

## **THE GOLD COAST DRUG COUNCIL INC.**

The Gold Coast Drug Council Inc., also known locally as Mirikai, Aboriginal for "a place of peace", is a registered charitable institution. It was established in 1971 as the first alcohol and drug service on the Gold Coast and received a land grant from the Gold Coast City Council in 1981 to develop services in West Burleigh. Since that time we have developed into a centre for education, prevention, assessment, referral and detoxification.

In addition to the Mirikai, Therapeutic Community Program, we offer a growing number of programs, such as QIDDI, the Personal Support Program (PSP), Drug Court, Youth Outreach service, Family Therapy service and OASIS supported accommodation programme. In recent years we have developed a specialist clinical team to manage and treat clients with both addictions and mental health disorders (referred to as "dual diagnosis"). We continue to review and develop our services to meet new needs.

The Gold Coast Drug Council also provides a 24 hour telephone information and referral service for people wanting assistance to address drug-related

problems. We handle thousands of telephone calls and enquiries each year.

The Gold Coast Drug Council has been quality accredited by the Institute of Healthy Communities Association since 2001.

### **QUEENSLAND ILLICIT DRUG DIVERSION INITIATIVE (QIDDI)**

Queensland Illicit Drug Diversion Initiative offers professional health interventions as an alternative to the criminal justice system. It is designed for people arrested for first-time minor drug offences and provides offenders with an opportunity and an incentive to address their drug use early, and in many cases, before incurring a criminal record.

#### **Who?**

Clients of all ages are referred following arrest for first-time drug offences.

The Queensland Police refers clients to the Diversion Co-ordination Service, who then refer clients to the QIDDI Program. If the client does not attend the appointed session for a QIDDI

assessment, the QLD Police are notified of non-compliance.

#### **How?**

Clients are required to attend a confidential 1- 2 hour education and assessment session with a QIDDI counsellor. Based on the assessment during the session, clients are then often referred to other services such as out-client support; counselling; or residential treatment.

The QIDDI counsellor may also engage in individual counselling with the client for a limited amount of additional sessions.

#### **Where?**

The QIDDI Program is based at 191 West Burleigh Road, Burleigh Heads, Qld and at 9 Scarborough Street, Southport, Qld (see maps).

#### **Cost?**

This program is free of charge to clients and is funded by the Queensland Department of Health.

# PROGRAMS & SERVICES

## RESIDENTIAL PROGRAMS

Mirikai Therapeutic Community Program

Outreach Accommodation Support  
and Integrated Services (OASIS)

Drug Court Program

Drug Court Supported  
Accommodation Program (MISO)

## OUT-CLIENT PROGRAMS

Personal Support Program (PSP)

Drug Court Day Therapeutic  
Community Program

Queensland Illicit Drug Diversion  
Initiative (QIDDI)

Youth Outreach Program

DRASTIC Program

Youth Dual Diagnosis Support Program

Family Therapy Program

## OUT-CLIENT SERVICES

Family & Friends Support Group

Earlybirds Support Group

Stop Pot

Supervised Urinary Testing (UT)

## HEALTH EDUCATION

Drug Awareness Course



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# QIDDI

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