



NADA Member Update 17 April 2009

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Notice board

► NADA and MHCC Conference – LESS THAN 3 WEEKS TO GO!

6-8 May 2009 at Dockside, Darling Harbour, Sydney

Registration form and indicative program available [here](#). Keynote presentations include John Mendoza - Chair of the National Advisory Council on Mental Health, Tania Major - Young Australian of the Year 2007, and Professor Margaret Hamilton - Chair of the Multiple and Complex Needs Panel in Victoria.

Information about travel subsidies is available from the [NADA website](#).

NADA has reserved a block of accommodation at the Metro on Pitt Hotel (300 Pitt St, Sydney, www.metrohotels.com.au) for members to book at a discounted rate. To book and pay for a room, contact Laura Richards at the Conference Business on 02 9415 6715 or laura@theconferencebusiness.com.au. (Cheque payment required in advance).

► NCOSS Indigenous Women's Leadership Program

June to September 2009

NCOSS invites applications from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women (in the Sydney area) interested in participating in a leadership development program during 2009. This is an opportunity for NGOs to develop the leadership skills and capacity of ATSI women working in either paid or voluntary roles in their organisation.

Program details available from [NCOSS IWLP](#)

Applications close 30th of April

► NADA Family and Carer Project Update

The NADA Family and Carer Project is in an exciting phase with three initiatives for members to take advantage of.

- NADA will holding free workshops '**Working with Families and Carers**' at Australian Technology Park on the following days: 21st May, 22nd May, 4th June and 5th June 2009.

- A **Family and Carer Grants Program** of approximately \$500,000 is available for members to conduct projects that improve support for family and carers for up to 1 year.

- Look out for the practical toolkit - **Tools for Change: A new way of working with families and carers** - which

will be sent out to all members in May.

For more information on these initiatives [click here](#) or contact Robert at NADA on 02 8113 1320 / robert@nada.org.au.

► **Australian Crime & Violence Prevention Awards – now open**

Are you involved in a program which is designed to reduce crime and violence in our society? The Australian Crime and Violence Prevention Awards has a fund of around \$130,000 to reward such programs. Visit www.aic.gov.au/acvpa/ for more information.

► **National Cannabis Conference – Call for Poster Presentation Abstracts**

The National Cannabis Prevention and Information Centre (NCPIC) is calling for abstracts of poster presentations on cannabis-related topics for the first National Cannabis Conference to be held 7 and 8 September 2009.

Details available from [NCPIC](#).

Abstract submissions close 30 June 2009.

► **Free Mail-Based Counselling Treatment for Cannabis Use**

The National Cannabis Prevention and Information Centre (NCPIC) is trialing an intervention offering psychological treatment via mail. There are six treatment modules and three personalised feedback components. Health workers can access NCPIC flyers that advertise the project. For eligibility, referral and other details contact Desiree on (02) 9385 0449 or email d.boughtwood@unsw.edu.au.

Calendar

► **NADA and MHCC Conference**

6-8 May 2009 at Dockside, Darling Harbour, Sydney

► **Rehabilitation Education Forum - Strengthening Partnerships**

Friday 15 May 2009, 9.30am-4.00pm

St George Hospital Research and Education Centre

4-11 Short Street Kogarah NSW 2217

Topics: Clinical and NGO non-clinical Roles in Mental Health, Partnerships in Mental Health Community Development Work and Partnerships and Care Planning

\$15 registration including morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea.

Register by Friday 1 May 2009 (email preferred. Subject heading 'Forum Registration')

E: Lynne.Blanchette@sesiahs.health.nsw.gov.au or phone 02 4422 7058

► **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.

► **NSW Institute of Psychiatry Semester 1 Workshop Training Calendar 2009**

This calendar is now available [here](#)

► **UWS Tendering Seminar**

Friday 22 May 2009

Western Sydney Community Forum is partnering with UWS to put on a seminar and launch of the "The effects of tendering on NGOs" research - details to follow. The seminar will also include presentation of Peri O'Shea's research on "Community Management in the quasi market".

Advocacy and Policy

► Issues Paper for the Contribution of the Not for Profit Sector Study by the Productivity Commission

This paper is now available [here](#). The paper aims to assist participants in preparing submissions to the commissioned study into the contribution of the Not for Profit Sector. It outlines a range of issues about which the Commission is seeking information.

Media

► NADA Advocate

Edition 2 March 2009 available on the [NADA website](#).

Project Updates

The latest updates are available from the [NADA website](#).

Resources

► Looking for Australian drug and alcohol data?

The [National Drug Sector Information Service](#) (NDSIS) provides links to a mass of statistics on alcohol, drugs and tobacco.

► Working with Aboriginal people and communities: a practice resource

This practice resource - [Working with Aboriginal people and communities](#) from Department of Community Services is a guide for all community services and staff to improve service delivery to Aboriginal people by providing key facts and information relevant to working with Aboriginal communities in NSW.

► Workforce Development Checklist for the AOD field

Authors: Ann M Roche and Ken Pidd

NCETA has developed a checklist which provides a quick overview of some of the key issues that fall under the umbrella of WFD. This checklist has been developed to ensure that workforce development is tackled effectively by the AOD sector and that the AOD sector continues to provide optimal service delivery at the level of prevention, policy, and clinical care.

Email nceta@flinders.edu.au or phone 08 8201 7535 for a copy. Download from www.nceta.flinders.edu.au.

Positions Vacant

Did you know that all NADA members can advertise their vacant positions on this email update and on the NADA website for free? Forward position and application details to any of the NADA staff and we will post ASAP.

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