**Veterans and Veterans Families Counselling Service** A service founded by Vietnam veterans



## **VVCS North Queensland Group Programs July— December 2017**

## 123 Magic & Emotion **Coaching Parent Course**

**Veterans, Eligible ADF and Partners** 

3 day workshop (2 hours /day)

**TOWNSVILLE** 

Thursdays 24, 31 Aug & 7 Sept,2:30pm-4:30pm

Thursdays 16, 23, 30 Nov, 11:00am- 1:00pm

## **Beating the Blues**

Veterans, Eligible ADF, Partners, Family

2 day workshop

**CAIRNS** 

Tues 22 - Wed 23 Aug, 9:00am - 4:00pm

## **Building Better Relationships**

**Veterans, Eligible ADF, Partners** 

3 day program

**TOWNSVILLE** 

Wed 8 - Fri 10 Nov, 9:00am-4:30pm

## Mastering Anxiety

Veterans, Eligible ADF, Partners, Family

2 day workshop

**TOWNSVILLE** 

Tues 25 - Wed 26 July, 9:00am- 4:00pm

## **Operation Life**

**Veterans, Partners, Family, Friends, Volunteers** 

**ASIST - 2 day workshop** 

**TOWNSVILLE** 

Thurs 14- Fri 15 Sept, 9:00am- 5:00pm

Mon 27—Tues 28 Nov 9:00am- 5:00pm

**CAIRNS** 

Mon 11— Tues 12 Sept, 9:00am— 5:00pm

## **Relaxation Workshop**

Veterans, Eligible ADF, Partners, Family

1 day workshop

**TOWNSVILLE** 

Thurs 26 Oct, 9:00am- 4:00pm

**CAIRNS** 

Wed 1 Nov, 9:00am- 4:00pm

## **Residential Lifestyle Management Program**

**Veterans and Partners** 

5 day residential program

**TOWNSVILLE** 

Mon 9 – Fri 13 Oct

## Sleeping Better

Veterans, Eligible ADF, Partners, Family

2 day workshop

**TOWNSVILLE** 

Tues 5- Wed 6 Sept, 9:00am- 4:00pm

## **Stepping Out - ADF Transition**

All ADF members & partners who are in the process of or who have separated from the ADF in the last 12 months

### 2 day workshop

**TOWNSVILLE** 

Tues 1- Wed 2 Aug, 9:00am- 4:00pm

Tues 21- Wed 22 Nov, 9:00am- 4:00pm

**CAIRNS** 

Wed 4- Thurs 5 Oct 9:00am- 4:00pm

What are VVCS group programs?

VVCS group programs aim to improve the quality of life of veterans, eligible ADF members and their families and complement counselling and other services that promote recovery through prevention, early intervention and To register for group programs, or to make further enquiries please contact VVCS North Queensland on

1800 011 046 or email vvcsnorthqld@dva.gov.au.



# VVCS North Queensland Group Programs

## **VVCS Group Programs**

### 123 Magic & Emotion Coaching Parent Course

This is a 3-session program to assist parents and carers to develop strategies to manage difficult behaviour in children aged up to 12 years old.

### **Beating the Blues**

Depression is one of the most common mental health problems, with around one in five Australians experiencing it at least once in their lifetime. Beating the Blues assists participants to understand the situations and thinking patterns that can contribute to depression, and to develop strategies to manage depression symptoms more effectively.

### **Building Better Relationships**

This program is designed to help emotionally committed couples enhance their relationship. The program explores what makes a good relationship and aims to increase partners' understanding of each other, improve communication, enhance intimacy and help couples plan ahead.

### **Mastering Anxiety**

Anxiety is a normal reaction to stress, however when anxiety becomes severe and interferes with our capacity to cope effectively, it is no longer considered normal. This program helps participants to understand anxiety and the factors that maintain it. It aims to promote a sense of wellbeing through developing strategies to reduce anxiety and associated stress.

### Operation Life ("ASIST" 2 day workshop)

Operation Life workshops provide a framework for action to prevent suicide and promote mental health and resilience across the veteran community. These workshops aim to help members of the veteran community to recognise someone who might be having thoughts of suicide and to link them in with appropriate assistance.

### **Relaxation Workshop**

This workshop is an educational and skills based program assisting participants to understand the importance of relaxation, signs and symptoms of stress and overcome barriers to relaxation.

### Residential Lifestyle Management Program

This program is designed for veterans and their partners who would like to improve their wellbeing and enhance their relationship. It provides an opportunity to take time out from the daily routine and focus on a range of lifestyle subjects, such as stress management, communication and relationship building.

### **Sleeping Better**

The quality of your sleep directly affects the quality of your waking life, including your mental alertness, efficiency, emotion regulation, creativity, energy levels, and even your weight. Sleeping Better introduces long term solutions for insomnia that involve changing sleep habits to promote good sleep.

### **Stepping Out**

The Stepping Out program is about helping you improve your transition from the ADF to civilian life. Making the move to civilian life can be challenging and the changes you experience may have an impact on your personal life, work life and family life. Stepping Out will give you information and skills to manage your transition to civilian life.

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