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# Member eUpdate

## Noticeboard



**Register now** to vote for the new NADA Board of Directors and learn about the new contracting environment. [Click here.](#)

### [Register now for NADA's Annual general meeting 2016](#)

**21 November 2016**

Our current Board of Directors will retire this year in line with the NADA constitution, and must renominate if they wish to remain on the board. This year's AGM will feature a session 'Working together for a new contract environment for the NGO and AOD sector'. It will begin with a presentation by Dr Jo Mitchell, Executive Director, Centre for Population Health, NSW Ministry of Health and Daniel Madeddu, Director Alcohol and other Drugs Branch, Centre for Population Health. This will be followed by a Q&A session. Please note, membership must be current, with fees paid, for delegates to vote. [Register now.](#)

### [Save the date—Program evaluation workshop](#)

**10 November 2016**

NADA and the NSW Ministry of Health will hold a program evaluation workshop to support organisations intending to apply for a 'NGO evaluation grant' under the Ministry's 'Alcohol and other drugs early intervention innovation fund'. For updates refer to the Ministry's [website](#) and NADA's [events](#) page, or contact Sianne by [email](#) or phone 02 8113 1317 to express interest in registering.

### [Showcase your research—CMHDARN call for papers](#)

Are you part of a community organisation that has published in a peer reviewed journal in the last five years on a topic related to mental health and/or alcohol and other drugs work? We want to update our [annotated bibliography](#) [PDF] and need you to let us know about your research. Email [Kathy](#) for more information.

### [NCOSS Pre-budget submission launched](#)

NCOSS [released a new plan](#) [PDF] that shows a path forward for the NSW 2017–18 Budget to reduce the experience of poverty and disadvantage in NSW, and prevent it happening in the first place.

### [Harm reduction international 10by20 campaign](#)

This campaign calls for governments to

- redirect 10 per cent of the resources currently spent on ineffective punitive responses to drugs to harm reduction
- achieve this by investing in health, sustainable development and human rights by 2020.

To learn more, or to download or share infographics about this campaign, visit the [website](#).

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# NADA

## NOTICE

### [NADA Program evaluation guide](#)

This exciting new resource is now available [online](#). It provides templates and step-by-step guidance to assist organisations to evaluate the outcomes and impact of their programs, and identify areas where they can be improved.



### **Did you know?**

Did you know members of the NADA Practice Leadership Group can assist you in your clinical work? [Learn about the NPLG members](#) [PDF], their interests and areas of expertise. Email [NPLG@nada.org.au](mailto:NPLG@nada.org.au), or for more information, contact Suzie Hudson on 8113 1309.

## EVENTS

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

**21 November 2016**

**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!

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

**29 November 2016**

**Mantra, Parramatta**

*Registration is essential—morning tea and lunch will be provided*

Interested in channelling 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. Download the registration [form](#) or email [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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**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

**Annual report of trends in behaviour 2016 supplement on viral hepatitis**

[This report](#) found some sections of the community are unaware that a cure is now available for hepatitis C and that a mistrust of the health system and ongoing stigma from health workers against injecting drug users are two significant barriers.

**Lives of substance**

This [website](#) presents personal stories of alcohol or other drug addiction, dependence or habit to support people who take drugs, inform the public about their many different life experiences, and act as an information and training resource for professionals.

**Public health research and practice September edition out now**

The [September edition](#) features a guest editorial 'Focusing on alcohol consumption: monitoring, regulation and impact on public health' by Jo Mitchell and Adrian Dunlop. A range of other AOD related articles are also included.

**Trends in alcohol availability, use and treatment 2003–04 to 2014–15 Report**

The Australian Institute of Health and Welfare have released a new [report](#) identifying that the rate of treatment for alcohol in Australia has increased despite corresponding evidence showing decreases in alcohol consumption. Higher rates of people in remote and very remote areas are reporting risky drinking than people in other areas, and treatment for alcohol was also highest in remote and very remote areas. The [media release](#) highlights that people over 40 are more likely to receive treatment while young people are at higher risk.

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## Calendar

**ACON events**

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### **inequalities at the margins: diversity in mental health outcomes for gay and bisexual men**

**27 October****ACON, Surry Hills**

Attend this free Snakes and Ladders workforce development and networking event to increase your understanding of the mental health and wellbeing of gay and bisexual men, improve your knowledge of facets of diversity within gay and bisexual male populations, and more. To RSVP, email [aod@acon.org.au](mailto:aod@acon.org.au) or phone 9206 2101.

**Party playground****27 October****The Imperial Hotel, Erskineville**

This [free community forum](#) will cover the main changes in drug use in Sydney over the last 10 years and what these have meant for the LGBT community. It will explore why drug use patterns have changed and whether there are likely to be further changes, whilst exploring issues relating to sex, relationships and health.

**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.

**Working therapeutically with people who have complex trauma histories****3–4 November 2014****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](#).

**Practical skills for integrating motivational interviewing and cognitive behavioural therapy****2 December 2016****Brisbane**

Through interactive activities and guided practice, this [workshop](#) will introduce the clinical skills necessary to integrate motivational interviewing and cognitive behavioural therapy for multiple behaviours and concern.

**Keeping translation in mind: using technology to improve prevention and treatment of mental and substance use disorders****6 December 2016****Sydney**

[CREMS Colloquium 2016](#) will focus on how technology is being used to help in the translation of research findings.

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## Positions Vacant

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**Applications close 31 October 2016**

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**Project Manager Managed Alcohol Program Trial—St Vincents Hospital**

**Applications close 4 November 2016**

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**Drug and Alcohol Case Manager—Detour House**

**Applications close 11 November 2016**

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