



NADA Member Update 20 March 2009

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NOTICE BOARD

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.

NSW NGO Workforce Survey

The [Social Policy Research Centre](#) at UNSW invites you to participate in research about the non-government community services workforce in NSW. The survey will help to better understand the non-government sector workforce, and will inform strategies to improve workforce quality and sustainability. http://www.e-valuate-it.com/survey/47148258/cover_8258.asp

ANCD Project Update

The Australian National Council on Drugs (ANCD) is the principal advisory body to the Government on drug policy and plays a critical role in ensuring the voice of the community is heard in relation to drug related policies and strategies. The March 2009 version of 'Project Update' can be accessed from the ANCD [website](#) under Current Initiatives.

Australasian Evaluation Society Conference

There has been an extension of time for submission of abstracts to the Australasian Evaluation Society Conference. **Abstracts now due by 17 April 2009.**

NADA and MHCC Conference – registrations open!

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

A registration flyer for the conference is now available and can be downloaded from [here](#). An indicative conference program (subject to minor changes) is also available. 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.

National Indigenous Drug and Alcohol Committee (nidac)

At the February **nidac** meeting a number of issues were discussed including the NCETA presented overview of their Indigenous AOD worker well-being study including some findings from the survey component of the study. Other Issues raised included the over-representation of Indigenous Australians in correctional systems, the ATSI peoples complementary action plan evaluation, Opal unleaded fuel in the NT, the National Indigenous Representative Advisory Body and the National Indigenous Law and Justice Committee. For more info visit the **nidac** [website](#) .

CALENDAR

Health Promotion Forum – Peer Education in Practice

Wed 25 March, 10am – 12:15pm, NADA Office Level 2, 619 Elizabeth St Redfern NSW

The program includes presentations from ACON, NUAA, MDECC and Ghinni Ghinni Youth and Culture Aboriginal Corporation. The program will be followed by the launch of NUAA's Peer Education and Evaluation Framework and a **free** networking lunch. RSVP to Robert Stirling on Robert@nada.org.au or phone 8113 1320 or go to the [NADA website](#) and check out the latest news item.

Book Launch: 'Not My Family, Never My Child'

Thu 26 March 2009, 5:30-7pm, Jubilee Room, NSW Parliament House, Macquarie St, Sydney

Former Premier Bob Carr will launch Tony Trimmingham's new book, 'Not My Family, Never My Child' at the Jubilee Room Parliament House. Signed copies of the book will be on sale on the evening. RSVP 20 March by calling Family Drug Support on 02 4782 9222.

ACOSS National Conference: Building a fair Australia in tough economic times

2-3 April 2009, Australian Technology Park, Eveleigh, Sydney

For registration please contact a.parmeter@acoss.org.au

Upcoming Australian Council on Healthcare Standards (ACHS) workshops

28 April 2009 – Sydney [Basic EQuIP for Beginners](#)

29 April 2009 – Sydney [Beyond Evaluation \(MA\) Towards Excellence](#)

The full calendar can be found at: http://www.achs.org.au/pdf/Website_calendar_2009.pdf. For more information on any of these workshops or other education enquires please contact educate@achs.org.au

Headspace Workshop - Working with families and significant others

30 April 2009, 10am - 5pm, Parramatta, Sydney

Headspace Mt Druitt extends an invitation to general practitioners, school counsellors, youth workers, allied health professionals and associated professions working with young people aged 12-25 years who need to engage with families and significant others who care for a young person with an emerging mental health and/or substance use problem. Cost: FREE

For further details contact the training unit on 02 9689 2860 or email training@lifelinews.org.au

Smoking Matters: Lifting the burden of tobacco use

4-5 May 2009

Training delivered by CCWT, subsidised by the Cancer Council NSW

Cost: \$50, for more information click [here](#)

NADA & MHCC Conference Outside In: Community Responses to Complex and Diverse Needs

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

For registration or more information visit [Conference Registration](#)

Australian Winter School 2009: Research – Policy - Practice.

25 – 27 May 2009, Sebel and Citigate King George Square Hotel, Brisbane

For registration visit the website at www.winterschool.info

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

2-3 July 2009, University of Wollongong, NSW

For further details visit the Conference [website](#) or contact Peter Vrahas 02 4221 8173

Australasian Evaluation Society International Conference: Evidence and Evaluation

Workshops: 31 August – 1 September 2009

Conference: 2-4 September 2009 Canberra, Australia.

For more info visit the Conference [website](#).

ADVOCACY AND POLICY

Associations Incorporation Bill 2009

The Associations Incorporation Bill 2009 has been released and is likely to have significant implications for those NGOs incorporated as associations in NSW. While the objects of the new Act state that it remains focused on 'small scale, non-profit and non commercial activities,' NCOSS has concerns about the potential impacts of the Act. View NCOSS' response [here](#)

New report from the Australian Services Union

A national plan to address the workforce crisis in the social, community and disability services industry 2009
Click [here](#) to view the report.

Further updates are available from our [web site](#).

MEDIA

NADA Advocate

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

Red tape to be slashed for charities and other non-profit groups

The Rudd Government committed to slashing red tape in the multi-billion dollar non-profit sector that provides valuable community services for those in need. View the full media release [here](#).

Productivity Commission to examine the contribution of the not-for-profit sector to Australian society

The Deputy Prime Minister, the Hon Julia Gillard MP, the Assistant Treasurer, the Hon Chris Bowen MP, and the Parliamentary Secretary for Social Inclusion and the Voluntary Sector, Senator the Hon Ursula Stephens, announced on 17 March 2009 that the Productivity Commission will examine the contribution of the not-for-profit sector to Australian society. To register an interest in the study or to find out more, details are available from the Commission at www.pc.gov.au or by calling 02 6240 3239.

PROJECT UPDATES

Visit the NADA website under '[Services](#)'.

RESOURCES

National Mental Health Policy 2008

The new **National Mental Health Policy 2008** is available from the [Department of Health and Ageing website](#).

NCETA has released new comorbidity training resources

Alcohol & Other Drugs, Mental Health & Comorbidity: A Training Review and a CD-Rom with an interactive Microsoft Office Access Database *Alcohol & Other Drugs, Mental Health & Comorbidity: Australian Training Courses Database 2008*. To order your copy of the Report and CD-Rom or the CD-Rom only, email NCETA [reception](#) or telephone 08 8201 7535. You can also download a PDF of the report from NCETA's website www.nceta.flinders.edu.au.

POSITIONS VACANT

Welfare Support Worker – Guthrie House Cooperative – Enmore, NSW

Applications close 27 March 2009

Part-time and casual, rotating shift work, including sleepovers

Guthrie House is a residential rehabilitation and transition service for women (and their pre-school aged children) who are involved in the criminal justice system. For more info contact Deborah Allen, Manager 9564 5977 or email info@guthriehouse.com

Manager - Adele Toongabbie, Toongabbie, NSW

Drug and alcohol living skills program

Applications close 31 March 2009

Adele House has a vacancy at their Toongabbie centre for an experienced AOD Manager. Adele House is a community based organisation providing a residential program with counselling for people over the age 18. The position is permanent, full-time 38 hours per week. Remuneration will be at Grade 4 / 5 SACS award rates. For more info click [here](#).

Program Manager - The Lyndon Withdrawal Unit, Orange, NSW

The Lyndon Community is a non-government organisation providing alcohol and other drug treatment in residential and non residential programs. For more info visit the Lyndon Community [website](#).

Sessional Psychologist – The Grow Community

The GROW Community is seeking to recruit a sessional psychologist who is enthusiastic about working with the staff and residents in a residential rehabilitation program. Work hours are 24 hours/week or 0.6 FTE. Salary will be based on a package that includes a salary component plus super. Successful candidate will be entitled to participate in salary sacrifice arrangements. For more info contact Brian Were 9606 8960 or [email](#)

View all vacant positions in the NGO D&A sector on our website www.nada.org.au
