



NADA Member Update 10 July 2009

This is a fortnightly email update for NADA members.

Because of some problems with the format of this email when received by members, we are now sending the update out in the RTF format. This should correct any font and formatting problems you may have been experiencing. Please let Tanya know if you are still experiencing problems with the NADA member updates.

For membership related enquiries please contact Tanya Merinda, Director Sector Development at tanya@nada.org.au or phone 02 8113 1312.

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Notice board

► Staff Changes at NADA

NADA welcomes Ciara Donaghy to her new role as part-time Project Officer supporting the Family and Carers Project and Comorbidity Research Grants Program. Members may already know Ciara from her role supporting activities for the workforce development training grants program.

► New ADCA Strategic Plan now Online

The new ADCA Strategic Plan has been developed to continually monitor its own operations, as well as the AOD sector and political developments to ensure that it remains responsive to changing needs, and its actions are aligned with ADCA's strategic direction. Go to the [ADCA website](#) to view the strategic.

► Highsnlows: a new cannabis and mental health website for young people

Highsnlows is a new campaign and website about cannabis and mental health. It is a collaboration between the Australian Drug Foundation, Orygen Youth Health and the Department of Human Services (DHS) Victoria. The campaign will feature a series of animated short films following four young people's experiences with cannabis. [Click here](#) to go to *highsnlows*.

► NCETA Parent and Child Sensitive Practice survey

The National Centre for Education and Training on Addiction (NCETA) are conducting the **Parent and Child Sensitive Practice survey** in conjunction with the Australian Centre for Child. To participate in the 15 minute anonymous survey click on the link from NCETA's home page <http://www.nceta.flinders.edu.au/>.

► NDARC bulletins

Illicit Drug Reporting System (IDRS) Quarterly Bulletin, July 2009: Drug injection trends among participants in the Australian Needle and Syringe Program Survey 2004-2008 (by NCHECR) - [click here to download](#).
Ecstasy and Related Drugs Reporting System (EDRS) Quarterly Bulletin, July 2009: Drug injection trends among participants in the Australian Needle and Syringe Program Survey 2004-2008 (by NCHECR) - [click here to download](#). [Click here for previous IDRS and EDRS Bulletins](#).

► **Communique from representatives of ACOSS, COSSes and ACSIG**

On 6 July, representatives from the Australian Council of Social Service, State and Territory Councils of Social Service and members of the Australian Community Services Industry Group met to discuss a range of issues relating to the development and sustainability of the community and social services sector. The ACOSS online sector issues survey can be completed by [clicking here](#)

► **MHCC update on Sector Development**

Corinne Henderson from the Mental Health Coordinating Council, has provided an update on sector development work being done by MHCC. The update is available [here](#)

Calendar

► **NCOSS pilot workshop on Parliamentary Inquiries**

24 July, NSW Parliamentary Annex, Sydney

Do you work for a non-government organisation and want to know more about parliamentary inquiries or build your skills in writing submissions or appearing as a witness? NCOSS and the Legislative Council NSW Parliament are jointly running a pilot workshop on Parliamentary Inquiries: How to Have your Say and Maximise your Influence. The workshop is being held on the 28 July, from 9.30am – 12midday. RSVP to Samantha Edmonds – samantha@ncoss.org.au by 24 July 2009.

► **6th ADAN Symposium**

27-28 July, Cambridge Hotel, 212 Riley St, Sydney East

The AHMRC is organising the 6th NSW Aboriginal Drug and Alcohol Network (ADAN), for Aboriginal Drug and Alcohol workers in both the Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services and Area Health Services. The Symposium will be free of charge with registrations, accommodation (at the venue) and meals catered for. The only cost not covered is travel to and from the symposium and AHMRC is asking organisations to support their relevant staff with respect to these costs. Contact Sallie Cairnduff on 9212 4777 to RSVP by 13 July or if you require more information.

► **Thinking Drinking 3 Conference**

5 – 7 August, Brisbane Qld.

THINKING DRINKING 3 tackles the big alcohol questions - its role in entertainment, violence and crime, the night-time economy, marketing, taxation, competition policy, alcogenic environments, and more. Further information available at www.adf.org.au or rosemary@adf.org.au or phone Rosemary on (03) 9278 8117.

► **Keeping Children & Young People Safe: The Complexities of Working with Substance Using Parents**

22-24 September, NADA office, Redfern

This free 3 day workshop will be held at NADA on 22nd – 24th September 2009. To register please contact Tung Pham at the Education Centre Against Violence (ECAV) on 9840 3987 or tung.pham@swahs.health.nsw.gov.au. Enrollment closing date is 11 July 2009.

► **NDARC Annual Symposium and National Drug Trends conference**

28 & 29 September – Powerhouse Museum, Sydney

The symposium will highlight research projects undertaken at NDARC and will be of interest to policy makers, clinicians and other health professionals working in the D&A field. Early bird registration closes 31 July. Go to the [website](#) for registration, information and speakers times.

► **Upcoming workshops at the NSW Institute of Psychiatry – August**

A range of workshops will be held in August including Mental Health Literacy and Mental Health Assessment Principles and Practice. To view the August flyer click [here](#)

Advocacy and Policy

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

Media

► NADA Advocate

The next edition of the Advocate is due out in late July. The May edition of the NADA Advocate is available now from the NADA [website](#)

Project Updates

► NADA Project update

Visit the NADA [website](#) for details of the latest project updates

Resources

► Outside In 2009 Conference presentations

The PowerPoint presentations from the NADA & MHCC conference Outside In have been compiled into PDF documents and loaded onto the NADA website click [here](#) to view the presentations, abstracts and conference report.

► It's a Viral Life: training resource for people who are working with those affected by Hepatitis C

The Australian Injecting and Illicit Drug Users League have released a training resource for people who are working with those affected by Hepatitis C. Click here to go to [It's a Viral Life](#).

► Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder resource revised

The Telethon Institute have revised and reprinted the Alcohol and Pregnancy and Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Resources for Health Professionals following the publication of the Australian Guidelines to Reduce Health Risks from Drinking Alcohol (NHMRC, 2009). The resources are now available to health professionals throughout Australia and can be downloaded from their [website](#) or ordered as hard copies.

Positions Vacant

View all vacant positions in the sector on our website www.nada.org.au
