Alice Springs Identity Appointed as Youth Services Coordinator

Mr John Adams, an Alice Springs local with 20 years experience in Social Services, has been appointed to the position of Alice Springs Youth Services Coordinator on an interim basis.

The Minister for Central Australia, Karl Hampton, today welcomed the appointment, saying Mr Adams has been living in the Northern Territory for almost 20 years, in Alice Springs and remote communities.

“Mr Adams has in-depth knowledge of the issues facing young people in Alice Springs and nearby Central Australian communities, which will equip him well in driving forward important elements of the Alice Springs Youth Action Plan,” Hampton said.

“He is highly experienced in social services, with specific expertise in the areas of Aboriginal affairs, vocational education and youth and child protection.

“He will continue to oversee the establishment of the Youth Hub and the Anzac Hill campus, in conjunction with ngo’s, and will co-ordinate and support intervention services to address antisocial behaviour and youth crime.

“I have met with Mr Adams and discussed the ASYAP, and he is currently undertaking a detailed induction and handover preparing him to pick up the reigns from 22 December 2010.”

Mr Adams said he is excited by the challenges and outcomes for young people in Alice Springs that will be achieved in the coming months.

“I am very excited to take up this position, and am looking forward to promoting an agenda of youth citizenship and giving young people in Alice Springs a voice,” Mr Adams said.

“I am energised by the opportunity to connect Government, non-Government, community resources and young people in a process of collaborative problem solving around the issues facing the Alice Springs community.

“One of my goals is to engage the youth of Alice Springs on youth issues, decision making and planning to meet the current and emerging needs of youth in Alice Springs,” Mr Adams said.

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