, and undertake meaningful work that is contributing to both healthy Country and the health of the participants.



Partners

Aboriginal Drug and Alcohol Council, Ceduna Office and Natural Resources AW.

Where to from here

Aboriginal people living rough in Ceduna interact with a number of service providers on a regular basis. The Ceduna Services Collaboration is attempting to improve the coordination between these providers to improve outcomes for Aboriginal people. The success of Country Connections demonstrate the benefits of having connection to Country as central elements of the collaboration.

The partners consider that formal acceptance of connection to Country for Aboriginal health and wellbeing as being an agreed NRM outcome or target will better support these initiatives.



"People loved it and they were enthusiastic, some really wanted to stay longer and do more work to help out"

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More information

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