



### NADA Member Update 1 May 2009

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### Notice board

#### Health Promotion Forum

In 2008, the NADA Health Promotion Sub-Committee began hosting free Health Promotion Forums for members and other relevant stakeholders. Topics have included: Peer Education in Practice, Drug and alcohol issues and prevention activities for diverse communities and the Social Determinants of Drug Use. We would like to hear from you about the topics/issues that you would like to hear about and discuss. Please send your suggestions to:

[robert@nada.org.au](mailto:robert@nada.org.au).

#### DAMEC Research

The Drug and Alcohol Multicultural Education Centre (DAMEC) is currently researching pathways and barriers to treatment for people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds who have cannabis use and mental health issues. If your service is interested in participating, or for further information, please contact Ian on 02 8113 1316 or [ianf@damec.org.au](mailto:ianf@damec.org.au).

#### Picnics in the Park 2009

The Hepatitis C Council of NSW in collaboration with NUAA and Cabramatta Community Centre are coordinating the 2nd NSW based Picnics in the Park- a community event to coincide with Hepatitis Awareness Week. Picnics in the Park will be held on 20th May 2009 from 10 - 2pm at Bigge Park, Liverpool

#### National Survey of Young Australians

Mission Australia has launched its eighth annual National Survey of Young Australian, asking young people aged 11 to 24 about what they value, their issues of concern, where they go for advice and support, and what activities they are involved in. Surveys can be completed until 26 June and the findings will be released later in the year. The survey is

available online at [www.missionaustralia.com.au/youthsurvey](http://www.missionaustralia.com.au/youthsurvey), or hard copies and PDFs are available from Susie Scherf at [scherfs@missionaustralia.com.au](mailto:scherfs@missionaustralia.com.au) or on (02) 9219 2098.

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## Calendar

### Good Governance Seminar

**8 May 2009, 2-5pm**

The Public Interest Law Clearing House (PILCH) is hosting a Good Governance Seminar for not-for-profit organisations.

Cost and topics covered available from [www.pilchnsw.org.au/events.html](http://www.pilchnsw.org.au/events.html)

### AIVL Forum - "Why Are the Rates of Hepatitis Higher in Aboriginal Communities"

**22 May 2009, 11am**

The Australian Injecting and Illicit Drug User League (AIVL) is holding a national forum on "Why Are the Rates of Hepatitis Higher in Aboriginal Communities". The forum is being held on 22nd May 2009 at The Mantra on Northbourne, 84 Northbourne Ave Canberra City, in conjunction with World Hepatitis Day and National Hepatitis Awareness Week 19-23 May 2009.

For more information go to the AIVL [website](#) RSVP by Friday 15th May 2009 (02) 6279 1600 or [faye@aivl.org.au](mailto:faye@aivl.org.au)

### Mind the Generation Gap National Forum – Working Together to Meet Workforce Challenges

**2 June 2009 – Darling Harbour, Sydney**

Featuring topics such as maximising technology on a shoe-string budget, implementing successful campaigns for recruiting Gen Y's and Z's, this forum by Community Services and Health Industry Skills Council is aimed at all generations in community services. More information available from the [CSH ISC website](#).

Creating Synergy Conference: Creative ways forward in AOD & Mental Health

**2 - 3 July 2009** University of Wollongong

Program now available from: [http://www.uow.edu.au/conferences/synergy\\_vi/index.html](http://www.uow.edu.au/conferences/synergy_vi/index.html)

### National Cannabis Conference

**September 7-8, 2009** Powerhouse Museum, Sydney, NSW

The National Cannabis Prevention and Information Centre (NCPIC) is pleased to announce that the Centre will be convening the first Australian National Cannabis Conference in 2009. Venue: Coles Theatre, Powerhouse Museum, 500 Harris St, Ultimo, Sydney NSW

A number of national and international speakers have been confirmed. For full details of the conference program, including workshop sessions, and registration details go to the [NCPIC website](#). Early bird registrations are available until 31 July.

### Anex Conference

**1 – 2 October 2009** RACV Club, Melbourne CBD, Victoria

For more information contact or you wish to receive updates please email [info@anex.org.au](mailto:info@anex.org.au) with "Conference Updates" in the subject line or visit their [website](#).

Call for abstracts: Australasian Professional Society on Alcohol and Other Drugs (APSAD) 2009 Conference

**1 – 4 November 2009** Darwin Convention Centre, Northern Territory, Australia

Website. [www.apsadconference.com.au](http://www.apsadconference.com.au)

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## Advocacy and Policy

The latest updates are available from our web site [here](#).

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## Media

### NADA Advocate

The latest NADA Advocate (and first edition for 2009) is now available from the NADA [website](#).

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## Project Updates

The latest updates are available from our web site [here](#)

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## Resources

### Career Map

Community Active Careers has launched Career Map, an interactive tool to help young people discover and plan their career in the community services and health industries. Visit their [website](#) for more information.

### New ICAP Website Launched

The International Centre for Alcohol Policy (ICAP) announced the launch of their new website, [www.icap.org](http://www.icap.org).

### New Homelessness website

A new website exists for the Homeless and Drug and Alcohol Sectors at [www.hip.org.au](http://www.hip.org.au). The Homeless Informational Portal provides a gateway into information, including factual information on alcohol and drugs, capacity building as well as finding support services.

To register your organisation on this website please email the ANCD office ([tracey@ancd.org.au](mailto:tracey@ancd.org.au)) and you will be provided with a user name and password, visit the website and hit the "Log in" icon and from there you are able to add your organisations information and update information.

### Making Sense of Australia's Alcohol Guidelines

NCETA has produced a new resource to assist workers to understand and apply the new NHMRC Alcohol Guidelines.

For a concise, user-friendly overview of the new alcohol guidelines visit the NCETA [website](#).

### New methamphetamine website

[www.meth.org.au](http://www.meth.org.au) is a new website containing lots of information on methamphetamine effects, support and treatment options. Primarily targeting methamphetamine users, but also with information for families and workers.

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## Positions Vacant

### Manly Drug Education & Counselling Centre (MDECC)

#### Service Development Coordinator

For more information contact Kerri Lawrence, Manager 99770711 or for an Information Package: Sue Hoyle, Office Administrator 99770711. **Applications close 8 May 2009.**

### Odyssey House

#### D&A Workers Casual Relief Staff - Male

For more information contact Stephanie Leau on 9603 2157 or 9824 5122 for job description.

Email : [steph@odysseyhouse.com.au](mailto:steph@odysseyhouse.com.au) or post resume to Odyssey House, P O Box 459, Campbelltown, 2560.  
**Applications close 12<sup>th</sup> May 2009.**

**View all vacant positions in the sector on our website [www.nada.org.au](http://www.nada.org.au)**

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