



NADA Member Update 15 May 2009

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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

► NADA and MHCC Outside Conference 6-8 May 2009

Thank you to all our members who presented at and attended our highly successful three day conference last week, held for the first time in partnership with the Mental Health Coordinating Council. A number of recommendations for program development and funding were made in the final plenary for the conference. These recommendations, as well as a summary of proceedings, will be included in the conference report available from our website in the coming weeks.

Lost property: A pair of sunglasses were found at the conference venue. If you think that they may be yours or you know the owner, please contact Jo Khoo on 02 8113 1315.

► Wayback website

Wayback has a new [website](#) providing information about their program and contact details.

► Worker Well-Being Study

Workers in drug and alcohol professions frequently encounter difficult clinical situations. The purpose of this study is to examine the link between how workers think about clinical outcomes and the quality of well-being we experience. Contact Lucie Frankham on lfrankha@une.edu.au or on 0402655048 with your address, and a survey (and reply paid envelope) will be mailed to you. All surveys will be anonymous. This project has been approved by the Human Research Ethics Committee of the University of New England (Approval No. HE09/035, Valid to 01/04/2010).

► Health Promotion Forum

In 2008, the NADA Health Promotion Subcommittee 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.

► Well Ways DUO – Newcastle and Canberra

Refer the families of clients to the following program.

A free support and information program for families and friends of people with mental illness and co-existing substance use. This program aims to increase the capacity of families and friends of people with dual diagnosis to care effectively for themselves, the person with the dual diagnosis and other family members.

Newcastle: 18th May to 22nd June. Contact Nadene Ballantyne: 4925 2811

Woden ACT: 19th May to 23rd June. Contact Carly Vesela: 6232 9044

► C-Tas 2009-10 Budget summary for Non Profit Organisations

The Charities Tax Advisory Service (C-TAS) has produced a paper that summarises the effect of the 2009 Federal budget from the perspective of non profit organisations. To download the PDF go [here](#).

Calendar

► NADA Working with Families and Carers Workshops

21 May, 22 May, 4 June and 5 June 2009 Free to NADA members

The one day workshops, facilitated by the Bouverie Centre Family Institute, centre on working more effectively with families and will address challenges that services face in working with families. It will also provide an opportunity to network with other services and hear what they are doing in this area.

Venue: Australian Technology Park, Redfern [Click here](#) for more information, including the registration form or contact Robert at NADA on 02 8113 1320 or robert@nada.org.au.

► NUAA Open Day

20 May 2009 11:30am – 12:30pm

Open to anyone interested in the issue's affecting people who use drugs. Morning Tea and lively conversation provided. Open Day seating is limited to 20 people per morning. NUAA is located at 345 Crown Street, Surry Hills. (On the corner of Albion and Crown Streets, and a 15 minute walk from Central Station)

Bookings Essential: Call Paul on (02) 8354 7300 or email paulg@nuaa.org.au

► Mental Health Rights Manual (MHRM) Project

22 May at 10-12pm

The Mental Health Coordinating Council & the Public Interest Advocacy Centre invite Consumers to tell us what you think would be useful to include in a new edition of a NSW Mental Health Rights Manual. A small focus group will be held at the offices of the NSW CAG (Consumer Advisory Group) on: 501/80 William St.

► Have you used mental health services?

Thursday 28 May at 9am – 1pm

The Mental Health Coordinating Council would like your help to write a submission to the National Human Rights consultation. Where: Psychiatric Rehabilitation Australia (PRA)

Platform 10 Conference Centre, Level 10, 1 Lawson Square, Redfern NSW 2016

This forum is exclusively for mental health consumers. Places are limited. For more information, contact: Corinne Henderson, Senior Policy Officer: Tel: 9555 8388 Ext 101 Email: corinne@mhcc.org.au

► Communities in Control

14 -16 June 2009

Communities in Control is Australia's biggest and best annual gathering of community sector workers, volunteers and supporters - each year bringing together a stellar list of speakers and 1500 people who work in or care about community to listen, debate, network, exchange strategies, and recharge. To register go to the Our Community [website](#).

► MAP Network Mini Conference

16 July 2009

Do you want to enhance the cultural responsiveness of your current practices? Get to know how the Multicultural Access project (MAP) Network can assist and support you in service development and delivery?

For info email [Helen McLachlan](mailto:Helen.McLachlan) or phone 02 8877 5317.

► 10th International Mental Health Conference

12-14 August, Surfers Paradise

Celebrate 10 years of 'Advancing with Knowledge', at the 10th International Mental Health Conference at Holiday Inn Surfers Paradise. Preliminary Conference Program and Abstracts available [here](#).

Advocacy and Policy

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

Media

► NADA Advocate

The latest NADA Advocate is now available from the NADA [web site](#)

Project Updates

► DA+MH Information Management Project

A new resource is available for member use, *A Review of Screening, Assessment and Outcome Measures for Drug and Alcohol Settings* was commissioned by NADA to inform the selection of measures for this project. It is available for download [here](#). As part of the first stage of this project, NADA will be undertaking a focused consultation process with its membership in May and June of 2009 to gather information on routine data collection systems (additional to MDS), information collected in these systems, routine use of screening, assessment and outcome measures and the perceived benefits and challenges of routinely collecting client data additional to mandatory MDS information. For more information on this project, please contact Jo Khoo on jo@nada.org.au or 02 8113 1315.

► Family and Carer Project

Check out the recent development with this project, including the Family and Carer Grants Program. [Click here](#) for more information.

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.

► Royalty Free Photos

This gallery provides community groups with a growing library of photos that they can use in developing marketing materials. All photos are available free for non-commercial use under [a Creative Commons license](#). Visit <http://www.ourcommunity.com.au/marketing/photobank/>

► Film Exchange on Alcohol and Drugs (FEAD)

FEAD is an online resource that brings short video presentations from leading figures in the alcohol and drugs field direct to your screen. Go to www.fead.org.uk

Positions Vacant

► NUAA 4 positions vacant

NUAA is seeking applications from individuals for four positions. They are seeking talented and creative people with great communication skills and a genuine commitment to social change. Go to NUAA [website](#) for more information.

► NADA Project Officer(s)

Applications close: 5 June 2009

Position 1 is full time for 2 years

Position 2 is 3 days/week for 12 months

See NADA [website](#) for more details

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