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Newsletter



From the President

Welcome to the Footscape November newsletter. Perhaps the most discriminated against population group currently in Australia are asylum seekers. The Australian asylum seeker system is one that all too often forces people into poverty, destitution and homelessness. This in turn impacts negatively on physical and mental health. At the same time painful podiatric conditions affecting asylum seekers are accentuated as individuals are commonly forced to walk long distances upon poor footwear. Consequently, opportunities to engage in activities that enhance social inclusion may be restricted.

The Asylum Seeker Resource Centre (ASRC) has become the largest provider of aid, advocacy and health services for asylum seekers in Australia. The Centre works directly with asylum seekers living in our community to provide direct aid and support as they await an outcome of their refugee determination application in Australia. The Centre also campaigns and lobbies on behalf of asylum seekers and all Australians at times of despair and hopelessness, the Centre is there to offer comfort, friendship, hope and respite.



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The ASRC premises in Footscray

Since 2012 Footscape has been working in conjunction with ASRC to implement strategies contributing to the attainment of foot health and wellbeing for recipients of care. Establishing an equipped clinical setup to administer fundamental Podiatry services during this period has been a substantial achievement for Footscape. I'm pleased to report our volunteer Podiatrists have attained commendable outcomes for recipients of care encountering foot pathology.

Following a screening activity during Diabetes Week the ASRC Health Clinic commenced a health promotion project for an estimated ten per cent of clientele enduring diabetes. Given the complex health needs of this group, coupled with incomprehensive health care and

access to other essential services, an asylum seeker burdened with diabetes must confront an arduous task to achieve ideal blood sugar levels on a daily basis. Footscape is supporting this health promotion project by providing clinical assessment and education for affected clients in addition to funding foot care kits. Such kits comprise betadine satchels, band aids, emollient satchels, emery boards, long handled files and education handouts in numerous languages. It is hoped these kits will help promote diabetic foot care practices to be undertaken upon a daily basis. We look forward to learning the outcomes of this project.

*Anthony Lewis
President*



One hundred foot care kits boxed and ready to be distributed to asylum seekers



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