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Member eUpdate

Noticeboard

Have you submitted your NADA membership form?

NADA [membership forms](#) are now due. Please send your completed form as soon as possible by post, addressed to NADA Membership, PO Box 2345 Strawberry Hills NSW 2012, or by [email](#). If you have any questions, email [Craig](#) or phone 8113 1305.

NADA Conference 2016—*Integrated care: working together to respond to complexity*

The NADA Conference 2016 has sold out. If you missed out, [add your name to the waiting list](#) in case of last-minute cancellations. Otherwise, please [download the timetable](#) [PDF] to plan your day. Looking forward to see you there!

NADA Women's AOD Services Network Satellite Event: Adding gender to the agenda

The NADA Women's AOD Services Network are holding a satellite event on Tuesday June 7 at the NADA Conference 2016, from 3:30 pm–4:30pm. Come along to discuss why it's important to consider how gender impacts on your service delivery. This event will also provide an opportunity to learn about upcoming Women's network associate membership options, and to network with people interested in working with women, with or without children. [RSVP now](#).

Australian AOD Peaks Network—2016 Federal Election Position Statement

The Network of Australian State and Territory Alcohol and Other Drug Peak Bodies (the Peaks Network) calls for genuine leadership from federal political parties to guide a strategic, collaborative, innovative and effective approach to addressing alcohol and other drug issues across Australia. Learn more in the [Peaks Network 2016 Federal Election Position Statement](#) [PDF].

Gorman House (SVH) Transition

Gorman House has been operating as a 20-bed residential withdrawal service for more than 30 years. To better meet the complex health needs of their service users, Gorman House will transition to a medical unit. Gorman house will continue as a Monday to Friday residential withdrawal service until the **17 June 2016**. From 20 June 2016, until the new unit opens, Gorman House will provide an outpatient service model, staffed by medical officers, nurses and counsellors. Service users and providers can call ADIS on 9361 8000 for more information and for additional referral options.

NGO training and education program

NSW Health's new [NGO capacity building program](#) has been announced and will be rolled out across metropolitan, regional and rural areas as part of NSW Health's *Partnerships for Health* program. For further information about the training and education program including the upcoming SES LHD workshops coming up in June please contact [QinetiQ](#).

2016 Annual Alcohol Poll: Attitudes and behaviours

[FARE's annual poll](#) explores Australia's attitudes towards alcohol, drinking behaviours, awareness and experience of alcohol harms, and opinions on alcohol policies. This year, the poll has found a significant increase of support for decreasing demand: 70% support placing a ban on alcohol advertising on television before 8:30 pm and 60% support not allowing alcohol sponsorship at sporting events.

Mission Australia's Youth Survey

The 2016 [survey](#) is now open. Young people aged 15–19 are invited to share their views. It's vital for the survey to capture the viewpoints of marginalised young people, as well as young people in regional and

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[Election Update: Greens plan to introduce a Harm Reduction Innovation Fund](#)

[Read](#) about the Greens Plan for Harm Reduction in addressing AOD use in Australian communities.

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NOTICE

[NADA Workforce Development Training Grant Program—applications close June 17](#)

Current financial members of NADA are invited to apply for funds to support training attendance for the July–December 2016 period.

Grants accessible

- Individual training grants up to **\$450** (excl. GST)
- Individual grants with travel support up to **\$800** (excl. GST)
- Group training grants up to **\$4000** (excl. GST)

To find out more, [click here](#) or email traininggrants@nada.org.au.



Did you know?

Did you know that there is growing evidence of high rates of head injury among clients in AOD residential services?

Do you know how to tell cognitive impairment symptoms apart from *challenging behaviour*?

For more information, visit the [Complex Needs Capable](#) website, and see [recent research](#) in the *Journal of Substance Abuse Treatment*.

EVENTS

[NADA Conference 2016—Integrated care: working together to respond to complexity](#)

6–7 June 2016

The Grace Hotel, Sydney

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Please be aware of changed traffic conditions on George Street, due to construction. There is no general vehicle access on George Street, between King and Park Streets. [View this on a map](#) [PDF].

[CMHDARN Practice Workshop: Framing a research idea and getting it over the line](#)

23 June 2016

University of Western Sydney, Parramatta, NSW

The day will provide an opportunity to pitch your ideas to people who can guide and help you plan for success; identify the strengths of your idea/research question, as well as the challenges you may face; garner support, potential mentorship and consider opportunities such as industry partnerships; think about embedding your ideas in community, getting buy-in from your workplace and translating your research outcomes into better practices; and walk away from the day with a concrete plan to take your ideas into your workplace and persuade. [Register now](#) [PDF].

[Aboriginal people and strength based practices within a drug and alcohol setting workshop](#)

23 June 2016

Level 2, 619 Elizabeth Street, Redfern, NSW

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Australia since colonisation; impacts of alcohol consumption on Aboriginal people; and much more. [Register now.](#)

Program Evaluation Workshop

29 June 2016

Level 2, 619 Elizabeth Street, Redfern, NSW

This practical and engaging workshop, with trainer Dr. Anni Gethin, will provide you with straightforward information and tips on implementing and developing program evaluation. [Register now.](#)

See all NADA events on the [Events Page](#).



ADVOCATE

Issue 1, March 2016

This edition focuses on community. Guest writers share how their service empowers young people to take collective responsibility for their own development, launch community forums to provide ice education, and demonstrate the importance of social connections.

Read features from

- PHN NSW/ACT Coordination
- Unharm
- Vietnamese Drug & Alcohol Professionals
- The Salvation Army, Dooralong Transformation Centre, and
- Weigelli Centre Aboriginal Corporation.

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Ensure all employees can access the Advocate

Print a copy for the lunch room, or forward the email alert to all staff. Contact [Sharon](#) to add emails to the mailing list.

Contribute to the next issue

Members and stakeholders can promote new services and projects, innovative partnerships, awards and achievements, research activity or upcoming events. To express your interest, email [Sharon](#).

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New Resources

Updated hepatitis C brochure from Hepatitis NSW—please pulp your existing copies

A *Brief Introduction (to hepatitis C)* has been updated, [click here](#) to view the online issue. Free copies are available across NSW by using this [FaxBack order form](#) [PDF]. Please search out and pulp your existing copies of the brochure—they will be dated “June 2014”. For more information, please email [Paul Harvey](#).

Harm Reduction Australia (HRA) May newsletter

Click [here](#) to view the HRA May Newsletter.

Speaking Out book

Rosie Batty launched the new book *Speaking Out* at the Sydney Writers' Festival. Written by Tara Moss, *Speaking Out: A 21st century handbook for women and girls*, includes information and advice on "gaslighting", cyberbullying, vicarious trauma and more. See a full description [here](#).

Australian FASD diagnostic tool and referral guide

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New ANROWS Horizons

Establishing the Connection—Interventions linking service responses for sexual assault with drug or alcohol use/abuse

Establishing the Connection was a Victorian-based study that aimed to examine the intersections between AOD use and sexual victimisation and trauma; how both support sectors currently work together, and how they can respond more effectively to those affected.

Findings from the report informed the development of practice guidelines to assist service providers with the identification, assessment, response and referral of individuals and families affected by co-occurring sexual abuse victimisation and substance use issues. Find out more [here](#).

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Calendar

New opportunities in mental health higher education

In 2017, the Health Education and Training Institute (HETI) will be launching higher education with contemporary programs in mental health. Click [here](#) for more information and to express interest.

Australian Drug Foundation: Breaking the ice

15 June 2016

Mt Druitt PCYC

Come along to this [free forum](#). Local leaders and experts in drug prevention will help you understand some of the issues you might have heard about “ice” in the media, and provide you with evidence based information about the drug and where to seek help, support and treatment in your community. [More information](#).

The confident board member

23 June 2016 9:30 am to 12:45 pm

NCOSS, Suite 301, Level 3 52-58 William St, Woolloomooloo

This training is designed for those who govern a non profit community organisation (committee members and senior staff). For more information and to register [click here](#).

Working with other organisations

23 June 2016 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm

NCOSS, Suite 301, Level 3 52-58 William St, Woolloomooloo

The aim of this session is to provide an overview of what needs to be considered before you enter into any form of formal agreement to work collaboratively with another organisations. For more information and to register [click here](#).

Working therapeutically with people who have complex trauma histories

29–30 June 2016

Rydges, Parramatta

This two-day workshop will provide participants with a comprehensive overview of an evidence-based approach to working therapeutically with complex trauma clients. Early bird and group discounts available. For more information and to register [click here](#).

Compassion fatigue, resiliency at work and recovery for professionals

3 August 2016

Sydney

This [workshop](#) is a brief resiliency program for professionals which offers insight into the impact of compassion fatigue on those working with seriously injured, ill, suffering from mental health issues, or traumatized individuals, groups, organizations and communities. For more information and to register [click here](#).

ACI Drug and Alcohol Innovation Forum 2016

11 August 2016

Sydney

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the ACT and the Drug and Alcohol Network.

National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre's Annual Symposium

12 September 2016

John Niland Scientia Building, UNSW

This year's symposium theme is Current Issues in Substance Use: The bigger picture. For more information [click here](#) or register [online](#).

Prevalent and Preventable: International conference on violence against women

19–22 September 2016

Adelaide Convention Centre

Prevalent and Preventable will bring together a diverse group of people including service workers, community advocates, policy makers, researchers, government/non government and other professionals from around Australia, New Zealand, the Asia Pacific, Europe and beyond to discuss ways to prevent violence against women and children. For more information, [click here](#).

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Positions Vacant

Team Leader AOD—Directions ACT

Applications close 9 June 2016

[Learn more.](#)

Clinical Coordinator AOD—Kathleen Yorke House

Applications close 10 June 2016

[Learn more.](#)

AOD Workers—WHOS Rozelle

Applications close 20 June 2016

[Learn more.](#)

Positions vacant advertisements

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