



## NADA MEMBER EMAIL UPDATE 25 AUGUST 2010

This is a fortnightly email update for NADA members

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### NOTICE BOARD

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

##### Applications closing soon! - 1 September

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](#).

#### ► NADA Members and NADA Stakeholders Surveys 2010

##### Please return by 3 September 2010

Last week NADA sent out our annual surveys to members and stakeholders. *We need your feedback* to gauge our performance and guide our future activities. Please take the time to complete the short surveys by the 3<sup>rd</sup> of September and return them using the reply paid envelope provided. Please contact [Victor Dudman](#) on (02) 8113 1305 if you have any queries.

#### ► Mental Health and Substance Use – dual diagnosis, Call for Papers

An opportunity for dissemination and publication of research is available via The Taylor and Francis journal, *Mental Health and Substance Use – dual diagnosis*. The journal will increase from three to four volumes per annum in 2011 resulting in a Call for Papers, including expressions of interest for 'special editions'. Click [here](#) for more information and to submit a paper online.

#### ► Keep Them Safe (KTS) training

##### Did you or your staff miss out on the free KTS training that was being offered in early 2010 by CCWT and TAFE NSW?

CCWT has indicated to NADA that it will now be running KTS training for a fee. If we get enough participants for a training session, we will get back in touch with CCWT to discuss options for a training session for NADA members. If you are interested, please send an email to [Mahlia](#). Session topics include the difference between risk of harm and risk of significant harm; mandatory reporting responsibilities including using the new Mandatory Reporter Guide; effective referral to support services and managing information exchange with other agencies.

#### ► Looking for a scholarship?

The Australian Scholarship Foundation provides scholarships for charitable organisation managers and financial officers. Find out more on their [website](#)

#### ► StreetSmart Homelessness Campaign

Recruitment for the 2010 *Dine Out...Help Out* campaign is underway. Why not 'Hand On' the flyer to your favourite restaurant. For the six weeks in the lead-up to Christmas, StreetSmart will partner with participating restaurants to ask diners to make a small donation to StreetSmart on their bill. Donations go to not-for-profit organisations working with people experiencing homelessness. For more information, click [here](#).

#### ► Overdose Awareness Day

##### 31 August 2010

Remembering those who have died from having suffered overdose as well as those who live with permanent injuries from overdose. For more information, click [here](#).

#### ► Consultation now open for draft Version 3.0 of CHC08 Community Services and HLT07 Health Training Packages

##### Feedback required by 10 September 2010

The 2010 consultation period for draft Version 3.0 of the CHC08 Community Services and HLT07 Health Training Packages is now open. Download the consultation documents for the [CHC08 Community Services](#) and [HLT07 Health Training Packages](#).

### ► The 8th Dangerous Consumptions Colloquium

Abstracts close 20 September

2-3 December 2010

Australian National University, Canberra

In past years presentations have explored alcohol, illicit drugs, gambling, tobacco, pharmaceuticals. The convenors invite abstracts of up to 250 words proposing papers for the colloquium. Abstracts should be sent in the body of an email or as an attached word document to [Dan Woodman](#) using DC 8 in the subject line.

### ► Clinical Supervision Scheme for postgraduate psychology placements in AOD services

Extended until June 2011

The scheme administered by the Australian Psychological Society (APS), places postgraduate psychology students in 40 day placements at non government alcohol and other drug (AOD) services, whilst funding clinical supervisors for the placements and offering incentives to the hosting service. Recruitment of non government AOD services to host placements is currently taking place. For more information please visit the [APS website](#).

### ► Working with traumatised clients in AOD services: Worker Survey

The National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre (NDARC), in collaboration with the National Centre for Education and Training on Addiction (NCETA), is looking for AOD workers from across Australia to participate in a study which aims to examine the impact of working with traumatised clients. Participation would involve completion of an anonymous online survey that would take approximately 15 minutes to complete. For further information [click here](#).

For more information about available grants and tenders please click [here](#)

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## CALENDAR

### NADA EVENTS

#### ► Clinical Supervision Workshop

23-24 September

Australian Technology Park, Henderson Road, Eveleigh

This interactive workshop will provide theory and skills training to prepare participants to provide best practice supervision and consultation. We encourage you to send 2-3 representatives from your organisation to attend the training to assist with implementing the supervision processes within your organisation. Click [here](#) for more information.

#### ► NADA Health Promotion Forum: Community Engagement

22 September, 10:30am-12:30pm

This practical forum will provide participants with: an introduction to community engagement in the drug and alcohol sector, information about working with the media and an interactive hypothetical situation based on binge drinking / poly drug use. Please RSVP to [Sarah](#) on 02 8113 1308 by **Friday 17 September 2010**.

#### ► A Tale of Two Systems: Alcohol and Other Drug and Mental Health Co-occurrence. National Improved Services Initiative Forum 7 and 8 October 2010

The Shores, West Beach SA

The Forum will provide an opportunity for all recipients of the Improved Services Initiative funding to come together to: showcase examples of best practice in capacity building; hear from experts in the field; discuss the outcomes, success and challenges experienced; explore opportunities for sustainability. Contact [Robert](#) or [Sarah](#) for more information or a registration form.

#### ► NADA/MHCC Research into Practice Conference 2010, including NADA AGM

6 and 7 December 2010

Novotel Sydney Manly Pacific

The conference will showcase research conducted by NGO drug and alcohol and mental health services on working with clients with co-existing mental health and drug and alcohol problems. More information and registration details will be made available shortly. Contact [Robert](#) for more information.

### OTHER EVENTS

#### ► Indigenous Risk Impact Screen (IRIS) and Brief Intervention Training

2 and 3 September 2010

Lismore NSW

The Indigenous Risk Impact Screen and Brief Intervention program provides a culturally secure and validated screening instrument and brief intervention designed to meet the specific needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities in Queensland and across Australia. To register for the two day course or for more information please contact [Jonathan Lee](#) on (07) 3837 5789.

► **Free Legal Workshop for Community Workers**

**9 September 2010**

The next workshop conducted by Kingsford Legal Centre Solicitors will be on: Social Security and Powers of Attorney. For more information please contact 9385 9566 or RSVP as soon as possible by emailing [Dianne Anagnos](mailto:Dianne.Anagnos@kingsford.com.au)

► **World Suicide Prevention Day**

**10 September 2010**

Suicide Prevention Australia is holding a Community Forum on *Encouraging Help Seeking and Stigma Reduction – Breaking down the Barriers*, as part of World Suicide Prevention Day. For more information, click [here](#). To register for this event contact [Annabel Priddis](mailto:Annabel.Priddis@suicideprevention.org.au) on 9424 5975.

► **Generation Next seminar: The Mental Health and Wellbeing of Young People 2010**

**10 September 2010**

Mathews Lecture Theatre - UNSW, Sydney

For more information click [here](#) or phone 1300 797 794.

► **NDARC Education Trust Comorbidity Meeting**

**14 September 2010**

Sydney Convention Centre, Darling Harbour

This workshop brings together respected researchers, clinicians and other health professionals in both the fields of Mental Health and Alcohol and other Drugs treatment to examine current trends of substance use, treatment delivery and outcomes. This is a pre conference workshop for the TheMHS Conference. Note: You can attend this meeting only and do not need to register for the full conference. To register, go to the [TheMHS Conference website](http://www.themhs.com.au).

► **Training ABI & Challenging Behaviour**

**17 September 2010** - Burwood

**11 October** - Wagga Wagga

This training event, facilitated by Brain Injury NSW (BINSW) will include an Introduction to Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) and an overview on how to work with ABI & Challenging Behaviour. If you would like to register or have any queries please contact BINSW 02 9868 5261 or [mail@biansw.org.au](mailto:mail@biansw.org.au)

► **Best Practice for Working with Adults Surviving Child Abuse**

**24th September**

Westpac, Sydney CBD

The workshop will cover subjects such as: understanding abuse and its impact, coping strategies and defense mechanisms used by survivors of child abuse and common impacts of child abuse. Click [here](#) for more information

► **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Special Interest Group Workshop**

**26 September 2010**

Adelaide Convention Centre

Advocacy for Action: Keeping Aboriginal Health on the National Health Reform Agenda. Click [here](#) for more information or to register.

► **Hepatitis for Health Care Workers - On-line Course**

**5 October - 19 November 2010**

This 7 week course provides an overview of current information on viral hepatitis with a focus on hepatitis C. For enquiries or to register, contact the [Albion Street Centre](http://www.albionstreetcentre.com.au) on 9332 9720

► **Handy Hints for the Novice Conference Presenter**

**14 October 2010** - Newcastle

**19 October 2010** - Sydney

This workshop will cover topics such as: Writing a winning bio and abstract that is fit to be submitted for a conference presentation, preparing an engaging, easy listening presentation and delivering your presentation and enjoying it. Click [here](#) for more information and to register.

► **2010 National Drug Trends Conference**

**15 October 2010**

Powerhouse Museum, Sydney

The conference will present recent findings in illicit drug use, markets and related harms across Australia. The one day conference will include the first release of the 2010 findings. Following the conference will be a cocktail party (5-7pm) to celebrate 10 years of the Illicit Drug Reporting System. For more information, click [here](#).

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## ADVOCACY AND POLICY

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

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## MEDIA

### ► **NADA Advocate**

The NADA ADVOCATE (Vol 3, Issue 3) is available from the [NADA website](#). Look out for the new Advocate (vol 3, Issue 4) to be released on 31 Aug 10.

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## NADA PROJECT UPDATE

### ► **The Practice Enhancement Program (PEP)**

NADA's newest project aims to build capacity within drug and alcohol NGOs through addressing staff skills, knowledge and confidence, and organisational capacity in responding to the needs of clients with drug and alcohol issues who also present with complex needs such as intellectual disability, acquired brain injury, mental health and involvement with the criminal justice system. The program will include stakeholder consultation in the government and non government sector, a comprehensive grants program for organisational development in working with clients presenting with complex needs, individual and organisational training opportunities through regional and metropolitan workshops and resource dissemination.

*NADA would like to hear of any organisational initiatives in the sector already working to address these issues. If you'd like more information on PEP or would like to discuss with us your organisation's initiatives, please contact [Ciara Donaghy 8113 1306](#) or [Heidi Becker 8113 1317](#).*

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## RESOURCES

### ► **Your life, Your culture, You choose!**

The Indigenous component of the Australian Government's National Binge Drinking Campaign, including community events and resources for youth services. Click [here](#) to visit the website.

### ► **Candidates on Drugs Forum - Report and Audio recording available**

The written report of the forum and/or the audio recording of the whole event are both available by clicking [here](#).

### ► **More Birth Defects for Older Women Who Binge Drink During Pregnancy**

This report found Women who get pregnant later in life are at higher risk of having children with birth defects in general, and those over age 30 who binge on alcohol are more likely to have babies who suffer from Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD), click [here](#) to access the report.

### ► **An evaluation of the Compulsory Drug Treatment Program (CDTP)**

By Nadine Smith, Kate O'Brien, Joula Dekker, NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research. To view this document, click [here](#).

### ► **CBT plus drugs most effective cocaine addiction treatment**

This comprehensive review found strong evidence that some drugs can help treat cocaine dependence and that cognitive-behavioural therapy is a powerful tool to manage cravings and stresses, especially when allied with effective pharmacotherapy. Click [here](#) to download.

### ► **2010 State of Sydney Report: the depth and diversity of social exclusion**

Anglicare Sydney's 2010 State of Sydney Report: the depth and diversity of social exclusion report can be accessed by clicking [here](#).

### ► **New resources added to the National Drugs Sector Information Service (NDSIS)**

New resources have been added to the DRUG Database. These resources are available to be borrowed by all ADCA members. Click [here](#) to view the resources available.

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**POSITIONS VACANT**

▶ **Volunteer Counsellor Coordinator – Southern Region (Part Time)**

**ACON**

27 August 2010

▶ **Manager, Community Services (Full Time)**

**ACON**

3 September 2010

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](mailto:admin@nada.org.au)

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