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THE MAJOR BRIAN WATTERS YOUTH PREVENTION INFLUENCERS' AWARD



COULD YOU BE THE NEXT **YOUTH INFLUENCER SCHOLARSHIP** RECIPIENT?

Drug Free Australia (DFA) is an NGO that is working in close cooperation with the Rotary Action Group for Addiction Prevention. In partnership, DFA announced an award to be offered in honour of the work of Major Brian Watters AO, to young people between the ages of 17 and 25 who are interested in training to be Youth Prevention Influencers.

WHAT'S ON OFFER

- 1) Financial assistance for YPI training, up to \$500 as follows:
 - the first \$100 being awarded at commencement of training as a YPI;
 - \$100 awarded upon successful completion of the training; \$300 awarded upon completion of practical policies and practice to help prevent addiction to nominated community groups/ individuals.
- 2) Training – either a 4 hour online or a 1 day face to face session in the nature of addiction and current strategies being used to prevent and/or help people deal with their addiction.
- 3) Mentoring to encourage the development the YPI's own strategies for drug prevention in their communities.
- 4) Assistance with travel to Vienna to be part of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs (CND) at the United Nations headquarters – held in mid-March each year, to join other like-minded young people in their endeavours to influence world governments in drug prevention.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Individuals between the ages of 16-29 can be nominated by Rotary Clubs, Senior Secondary Schools and Tertiary Institutions OR they can nominate themselves and seek the backing of their local Rotary club or other body.

Submit a registration of interest, giving reasons for applying. This should include:

- (a) Resume with at least 2 referees including those involved in a Rotary Club or other community body.
- (b) A minimum 500-word statement/essay/video entitled – 'Why and How we could stay Drug Free'

KEY DATES

Registration of interest due: Round 1- **Monday March 31, 2025**

Scholarship recipients notified by: **Friday May 30, 2025**

Training commences: **Thursday June 26, 2025** (commemorating the United Nations' International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND TO APPLY CONTACT: **Jo Baxter** International Board Member

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ABOUT Major Brian Watters AO

Major Watters devoted his life to working tirelessly to help people of all ages, gender and ethnic backgrounds to return to health when drugs and alcohol had destroyed their lives. In addition, he spent many years as Vice President of the *United Nations International Narcotics Control Board*.

Major Watters was well qualified in this important field, with:

- an Arts Degree from Newcastle (NSW) University, majoring in Medical Sociology.
- Qualified Psychiatric Chaplain and trained at Newcastle University in Addictions Counselling.
- In 1998-2010 he was appointed as Chairman of the Australian National Council on Drugs, the peak Drugs Policy Advisory Body to the Australian Federal Government.
- A member of the National Board of Drug Arm, Australia;
- Member of the Leadership Council of International Substance Abuse and Addiction Coalition.
- Past President of the N.S.W. Network of Alcohol and Drug Agencies (NADA) with a Membership of more than 100 Agencies.
- Served on the N.S.W. Health Minister's Drug Advisory Council.
- In 2005 he was elected to the International Narcotics Control Board (INCB) of the United Nations – based in Vienna.
- In 2007 appointed Vice President of the International Narcotics Control Board and
- was the Chair of the Prime Ministers Drug Advisory Council (ANCD) for over 10 years.
- President and Board Member of Drug Free Australia from 2002-2024.



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INTRODUCING KERRYIN'S KORNER

- A new regular feature
- Advice based on Lived Experience

Introducing Kerryin Redpath, who has many experiences to share associated with her youth drug use. Kerryin is a great influencer in strategies for 'Saying NO' to drugs and watching out for pitfalls young people can fall into. She also offers a great deal as a DFA Board Member. and is the author of two books:

- Chasing After the Wind
- Out of the Darkness

Here is a brief background:

Despite a happy, loving start to life, some dire choices in Kerryin's teens sent this young Australian woman into a wild path of self-destruction. Having miraculously survived several close encounters with death and three overdoses, Kerryin has since turned her life around and now passionately uses her knowledge and experience to warn and help others about the perils of substance use and abuse. Watch this space 'Kerryin's Korner' for the answer to questions that young people and their parents/carers often ask about drug use prevention and recovery-based treatment. Readers are invited to send in questions for Kerryin.



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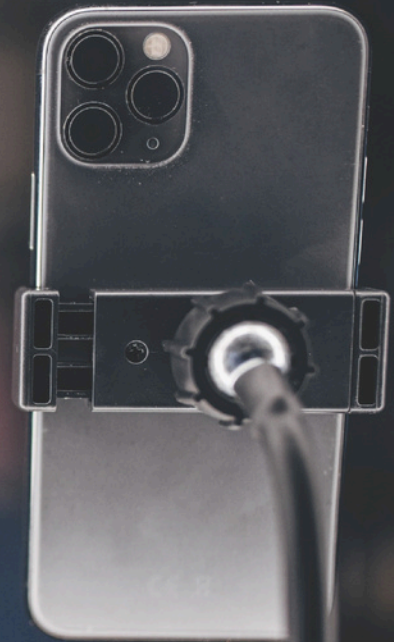
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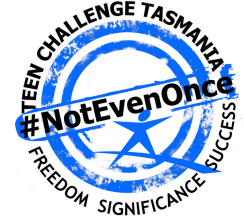


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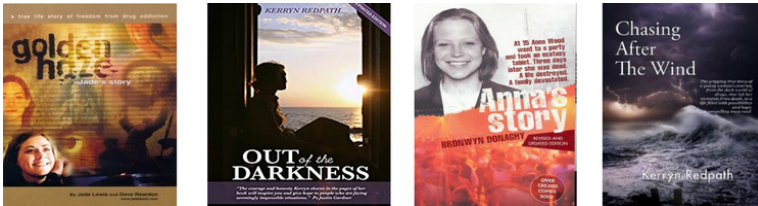


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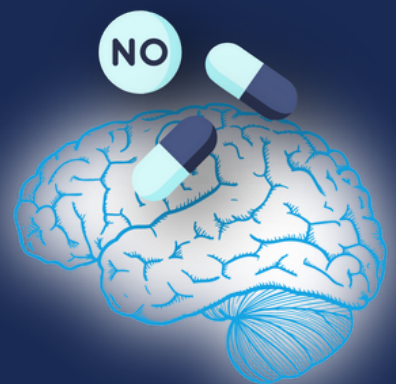
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