

Growth of arbias with the launch of NSW Government's social impact program

In an Australian first, the NSW Government is using social impact investment to help reduce parolee reoffending and re-incarceration.

The investment funds **On TRACC** (Transition Reintegration and Community Connection), an intensive support program that will provide individualised support to parolees, particularly in the first 16 weeks of parole. It aims to support parolees to successfully re-integrate into the community following their release from prison. The program will complement and build on existing support services for parolees provided by Corrective Services NSW.

On TRACC will work with up to 3,900 parolees over five years, and will be jointly delivered by [Australian Community Support Organisation](#) (ACSO) and [arbias](#). ACSO and arbias are experienced providers of community support and early intervention for people in the criminal justice system. In September 2014, they were [announced as successful proponents to an earlier request for social impact investment proposals](#), a program that has proven greatly successful for almost two years.

The On TRACC social impact investment aims to provide a Social Benefit (Community Safety), reduce financial costs of reoffending and reduce pressure on the criminal justice system. It is jointly financed by ACSO and National Australia Bank (NAB), with government payments contingent on the performance of the program.

A Quick Overview of the Program

<i>Policy area:</i>	<i>Reducing parolee reoffending and re-incarceration</i>
<i>Intervention group:</i>	<i>Up to 3,900 adult parolees with a medium to high risk of reoffending, released to supervision in selected Sydney metropolitan areas</i>
<i>Program description:</i>	<i>Intensive, individual support to parolees to help them reintegrate into the community, particularly in the first 16 weeks of release</i>
<i>Outcome measure:</i>	<i>Reduced rate of re-incarceration in 12 months post release</i>
<i>Contract term:</i>	<i>5 years</i>
<i>Service providers:</i>	<i>ACSO and arbias</i>
<i>Government agency:</i>	<i>Corrective Services NSW</i>
<i>Evaluator:</i>	<i>NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (BOCSA)</i>

BRAIN INJURY AWARENESS WEEK 15-21 August 2016

After 5 years of campaigning to improve awareness of Brain Injury throughout Australia, and indeed internationally, it has been decided that our annual BANGONABEANIE campaign will not be continuing into 2016.

Of course, the team at Synapse will continue its endeavour to raise awareness by working to transform this 'Invisible Disability' into a very visible one. But they still need your help! You can make a difference by hosting or attending an event, by volunteering, by fundraising or by making a donation. To get involved, simply visit their website synapse.org.au to find out how. And remember to keep the conversation going by connecting on social media.

Over 2 million Australians are affected by Brain Disorders (that's over 1 in 12), so chances are we all know someone impacted.

So why not take up one of the many opportunities available to make a positive change to help those who suffer as well as those in your local neighbourhood.

Service User Compliments

Below is a dialogue between a northern NSW client and his caseworker ...

Client SH - **"Thank you for all your help"**

Caseworker - **"You're most welcome"**

Client SH - **"I hope you're well paid"**

Caseworker - **"My payment is seeing you turn your life around...."**

...and another Service User comment:

"My brother was shoved from pillar to post through a range of services and no one did anything constructive to help him. How pleasantly surprised I was that arbias showed care and professionalism and started to get things moving." - TS

Upcoming Training

Foundation Modules Training

27 Hope Street, Brunswick VIC 3056
(Martin Jackson Training Room)

- Module #2 - 23 September 2016

- Module #3 - 18 October 2016

For more information or to make a booking,
please contact ILC on 1800 272 427

Upcoming Events

Brain Injury Awareness Week .. 15-21 August

Movers and Shakers



Raymond Burnett commenced with arbias on 4th July as our Manager State-wide Services (Victoria).

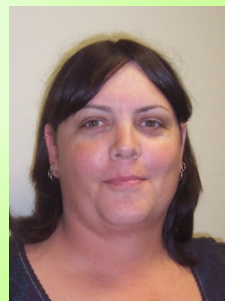
Qualifications:

Masters of Public Health, Masters in Management and Leadership, Bachelor of Social Work, Bachelor of Arts, and completion of the Australian Institute of Company Directors Program and the International Partnership Brokers Program.

Career Summary:

Raymond is a dynamic, values driven executive. He has successfully championed inclusion, diversity and anti-discrimination in Board, non-for-profit, research, academic, commercial and government settings. Raymond has significant operational and clinical management experience across the disability, early intervention and mental health sectors and will be a welcome addition to the Victorian arm of arbias

Sam Best joined arbias in 2000 as a Recreation Worker in the North West Metropolitan Region (NWMR) before moving to the Community Programs as a support worker. Next she moved to Flexible Outreach and progressed to Case Management (Community Facilitation). In July she was appointed as Team Leader Housing Services and Community Programs. Sam is currently the longest servicing staff member of arbias and has given 16 years of great service, commitment and dedication.



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