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Narrogin Mental Health Recovery Program secures funding for client education and training

Baptistcare's Mental Health Recovery Program, based in Narrogin and Katanning, has seen its clients make exceptional progress in several different areas.

Four of the clients from Narrogin have taken on the challenge of signing up for a computer course being run at C Y O'Connor TAFE, that has been entirely funded through Directions as part of the Government's Return to Work initiative.

It is the goal of the Recovery Workers at the Mental Health Recovery Program, and their clients, that at the completion of this course clients will have the necessary computer skills to enable them to undertake further study.

'We have been very fortunate to be able to gain funding that has covered the training costs for three of our Narrogin clients; this funding will be ongoing to the value of \$500 per client,' says Audrey Parnell, a Baptistcare Recovery Worker.

Audrey, who is based in Narrogin, is currently working with TAFE and Time In to establish the NOW (New Opportunities for Women) Program, which will be the next stage of this project.

'We are currently in consultation regarding the timing of the pilot program as I have spoken about the need for our clients to move from the computer course and straight into the NOW program,' says Audrey.

'The NOW Program is an extremely exciting and important initiative for Baptistcare as we believe it gives our clients the opportunity to take ownership of their own lives whilst also learning how to plan to achieve personal goals.'

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