



NADA MEMBER EMAIL UPDATE 14 JULY 2010

This is a fortnightly email update for NADA members

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NOTICE BOARD

► NADA Quality Improvement Support Grants now available

Applications close 16 July 2010

NADA members that receive funds from NSW Health for drug and alcohol service delivery are eligible to apply for QI support grants. [Download an application form](#) and details or contact [Mahlia](#) for more information

► NADA receives accreditation!

NADA is pleased to advise its members and stakeholders that we has been awarded four years accreditation by the Australian Council on Healthcare Standards (ACHS) effective from 5 July 2010.

► Mental Health Month – Grants

Applications close 23 July at 5pm

The Mental Health Association NSW, with funding from NSW Health, offers a number of small grants to assist the staging of mental health promotion activities during Mental Health Month (MHM) 2010. A number of grants will be offered to projects specifically targeting culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) communities. The theme for MHM 2010 is, *Building Resilience – Good friends help us bounce back* [Click here to download the Starter Kit](#).

► OPTUS Connecting Community Grants Program

Applications close 30 July

Grants of up to \$5,000 for not-for-profit organisations are available in three priority areas - Building social inclusion by providing access to communications, Building social inclusion by connecting disengaged communities and **Supporting disengaged youth** by improving their education, life skills and knowledge. [Click here for more information](#).

► NADA 2010 Creating Synergy Drug and Alcohol Conference Attendance/Participation Reimbursement Grants

Applications Close 1 October 2010

NSW Health is supporting NADA members to attend the 2010 Creating Synergy Drug and Alcohol Conference. You can apply to NADA for a Conference Participation Reimbursement Grant once your abstract has been accepted, or if you would like to attend the conference, you can apply to NADA for a Conference Attendance Reimbursement Grant. Click [here](#) for more details or contact [Mahlia](#).

► Scholarships opportunity in Public Administration

Applications Close 2 August 2010

The NSW Government is offering five scholarships in the Graduate Diploma in Public Administration as part of an initiative to support workforce development in the community sector. For more information, click [here](#).

► Rural Health Continuing Education Program Grants open

Closing 20 August 2010

The Rural Health Continuing Education (RHCE) program supports qualified health professionals living and working in rural and remote Australia to undertake continuing professional development activities. Further details, including guidelines, priorities and the application forms, are available on the [RHCE website](#). Queries should be directed to the RHCE program management team on (02) 6162 3374/ Freecall 1800 987 440 or email RHCE@ruralhealth.org.au.

► Accreditation/quality improvement support grants from OATSIH

Applications close 15 September 2010

Eligible organisations are those that receive the majority of their recurrent funding for health service delivery, as their core business, from the Office of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health (OATSIH). Eligibility and application details are available from the [OATSIH website](#).

► **New Values in the Australian Public Service: A Chance to Put Your Views Forward**

Open for contribution until 2 August 2010.

To contribute, download a discussion paper with some key questions, at www.apsc.gov.au/ourvalues.

► **The Puggy Hunter Memorial Scholarship Scheme**

Applications close 20 August 2010

Funded by Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing, the aim of the Scheme is to help address the under-representation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in health professions and assist in increasing the number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with professional health qualifications. For more information, click [here](#).

► **Mental Health Matters Awards**

Nominations due 5pm Friday 20 August 2010

The Mental Health Matters Awards are designed to recognise the achievements of individuals and organisations who have worked to improve understanding, awareness, service provision and the general betterment of the mental health of our community, over the past 12 month period (1 August 2009 – 31 July 2010). For further information and the nomination form can be downloaded [here](#).

CALENDAR

NADA EVENTS

► **NADA/MHCC Conference 2010, including NADA AGM - Save the Date**

Monday 6 and Tuesday 7 December 2010

Novotel Sydney Manly Pacific

More details to follow in the coming months.

OTHER EVENTS

► **Australian Perspectives on 2010 Harm Reduction Conference, hosted by ANEX**

20 July 2010

ASHM Training Room Level 7, 46 – 56 Kippax Street, Surry Hills

Speakers include Nicky Bath (NUAA), Ange Matheson (ACON), Amanda Roxburgh, Assoc. Professor Carla Treloar and Tony Trimmingham. For more information and to register click [here](#) or call Jo Gillard 03 9486 6399.

► **Implementing and Sustaining a Quality Management System**

21 July 2010

Australian Council on Healthcare Standards (ACHS), Sydney.

[Click here](#) for more details.

► **Doing time: BBV health research, practice and possibilities for improved outcomes for people in the NSW prison population**

22 July 2010

NCHSR Consortium, Sydney

For more information and to register for the event click [here](#)

► **Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST)**

29-30 July 2010

Wesley Mission, 220 Pitt St, Sydney

To register to attend this workshop or find out if there is a workshop in your local area, [click here](#).

► **MHCC Workshops**

July – Sept 2010

MHCC are offering a range of workshops from July – December these include topics of - *Cultural Diversity, Working with Aboriginal People Workshop, Mental Health Connect and Adult Survivors of Child Abuse* for information on these workshops and others click [here](#) or visit www.mhcc.org.au

► **ACON FREE Workshops: Building and Maintaining a GLBT Affirmative AOD Service**

July – Sept 2010

This workshop provides a background on GLBT people's lived experience with heterosexism particularly in organisational settings. To register click [here](#) or contact Brian Francis on 9206 2097 for more information

► PPL Education 2010 Events Calendar

July – August 2010

Workshops include: Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (CBT), Motivational Interviewing and others. For a full list of available workshops, venues and dates, please [click here](#).

► Consultation on Indigenous Drug and Alcohol Issues in Sydney

5 August 2010 2:00 - 4.30pm

Rydges World Square Hotel, 389 Pitt Street, Sydney

Associate Professor Ted Wilkes, Chair of the National Indigenous Drug and Alcohol Committee (NIDAC) has invited people working within the Indigenous alcohol and other drugs sector to attend a consultation on Indigenous Drug and Alcohol Issues. NIDAC is seeking views from non government, community based, government, education, health and law enforcement staff on Indigenous alcohol and other drugs issues in NSW.

RSVP by 2 August 2010 by calling Denise on (02) 6166 9600 or email nidac@ancd.org.au

► NCOSS – “Fairness in NSW – 75 years of NCOSS”

5-6 August 2010

Australian Technology Park, Redfern

For more information and to register click [here](#)

► SmokeCheck – FREE!

SmokeCheck is a one day training workshop for all health workers working with Aboriginal clients in brief intervention. For more information and workshop dates in your area, [click here](#)

► Rural and Remote Mental Health Symposium

29-30 September 2010

Brighton-le-Sands

Program streams include: building capacity through NGO and clinical partnerships, service accessibility, delivery and networks in rural mental health and Indigenous mental health issues, from policy to treatment delivery. [Click here](#) for details.

ADVOCACY AND POLICY

► NADA Policy, Advocacy and Representation Report May – June 2010

To better document NADA's policy, advocacy and representation activities, NADA has commenced preparing a bi-monthly report summarising its key activities, click [here](#) to view the report.

Details about NADA's policy activity are available from our [website](#).

MEDIA

► NADA Advocate

The NADA ADVOCATE (Vol 3, Issue 3) is now available from the [NADA website](#)

NADA PROJECT UPDATE

► NGO Drug and Alcohol and Mental Health Information Management Project

NADA is midway through the pilot process with implementation training being facilitated with four organisations to date. The implementation training sessions include not only training in the data collection set and the database but also a change management component to support agencies to successfully implement the outcome measurement system within their service. Following an evaluation of the pilot, the Treatment Outcomes Data Collection System will be made available to NADA members in 2011. For more information, click [here](#).

RESOURCES

▶ Voluntary restrictions on the sale of alcohol study

A report funded by the Alcohol Education and Rehabilitation Foundation (AER) by the National Drug Research Institute (NDRI) at Curtin University, has found voluntary alcohol restrictions lead to less violence, hospital admissions and alcohol misuse.

[Click here to download a summary](#)

▶ Australian NSP Survey 2005 -2009 Released

Prevalence of HIV, HCV and injecting and sexual behaviour among IDUS at needle and syringe programs

[Click here to download](#)

▶ SBS Podcast on Indigenous Incarceration

Featuring NIDAC Chair, Assoc Professor Ted Wilkes, NIDAC Co Deputy Chair, Mr Scott Wilson and Mr Jimmy Perry from the Aboriginal Drug and Alcohol Council (SA) Inc.

[Click here to download](#)

▶ National and International Stories on Alcohol and other drugs

Please see the [ANCD website](#) for access to listings of national and international stories on drugs, alcohol, tobacco and HIV - updated each day.

▶ Don't Wake Up Angry No More Report now available

The Evaluation of the Norseman Voluntary Liquor Agreement is available in PDF format on the [NDRI website](#).

▶ Finding the right help: Pathways for culturally diverse clients with cannabis use and mental health issues

DAMEC and NCPIC

For further information, or for hard copies, contact Connie research@damec.org.au

▶ Centre for Mental Health Research E-hub

E-hub is an initiative of the Centre for Mental Health Research at the Australian National University. It develops and evaluates websites that deliver psycho education and psychological interventions for common mental health problems, as well as clinical and consumer networking. [Click here](#) to visit the e-hub.

▶ Mental Health Medication Website

This website offers information about medications used in mental health settings to help people make informed decisions about medication. To visit the website click [here](#).

POSITIONS VACANT

▶ Same-Sex Domestic Violence (SSDV) Officer (Full Time)

ACON

Closing Date: 30 July 2010.

▶ AOD position - Living Skills Program & Personal Present Program (Full Time)

Adele Dundas Inc

Closing Date: Open

For full details of these positions and others currently vacant, please click [here](#)

If you would like to advertise positions vacant please contact admin@nada.org.au

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