



## **Letter to the Editor**

### **Hume residents are not alone**

Whilst it is welcome news that Hume will soon have an additional drug and alcohol counselling resource (Broady gets counsellor, Hume Leader, 5 January 2010), to state that there is no local service or nobody to provide counselling for adults is incorrect. Youth Projects, based in Glenroy, is one of Melbourne's longest standing drug and alcohol services, providing support to Hume residents for over 25 years and an outreach service for the past decade. Outreach support is provided to people of all ages in their own environment. Last year, 111 Hume residents, of which 64 were adults, received drug and alcohol support from our northern outreach team, the only outreach service available for adults in the area. We are a local agency with local knowledge and have been quietly making a difference at a local, grass roots level for decades. Hume residents are not alone.

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