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Noticeboard

Primary health network (PHN) commissioning opportunities

- **Hunter New England and Central Coast PHN** is [seeking expressions of interest](#) from suitably qualified and experienced service providers for a range of drug and alcohol treatment services with contracts commencing from January 2017. **Submissions close August 10.**
- **Murrumbidgee PHN** is [calling for tenders](#) for 'Alcohol and other drugs—innovation targeting high risk groups'. **Submissions close August 19.**

Trends in alcohol use and health-related harms in NSW: report of the Chief Health Officer 2016

[The report](#) [PDF] describes patterns of alcohol use and alcohol-related health impacts in NSW. It also provides information on available education, prevention, and intervention programs related to alcohol misuse.

Working collaboratively to manage comorbid mental health and methamphetamine use

Want to increase your skills and understanding to better support methamphetamine users and improve awareness of evidence-based interventions? [Register](#) to attend this free professional development webinar on **August 4**, 7.15 pm AEST.

Harm minimisation summit: hosted by the NSW Cross-Party Harm Minimisation Roundtable

The [summit](#), to be held on **August 11**, will bring together medical experts, drug users, law and order professionals, social welfare organisations, researchers and parliamentarians from across the political divide with the aim of renewing the debate on harm minimisation approaches to illicit drugs policy.

ACI drug and alcohol forum 2016—August 11

[Register now](#) to get your place on the waiting list for the 'Drug and alcohol innovation forum', the first forum of its kind in NSW. It will showcase innovative and creative solutions to address the diverse and complex needs of people accessing drug and alcohol services. The event will also be live streamed.

Are you working with clients that may require support for the withdrawal from cannabis?

The University of Sydney in association with three NSW health districts (SESLHD, WSLHD and HNELHD) are taking part in a world-first clinical trial to examine the efficacy, safety and cost-effectiveness of using Sativex® for treating cannabis dependent patients in the community. Sativex® is a cannabis-based cheek spray designed to help people stop using cannabis, in a similar way to how nicotine patches help people quit smoking. The clinical trial has HREC approval: 14/289 (HREC/14/POWH/701). Click here for [more information](#). To request a poster for your service, please email Anajali or call 02 9332 8794.

Guide to giving: listings for 2017 are now open

Pro Bono Australia's national directory acts as a definitive map of Australia's not for profit, philanthropic and charity sectors. It is an online and printed guide that draws in those who want to engage, connect and donate to community organisations, forging a link between prospective donors and the community sector. For information, [visit Pro Bono Australia](#) and download the media kit and form.

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NADA

NOTICE

Methamphetamine capacity building workshops: Dubbo, Goulburn and Wagga Wagga

During August, NADA will embark on a road trip to rural and regional NSW to provide methamphetamine-related capacity building support to three newly established services in Dubbo, Goulburn and Wagga Wagga. Working in partnership with the hosting services—Lyndon (Dubbo), Directions and Noffs (Goulburn and Wagga Wagga)—we look forward to supporting our members in these great new community-based initiatives.

NSW drug package industry briefing

On 20 July 2016, Minister Goward and the NSW Ministry of Health held an industry briefing at NSW Parliament House, in partnership with NADA. The NSW Government has increased funding of \$75 million over four years to tackle alcohol and other drug misuse in NSW communities. The new investment focuses on supporting more young people, more people into treatment, and more families. [Click here to read the funding details](#) [PDF].



Did you know?

Did you know that recruiting new staff doesn't have to be exhausting and time-consuming? NADA has developed templates to help develop position descriptions, interview questions, employment contracts and more. Download the [NADA Policy Toolkit 2nd Edition](#) and click on Templates > Administration and Support > Human Resources > HR Supporting Documents.

EVENTS

Identifying and responding to domestic violence

17 August 2016

NADA, Redfern NSW

Only one spot left! Register [now](#).

Methamphetamine capacity building workshops: Dubbo, Goulburn and Wagga Wagga

4 August 2016, Dubbo

19 August 2016, Goulburn

31 August 2016, Wagga Wagga

Contact [Suzie](#) for more information.

Women's AOD Services Network domestic violence forum

13 October 2016

Rydges, Surry Hills NSW

Save the date—more details coming soon.

NADA 2016 annual general meeting: it's a voting year!

21 November 2016

Save the date—more details coming soon.

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

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In this edition of the Advocate, guest writers share how they support people with alcohol and drug use issues—including women and children experiencing domestic violence, Aboriginal communities, and people on release from custody—in a more integrated manner.

Read features from:

- Matua Raki
- Centre for Social Research in Health
- NSW Ministry of Health
- Sydney Medically Supervised Injecting Centre.

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New Resources

BoardConnect

[BoardConnect](#), provides specialist advice and resources for non for profit boards, including reference documents, white papers and fact sheets. They also offer a telephone advice service.

Resources on the interactions between psychiatric medications and common psychoactive drugs

The Queensland Network of Alcohol and other Drug Agencies (QNADA) has developed a series of harm reduction [resources](#) focusing on the interactions of commonly prescribed mental health medications and licit/illicit substances.

Does your organisation have a code of conduct for employees?

Free downloads: Read BNGs information sheet on 'Organisation code of ethics' and use the 'Employee code of conduct agreement' template if your organisation doesn't already have this in place. [Information Sheet: Organisation Code of Ethics](#) and [Template: Employee Code of Conduct Agreement](#)

Drug Education Network Tasmania—great resources for young people

The Drug Education Network Tasmania have developed fantastic [resources for workers and young people](#) to facilitate discussions around alcohol and drug use, effects and impacts.

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Calendar

Centre for Community Welfare Training (ACWA/CCWT) training wallchart July–December 2016

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New opportunities in mental health higher education

In 2017 the Health Education and Training Institute (HETI) will launch higher education programs in

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Drug and alcohol innovation forum 2016

11 August 2016**Lavendar Bay**

This free [forum](#) by the NSW Agency for Clinical Innovation (ACI) will showcase innovative and creative responses to the diverse and complex needs of people accessing AOD services. One project will be taken forward and supported by the ACI and the Drug and Alcohol Network.

Discrimination, sexual harassment and bullying: protecting yourself and your people webinar

11 August 2016, 12.45 pm

This [webinar](#) will provide overview of inappropriate workplace behaviour, including discrimination, sexual harassment, bullying and victimisation relevant to non profit organisations.

National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre's annual symposium

12 September 2016**John Niland Scientia Building, UNSW**

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

Webinar on how frontline workers can improve the safety of women online

15 September 2016, 1 pm

This [webinar](#) on technology facilitated abuse will focus on how frontline workers can support women with practical advice and tools to increase their safety when using digital technology and online media.

Prevalent and preventable: international conference on violence against women

19–22 September 2016**Adelaide Convention Centre, South Australia**

This [conference](#) will bring together a diverse group of people including service workers, community advocates, policy makers, researchers, government/non-government and other professionals from around the world to discuss ways to prevent violence against women and children.

10th Australasian viral hepatitis conference

29 September–1 October 2016**Gold Coast Australia**

This is a multidisciplinary [conference](#) concerned with viral hepatitis. Preconference events include a [meeting](#) to explore optimal models for delivering care to people with hepatitis C from diverse backgrounds and settings.

4th National Indigenous drug and alcohol conference

11–14 October 2016**Glenelg, South Australia**

This [conference](#) will highlight the contributing role that AOD misuse has on the health and life expectancy of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

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Positions Vacant

Program director, Operations and service delivery—CRC

Applications close 5 Aug 2016[Learn more.](#)

Case worker—WHOS Sydney

Applications close 9 Aug 2016[Learn more.](#)

Gambling Counsellor—Odyssey House

Applications close 14 Aug 2016[Learn more.](#)

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Applications close 14 Aug 2016

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Alcohol and other drug (AOD) admissions officer—Odyssey House

Applications close 14 Aug 2016

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Transition worker—CRC

Applications close 22 Aug 2016

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