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Melbourne Scientologists Kick Off Drug-Free Living

Volunteers from the Church of Scientology of Melbourne promote drug-free living at Aussie Rules Football game

In the wake of reports of [increased use of social drugs](#) like cocaine and methamphetamines among Australian Rules football players, volunteers from the Church of Scientology of Melbourne distributed thousands of copies of *The Truth About Drugs* booklets to Aussie Rules fans July 7 at an Australia Football League game at Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG).

The Truth About Drugs is a drug education and prevention initiative supported by the Church of Scientology. Scientologists are active in drug prevention, providing youth with the information they need to make self-determined decisions to live drug-free.

The Truth About Drugs booklet makes the point that drugs are not the solution:

“People take drugs because they want to change something about their lives.... They think drugs are a solution. But eventually drugs become the problem.

Difficult as it may be to face one's problems, the consequences of drug use are always worse than the problem one is trying to solve with them."

Based on more than a quarter of a century of experience in drug prevention, the program has been adopted by schools, parent associations, law enforcement and community and religious groups around the world to help youth avoid the tragedy of drug addiction.

Scientists on five continents work in their communities to empower others with the truth about drugs. The Church and its members are dedicated to eradicating drug abuse through education.

The Church of Scientology has published a brochure, *Scientology: How We Help—The Truth About Drugs, Creating a Drug-Free World*, to meet requests for more information about the drug education and prevention initiative it supports. To learn more or read a copy of the brochure, visit the [Scientology website](#).

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Scientology Founder L. Ron Hubbard wrote, "The planet has hit a barrier which prevents any widespread social progress—drugs and other biochemical substances. These can put people into a condition which not only prohibits and destroys physical health but which can prevent any stable advancement in mental or spiritual well-being."

The Church of Scientology supports the Truth About Drugs, one of the world's largest nongovernmental drug education and prevention campaigns. It has been conclusively proven that when young people are provided with the truth about drugs—factual information on what drugs are and what they do—usage rates drop commensurately.



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