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Member eUpdate

Noticeboard

NADA board looking for new members this year

It's our AGM on 21 November 2016 and all current board members have served their three year stint so it's time for new or re-nominations. [Register now](#) to cast your votes for a new board. Please note, membership must be current, with fees paid, for delegates to vote. Contact [Robert](#) if you haven't received the nomination form and guide.

Suicide prevention fund

The NSW Government has introduced the NSW 'Suicide prevention fund' to provide opportunities for non-government organisations and community based services to deliver local suicide prevention services and activities. Expressions of interest will close on 25 October 2016. Click here for [more information](#).

A guide for health services to support LGBTI clients during the marriage equality debate

ACON has produced a [resource](#) [PDF] for services to help support members of the LGBTI community who may be experiencing distress due to the debate.

New women's crime diversion program launched—The Miranda project

The [Miranda project](#) [PDF] is an innovative, gender specific approach to crime prevention targeting women with complex needs who are at risk of offending and re-offending. The project is an initiative of the Corrective Services Women's Advisory Council and a project of the Community Restorative Centre CRC NSW. For more information visit the CRC [website](#).

VAADA Conference 2017—call for abstracts close 10 October 2016

[Abstracts are now open](#) for the VAADA 2017 Conference. This conference, to be held on 16–17 February 2016, focuses on complexity, collaboration, consumers and care.

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NOTICE

NADA Workforce development plan

The NADA Workforce development plan 2016–2019 is [now online](#). It describes our sector's shared vision of a diverse and sustainable workforce that competent, capable and supported to meet client needs. Key projects for 2016–17 will include a workforce exchange pilot and an organisation change project to strengthen workforce health and wellbeing.



Did you know?

Did you know your service can become more gender responsive and improve access and retention rates for women? Improve your systems

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EVENTS

[Methamphetamine capacity building workshop](#)

10 October 2016

Wagga Wagga

Contact [Suzie](#) for more information.

[Are you asking the DV question? Identifying and responding to victims of domestic violence in AOD settings](#)

13 October 2016

The Rydges, Surry Hills

NADA and the Women's AOD Services Network invite you to attend this free, one-day information and networking forum exploring the importance of identifying and responding to victims of domestic violence (DV) in AOD settings. [Register now](#). Regional and rural members may be eligible to receive a travel reimbursement. Email [Vicky](#) for more information.

[Get bloody serious: a workshop all about hep C, from prevention to cure](#)

14 October 2016

414 Elizabeth Street, Surry Hills

Get the latest developments on hepatitis C and engage your clients, organisations, and communities to help eradicate hep C. NADA and Hepatitis NSW are partnering to offer NADA members the opportunity to attend this interactive workshop. [Register now](#). Regional and rural members may be eligible to receive a travel reimbursement. Email [Vicky](#) for more information.

[Working with women engaged in alcohol and other drug treatment](#)

27 October 2016

NADA: Level 2, 619 Elizabeth Street, Redfern

Come and be a part of an engaging and practical training workshop that will enhance your skills for engaging with women and provide insights into best practice approaches when working with women that can be applied in your organisation. [Register now](#). Regional and rural members may be eligible to receive a travel reimbursement. Email [Vicky](#) for more information.

[NADA 2016 annual general meeting—it's a voting year!](#)

21 November 2016

The Rydges, Surry Hills

All current board members have served their three year stint and under NADA's constitution must renominate if they wish to remain on the Board of Directors. Please note, membership must be current, with fees paid, for delegates to vote. [Register now](#) to cast your votes for a new board for the next three years!

[CMHDARN Framing a research idea and getting it over the line: A practical workshop](#)

29 November 2016

Mantra, Parramatta

Interested in channeling your ideas into building better services for people living with mental distress and alcohol and other drugs issues? CMHDARN invites you to a free one-day practical workshop, 'Framing a research idea and getting it over the line'. Pitch your ideas to people who can guide and help you to plan for success. Walk away from the day with a concrete plan to take to your workplace. Contact [Kathy](#) for more information.

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

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What lies ahead for the AOD sector? Learn how we are exploiting digital media, explore cutting-edge projects, and see how we can engage young people to connect with their community.

Read features from

- Harm Reduction Australia
- NSW Ministry of Health
- King's College London
- NSW STI Programs Unit
- DAMEC.

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

Share your news with members and stakeholders

Members and stakeholders can promote new services and projects, partnerships, achievements or research activity in the next issue. Express your interest by emailing [Sharon](#).

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New Resources

Mental Health Commission of NSW—Peer work hub

The '[Peer work hub](#)' provides evidence and advice for organisations on how and why they should grow a mental health peer workforce. The resource includes a business case, implementation toolkit and language guides, as well as case studies and profiles of peer workers and existing employers.

Housing first or no housing? Housing and homelessness at the end of alcohol and drug treatment

Dyb, Evelyn, International Journal of Drug Policy, October 2016, Vol.36, pp.76-84

Access this [journal article](#) exploring housing situations of people pre and post alcohol and other drug treatment.

Supporting the children of people who misuse alcohol and other drugs factsheet

The Alcohol and Drug Foundation (ADF) released this new [factsheet](#) [PDF] to support people working with children affected by their parents drug use.

Universal harm reduction advice resource

In this five minute [video](#), Dovetail's Cameron Francis goes through some of the key principles of providing good harm reduction advice, and then provides some examples of harm reduction advice in practice.

Healthy Communities: Hospitalisations for mental health conditions and intentional self-harm in 2013–14

Australian Institute of Health and Welfare recently released a [report](#) [PDF] providing insight into the mental health needs of populations across local areas in Australia. Alcohol and other drug use was included in the report.

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[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 mental health. Click [here](#) for more information and to express interest.

[Public Interest Advisory Centre training calendar to November 2016](#)

[Training dates](#) are now available.

[Safer injecting workshop](#)

10 October 2016

Kings Cross

This [workshop](#), run by Sydney Medically Supervised Injecting Centre (MSIC), aims to enhance your skills in relation to working with people who inject drugs and provide the best harm minimisation advice. An optional tour of MSIC prior to workshop commencement. The workshop costs \$200. Contact rglasgow@uniting.org for booking information.

[4th National Indigenous drug and alcohol conference](#)

11–14 October

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.

[AH&MRC central and lower west NSW regional forum](#)

18–19 October 2016

Wellington

This [workshop](#) facilitates Aboriginal social and emotional wellbeing and enables AOD, mental health and health workers to strengthen partnerships. It encourages building networks and the sharing of best practice models and professional development.

[Trauma-informed care and practice](#)

24 October 2016

Sydney

This [training](#) provides attendees with the knowledge and skills to better inform them about, and be sensitive to the possibility of past and present traumas in clients and staff, and the vulnerabilities which accompany them.

[SMART recovery facilitator training for western Sydney organisations at no cost \(limited places\)](#)

Running over two days in October, TBD

Western Sydney

Staff from western Sydney AOD organisations may attend [SMART recovery facilitator training](#) at no cost. Each participating organisation must establish at least one new SMART Recovery that is accessible to the public. To find out if you are eligible, [email](#) or phone 9373 5100. Training is limited to two to three staff per organisation.

[2016 APSAD scientific alcohol and drug conference](#)

30 October–2 November 2016

Sydney

This [conference](#) will showcase high quality scientific research and lessons learnt from practitioners working in the AOD field.

[2016 Rural and remote mental health symposium](#)

3–4 November 2014

Kingscliff

'Working together, integrating care' is the theme of the [symposium](#). It offers a unique opportunity to learn about exciting new initiatives, to discuss challenges, and to workshop solutions in rural and remote mental health.

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Sydney

This [two-day course](#) provides the knowledge and practice framework to enable practitioners to establish safe, supportive, therapeutic relationships with people affected by abuse, neglect and/or attachment trauma.

Effective boards need good governance

8.30am–9.30am each Wednesday from 16 November

NCOSS is hosting a series of five one hour webinars exploring what governance actually is and its role as the basis of a successful organisation. For more information, visit the [website](#).

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Positions Vacant

Family Support Worker—Odyssey House

Applications close 14 September 2016

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Program Manager—Adele House

Applications close 15 September 2016

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General Practice Registered Nurse—Odyssey House

Applications close 16 September 2016

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