

## About WESDARC

WESDARC is a not-for-profit, non-government organisation using a harm minimisation approach. We provide drug and alcohol information, referral services and engage in community development activities and projects. Although we focus our services on our local areas of Penrith, the Blue Mountains and Hawkesbury (Western Cluster) are also available to provide education, information and resources further-a-field.



### Philosophy

Education and community development can minimise the harm associated with alcohol and other drug use as well as change the belief and value systems that support this.

### Vision

WESDARC operates from within the community to promote the principles of harm minimisation in a creative and responsive way that reflects an understanding of the diversity of social, cultural and environmental needs of people living in Penrith, Blue Mountains and the Hawkesbury.

Through the provision of education resources, skills development, community development, training and support; WESDARC strives to promote health, increase alternatives and bring about change.

WESDARC promotes social justice and access and equity in collaboration with the communities of Sydney West Area Health Service.

## Need More Info?

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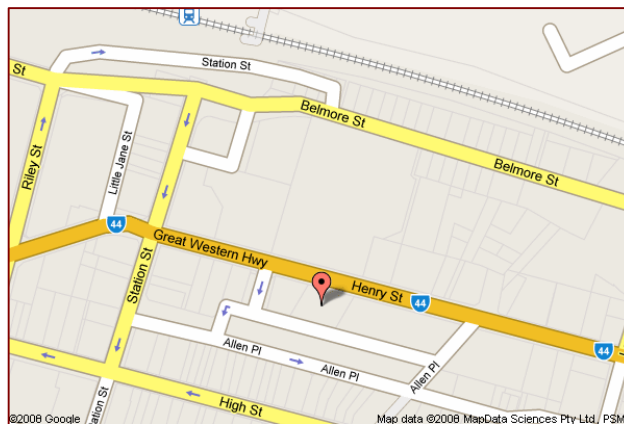
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# WESDARC

Western Sydney Drug & Alcohol Resource Centre Inc.



### Office Hours

Monday - Friday 9:00 am - 4:30 pm

Suite 109, 114 – 116 Henry Street  
PENRITH (next to Rivers)

**Agency visits by appointment only**

### Who can access WESDARC?

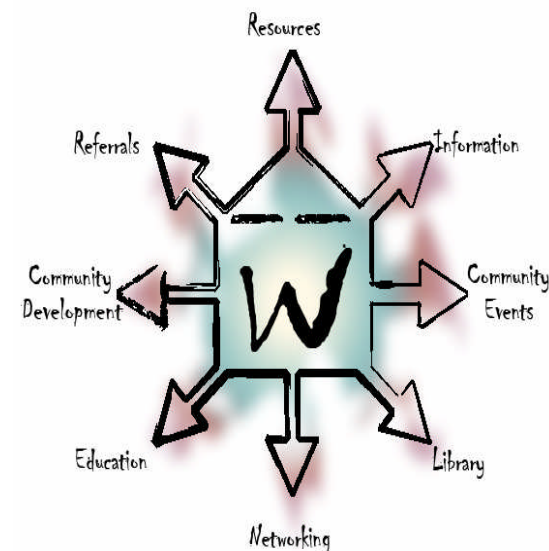
Professionals, students, parents, relatives, friends,  
concerned persons and the community.

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## Agency Information



Since 1978

**'Reducing harm through education  
and community development'**

National Drug & Alcohol Award 2004 - Excellence in Prevention  
Ted Noffs Award 2000 - Outstanding Specialised Service

## Information

We can provide information about Alcohol and Other Drugs through brochures, pamphlets, websites and knowledge of the sector.

***If you have any questions relating to alcohol or other drugs, please give us a call.***

## Referrals

We can provide information about community services, groups and specialist services where required. (eg. Rehab, detox, counselling & support services)

General information may be collected to ensure the most appropriate referral information is provided. This information is confidential.

## Networking

WESDARC works in partnership through engagement with other agencies, committee representation and local community services.

For example; Network of Alcohol and Other Drug Agencies (NADA) and Youth Action Policy Association (YAPA).

## Library

Our library consists of over 1500 items which includes videos, training manuals, kits, books and other publications. Photocopying facilities are available.

A few of the topics you will find in our library are:

- ❖ Alcohol and Other Drugs
- ❖ Young People
- ❖ Legal issues
- ❖ Health Promotion

See our website for a more comprehensive list.

## Resources

Resources that are available in addition to all that is mentioned throughout this pamphlet are:

- ❖ Alcohol and Other Drugs Brochures/Fact Sheets
- ❖ Personnel for consultation and collaboration with community projects
- ❖ Website

## Community Development

WESDARC works in partnership with schools, community groups and other agencies to bridge existing gaps in the area of alcohol and other drugs. By developing harm minimisation and prevention programs we encourage self empowerment, community involvement and build resilience.

## Community Education and Information Programs

WESDARC is called upon by all sections of the community to provide information and have developed many programs to help educate on alcohol and other drugs and related issues.

## Made to Measure

WESDARC can create an individual education and information program to suit your needs.

***WESDARC is an EEO employer and has a non-smoking policy.***

