New Adult Volatile Substance Abuse Rehabilitation Service Opens In Alice Springs

Drug and alcohol rehabilitation services in Alice Springs will be boosted with the opening of a new 20 bed state-of-the-art facility at Aranda House.

In Alice Springs to officially open the new service, Family and Community Services Minister, Delia Lawrie, said the facility will add to the capacity of existing services bringing the total number of residential treatment beds in Alice Springs to 36.

“The Martin Government is committed to helping Territorians with substance abuse problems, and we're putting in the appropriate resources to do just that,” said Ms Lawrie.

“In Central Australia, we’ve already started to see positive results from the Alcohol Management Plan with the tough restrictions resulting in a 10% drop in the sale of pure alcohol in Alice Springs.

“The Territory also continues to set an example to the rest of Australia in the fight against petrol sniffing with our Volatile Substance Abuse (VSA) laws also producing positive outcomes.”

Ms Lawrie said the Territory and Federal Governments have spent $1.2 million refurbishing Aranda House – Pmere Mwerre Anetyeke (a great place to stay) - to provide a state-of-the-art rehabilitation facility to support people affected by alcohol and substance abuse break the cycle.

High quality treatment services stand alongside Opal fuel and community initiatives in the fight against petrol sniffing.

“This new program will be delivered by Drug and Alcohol Services Association (DASA) which is well-known in Alice Springs for its fantastic work,” said Ms Lawrie.

“The Martin Government is providing $685,000 annually to deliver the detox program and volatile substance abuse treatment program from Aranda House.

“This service expands on the range of volatile substance abuse services already being provided by Alcohol and Other Drugs Services, Bushmob and DASA.”