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# QNADA

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DELIVERING PROFESSIONAL, QUALITY, AND RELEVANT SERVICES THAT WILL ASSIST  
IN THE DEVELOPMENT AND GROWTH OF THE NON-GOVERNMENT ALCOHOL & OTHER  
DRUG SECTOR THROUGHOUT QUEENSLAND.

### *From the iPEN of the Executive Officer*

Welcome to the second edition of QNADA focus. I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the newly appointed Executive Officer of QNADA.

Firstly, a big thank you to Peter, who has provided able stewardship at QNADA over the last few months. The Board took the opportunity at last week's meeting to formally acknowledge Peter's contribution and I look forward to working with him to represent the Qld NGO AOD sector.

Now that we've got a full squad, expect to hear from us! Marguerite and I will be in touch (either in person or via phone) with as many of you as we can over the next month or so to discuss the challenges and opportunities for the sector from your point of view. You should also feel free to call us if you've got something to talk about.

There's certainly no shortage of issues to discuss – what's happening with Medicare Locals and LHHNs, how do we continue to build on the ISI project and where do we fit in with the Newman government plans are just a few that spring to mind. I'm sure that's just the tip of the iceberg and I look forward to hearing what matters to each of you and what QNADA can do to support you.

I look forward to working with you all to build a strong and sustainable NGO AOD sector.

*Rebecca*

### 5-6 June 2012

2012 Australian Winter School  
Conference -  
**Looking Back|Looking Forward**

### 15-16 May 2012

ATDC Conference—**Challenging  
Conversations: Creating an inclusive  
system**

### 13 June 2012

Launch of Drug Action Week 2012

### 17-23 June 2012

Drug Action Week 2012

### 1 July 2012

Commencement of Local Health and  
Hospital Networks in Queensland

### 28 July 2012

World Hepatitis Day

### First Australasian FASD Conference

The [RFFADA](http://rffada.org) has had support from a  
number of organisations to hold an  
Australasian Feotal Alcohol Syndrome  
Disorder conference in 2013. More on  
this fantastic news as it comes to  
hand. Contact [elizabeth@rffada.org](mailto:elizabeth@rffada.org)

## THE QNADA TEAM

**Rebecca MacBean** — Executive Officer  
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Co-ordinator  
**Julia Bartrim**—Administration Officer

## WELCOME TO QNADA

We'd like to welcome recent new member to QNADA – PORMPUR PAANTH ABORIGINAL CORPORATION. QNADA provides advocacy and representation with State and Commonwealth agencies in relation to funding, service delivery and policy development. Members also have access to a wide range of resources, information and tools for sector development.

Find out more about [joining QNADA](http://joining.QNADA).

## Who is this Rebecca? We're glad we've managed to lure this Queenslander from WA (sorry WANADA!)



### Born in NSW, who do you support in State of Origin (remember maroon is a key colour for QNADA)?

I have no choice, it's called state of origin for a reason—so of course I support NSW. I have no shame in being a cockroach—perhaps we need to relook at the QNADA logo.

### What's something we wouldn't immediately pick about you?

I have an Arts Degree from UQ with a double major in Feminist Film Theory.

### What did you want to be when you grew up?

I wanted to be a lawyer after watching LA Law, but then I grew up and realised that there were much more interesting things to do with my career. No offence to the dedicated lawyers out there who support AOD clients.

### And of course, importantly, so why QNADA?

QNADA is still developing its identity and the opportunity to work with such dedicated and passionate individuals was too good an opportunity to ignore.

## SPOTLIGHT ISSUE - Hepatitis

Hepatitis C is a serious health issue.

- It affects the lives of over 58,000 Queenslanders.
- 90% of hepatitis C notifications, and 50% of new notifications for hepatitis B, occur amongst people who inject drugs (PWID).
- Many of our clients no longer use drugs. But as they have aged and began to have more serious health issues, they have found out about their viral hepatitis.

Hepatitis Queensland offers a range of services to people affected by hepatitis, as well as the staff of other organisations directly involved with people who may have, or be at risk of, hepatitis. HQ offer comprehensive and free 'ABC of Hepatitis' education sessions, free clinical counselling by a registered psychologist, as well as providing a 9-5pm information and support phone line (free call 1800 648 491).

If you have any questions about viral hepatitis, World Hepatitis Day, or would like some free fact sheets or resources for your clients call 1800 648 491 or go to [www.hepqld.asn.au](http://www.hepqld.asn.au).

## Congratulations to Dovetail...our youth are in good hands!

QNADA would like to extend warm congratulations to Dovetail on the success of their recent Summit held on 29 and 30 March 2012. The summit was a great opportunity to exchange ideas and information within the sector. But as always, this process is ongoing! Dovetail has set up an [interactive website and blog](#) which is open to contributions, ideas and feedback, as well as complete write-ups of conference presentations.

### Keep the conversation going!

Also check out [Dovetail Summit Report](#). The information in this report will then contribute to the State-wide Action Plan.

Dovetail also used the Summit to launch the first of the Dovetail Good Practice Guides, [A Framework for Youth Alcohol and Other Drug Practice](#). This guide contains information on the context of alcohol and other drug use, conceptualisations of young people, practice approaches, and understanding our own values and beliefs. This is the first in a series of six guides, with the others to follow in the coming weeks and months.

## RESOURCES SPOTLIGHT

The Australian Indigenous Health InfoNet has developed a new section of their website, specifically for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social and Emotional Wellbeing workers. The [SEWB site](#) contains links to key facts, publications and resources covering wide issues including grief and loss through to substance use and mental health.

This comprehensive collection of resources is easily searchable, and broken down into topic area.

## NMDS Database - more than just data

Have you recently investigated the NMDS Database offered free of charge to our members?

The NMDS Database is not just about storing data for reporting to DoHA and QH... it also has the capability to be a useful client management system.

Contact Gunnar on 3010 6500 to learn more.

### **Australia21 Report... a conversation starter**

The release of Australia21's latest report on 3 April 2012, [The prohibition of illicit drugs is killing and criminalising our children and we are all letting it happen](#) generated national media interest.

The report was the outcome of an Australia21 roundtable on drug law reform held at the University of Sydney in January 2012. QNADA has not issued an official response to the report recommendations however agrees with ADCA that it is beyond time that a sensible discussion is had about the balance between law enforcement/ policing focus and harm minimisation.

***What do you think - has your service considered the report in your team meetings?***

### **DoHA Flexible Funding Rounds from 1 July 2012**

On 13 April 2012, all AOD peak organisations wrote to Minister Butler to express concerns regarding the delays. NADA has spoken with Minister Butler and his advisor to stress the concerns of the sector in the delayed announcement of the NGOTGP and Substance Misuse Flexible Funds. Services will be contacted by the Queensland DoHA officers to advise if they have been successful or not. We have been advised that notification will be out in the next week.

### **QUEENSLAND GOVERNMENT UPDATE... Changes afoot**

On 30 March 2012 the Queensland Government announced machinery-of-government changes for departments. The functions of the former Department of Communities will now be delivered by the following departments:

#### **Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services**

[Community services](#)

[Child Safety services](#)

[Disability and Community Care services](#)

[Office for Women](#)

[Homelessness](#)

#### **Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and Multicultural Affairs**

[Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander](#) and [Multicultural services](#)

#### **Department of Housing and Public Works**

[Housing services](#)

#### **Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing**

[Sport and Recreational services](#)

#### **Department of Justice and Attorney General**

[Youth justice](#)

We also hear that the Community Mental Health Branch will be transferring to the Mental Health Alcohol and Other Drug Directorate within Queensland Health.

### **Australian Winter School 2012**

**LOOKING FORWARD | LOOKING BACK**

(5-6 June 2012)

Head south for the winter to the Gold Coast to attend the [2012 Australian Winter School Conference](#),

Looking Back|Looking Forward. The Alcohol and Drug Foundation Queensland always puts together an informative two days, with this year's program addressing topics such as workforce development, emerging trends in the illicit drug market and engagement strategies for youth and through new technologies.

### ***Did you know? Tell your friends too***

The new [Alcohol Advertising Review Board](#) was launched on 16 March 2012. This new national body will review alcohol advertising in Australia to counter the out of control advertising and marketing of alcohol, linked to increasing levels of alcohol-related harm.

The Board will consider and adjudicate complaints from the community about alcohol advertising, providing an independent alternative to the self-regulation system. The Board is strongly supported by QNADA, ADCA and other major health groups across Australia. Any member of the public, or frontline workers in the sector, are invited to direct complaints about alcohol advertising to the Board.

### **WE'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU**

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**WE'VE REVAMPED! Have you checked out the new [QNADA website](#)? We'd appreciate your feedback**