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FROM THE *iPEN* OF THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER



Welcome to the first edition of QNADA focus for 2013!

I hope you all had a great break, are refreshed and back into the swing of things. As we all discuss new year resolutions, or in some instances, the resolution to not make any resolutions, QNADA's is simply—Let's do this!

Our plans for this year include offering more services to members and extending our services to non members and the corporate sector (see next page). Free services for members will include the usual things like representation to the State and Federal governments, member forums and this wonderful newsletter, but will also be extended this year to include subsidising member's attendance at conferences, brokering training and the launch of our online resources library. The Board meeting at the end of this month will include a planning session to consider other opportunities for QNADA to be of service.

Queensland will also have an opportunity to showcase the great work of the NGO AOD sector in 2013, with a number of big events throughout the year including Winter School, APSAD and the Australasian FASD conferences, to name just a few.

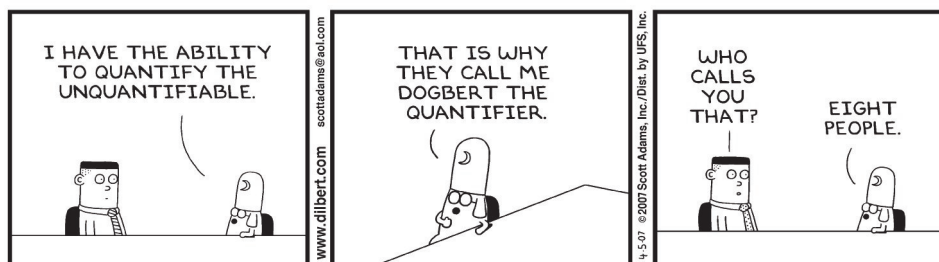
At the state level, the big ticket item this year will be the establishment of the Qld Mental Health Commission, which has been included in the Newman Government's second six month action plan. We're currently working on a response to the draft QMHC legislation—check out page 8 of this edition to see what we're thinking and to find out how you can add your thoughts to ours on this, as well as other topics.

The number one issue at the federal level this year will be the government's review of funding for the AOD treatment and prevention sector, which will get underway in the first half of this year, with the aim of being completed by the end of 2014 (just in time for the next funding round due in 2015). The review will consider current funding approaches both federally and across jurisdictions and how these can be reformed to best support the broad range of AOD services available across Australia. The terms of reference for the review are being finalised this month and the review will be overseen by a reference group which includes representation from key stakeholders, including two AOD Peak body representatives (of which I have been nominated as one).

The ANCD is also coming to town on February 19th for a consultation session—I encourage you all to get along and have your say (visit www.ancd.org.au for more detail).

Most importantly, Marguerite and I have agreed that 2013 is going to be a great year (much better than 2012)! I'm sure I speak for us both when I say we're looking forward to working with you all over the course of the year.

Rebecca



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QNADA acknowledges funding assistance provided by the Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing and Queensland Health.

QNADA acknowledges Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as the traditional custodians of this country and its waters. QNADA wish to pay their respect to Elders past and present and extend this to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people reading this message.





HEROES FOR HIRE

Since October, the QNADA Board has been considering a range of strategies to shore up the long term viability of QNADA. One of the strategies discussed has been the development of a range of fee for service activities with members, as well as non members in the not for profit and corporate sectors.

At the December meeting, the Board approved the following set of principles for fee for service work:

- ~ Work should support the objectives of QNADA and complement core business;
- ~ Work should utilise the existing skills and experience of QNADA staff;
- ~ Work should not detract from our ability to fulfil QNADA's core business obligations to our members and funders;
- ~ Work should not place QNADA in a position which could cause conflict between two members; and
- ~ Work undertaken should support the enhancement of QNADA's reputation and ability to attract new members.

Fees will vary, depending on the type of work being undertaken and whether the organisation is a QNADA member. Among other things, you could engage QNADA on a fee for service basis for:

- ~ Facilitating workshops on a range of topics such as:
 - * Policy and procedure development;
 - * Strategic planning;
 - * Good governance;
 - * Quality systems development and implementation; and
 - * Information sessions for community groups.
- ~ Gap assessments against recognised standards (eg ISO, QIC, etc);
- ~ Internal Audit;
- ~ Submission and grant writing; and
- ~ Program/Project evaluation.



There may be a range of other activities your organisation would like assistance with. Call Rebecca on (07) 3023 5050 or send an email to Rebecca.MacBean@qnada.org.au to discuss how QNADA might be able to assist you.

It's reporting time...

QH Performance Reporting for the period **1 July - 31 December 2012** are due to QH by **31 January 2013**. If we can help in anyway with extracting information from CADDs please contact Rebecca.



NGOTGP and SMSDGF reports for the period **1 July - 31 December 2012** are due **15 February 2013**. Contact your project manager if you are yet to receive the Reporting Template.



Introducing Gerard Byrne

GERARD HAS BEEN A MEMBER OF THE QNADA BOARD SINCE 2009, PROVIDING LEADERSHIP, EXPERIENCE AND A CROSS-JURISDICTIONAL PERSPECTIVE. THIS MONTH GERARD SPEAKS TO US ABOUT ONE OF HIS PASSIONS—ACCESS TO EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING SCHEMES.

Gerard has spent the past 24 years working in the AOD field, initially in a counselling role, then as a Program Director, and currently as the Clinical Director for The Salvation Army Recovery Services, which covers NSW, Qld and the ACT.

In Queensland, The Salvation Army Recovery Services provides three Therapeutic communities comprising 185 places, two inpatient detox services offering 23 places and 3 day therapeutic community programs.

Gerard has also worked, on a contractual basis, in the private and government sectors for 11 years, providing a range of AOD, assessment and referral and counselling services. Gerard holds qualifications in Social Sciences, Alcohol and Other Drug Work, Psychotherapy, Clinical Supervision, Business Management and Human Resource Management. Prior to working in the alcohol and other drug sector Gerard worked in the banking and finance sectors in a range of positions that involved direct lending to managing finance allocations for large companies.

Married, with four children Gerard lives on the Central Coast of NSW, but spends enough time in Queensland to qualify for provisional QUEENSLANDERism (except of course at State of Origin time!).

There are a number of issues that Gerard is passionate about, such as the impact of mental health issues on people and families, access to jobs and parity in competing in the labour market for people with AOD use histories and the very large and significant increase in the availability and type of gambling options in the community.

Of these issues, Gerard finds it hard to pick one that stands out, as they all do for their own particular reasons. However the disadvantage experienced by people with AOD issues in accessing employment services and securing a job is of particular concern. The ability to find work that provides a person with a sense of purpose and that they enjoy doing is critical to a person's quality of life. People with AOD issues are particularly disadvantaged in the labour market. Employment schemes cater for the majority and those that don't fit the mould are often left out. More needs to be done, by all, in the area.

And, in case you are wondering Gerard is a proud Scotsman, having emigrated to Australia in his early years but still maintains his family and Clan ties.



The Salvation Army has a 130 year history of helping people find work which supports their well-being and the well-being of those around them, through Employment Plus it is one of the largest providers of employment services in Australia.

Additionally as a Registered Training Organisation The Salvation Army provides a broad range of accredited training options that assist people to develop the qualifications and skills necessary to enter, or advance within, the workforce.



Just published

DRUG LAW REFORM BIBLIOGRAPHY

Given the high profile that drug law reform has been receiving in both Australia and internationally, the Drug Policy Modelling Program (DPMP) has developed a resource for those interested in published works regarding drug law reform.

They have collated a list of Australian and international reference material that addresses drug law reform including

- * seminal pieces;
- * original contributions; and
- * a range of articles including opinion pieces and research articles.

The annotated bibliography can be found at:

[www.dpmp.unsw.edu.au/DPMPWeb.nsf/resources/Interventions/\\$file/DLR+Nov+2012.pdf](http://www.dpmp.unsw.edu.au/DPMPWeb.nsf/resources/Interventions/$file/DLR+Nov+2012.pdf)

PERSPECTIVES ON AMPHETAMINE-TYPE STIMULANTS

Edited by Professor Steve Allsop (National Drug Research Institute, Curtin University, Perth) and A/Prof Nicole Lee (National Centre for Education and Training on Addiction, Flinders University, Adelaide).

For full details, including how to order, please see the publisher's (IP Communications, P/L, Melbourne) website: www.ipcommunications.com.au.

Worldwide, as many as 50 million people report using amphetamine-type stimulants (ATS) in the previous year.

In this book the pharmacology of ATS, social contexts and meanings of use, associated risk taking, and potential harms for the individual consumer and his or her family and community are described. The experiences and views of consumers, a parent, a police officer, and frontline emergency - and health-service staff are offered. The emerging evidence base for law enforcement, prevention, and clinical responses to ATS use and related harms is explored.

The book concludes with a clinical focus, in which brief and opportunistic interventions, engagement and retention in treatment, stepped-care approaches, and responses to the specific needs of people with co-existing mental-health problems and same sex-attracted or gender diverse people, are addressed. While each chapter stands alone, the book can be read as a series of perspectives on related issues. Case studies are a feature of the book.



Every second year the Chief Health Officer releases the report—the Health of Queenslanders which details prevalence rates and trends of a range of key health indicators including overweight and obesity, tobacco smoking, physical activity, nutrition, alcohol consumption and sun safety.

The 2012 report was released in November and highlighted both positive and concerning trends in relation to substance misuse.

The smoking rate has continued to decline, resulting in about 10,000 fewer smokers per year since 2001 to a rate of 14.3%. However, smoking still causes 1 in 7 deaths.

However, gains are not being made in decreasing rates of risky alcohol consumption, with no change in rates over the last decade. In particular, the following was identified—

- In 2012, 21.1% of adults were drinking at levels that put them at risk of harm over their lifetime, with 32% of males and 28% of those aged 18–25 years drinking on average more than two standard drinks a day.
- In 2012, 15.3% of adults were drinking four standard drinks on any occasion each week, placing them at risk of injury from their drinking.
- Two-thirds or 64% of 13–17 year olds had consumed a full serve of alcohol in the previous 12 months in 2010.
- One in five or 20% of Australian women fully abstained from alcohol during pregnancy.
- The rate of risky alcohol consumption (long term risk) has not changed in the past decade.
- Alcohol consumption was the sixth largest cause of burden of disease and injury in Queensland at 2.7% in 2007.

The full report is available online at www.health.qld.gov.au/cho-report.



NATIONAL MENTAL HEALTH REPORT CARD

The first report of the National Mental Health Commission is available at www.mentalhealthcommission.gov.au/





TOOLS OF THE TRADE

Resources and Research & Training

ESSENTIAL RESOURCES FOR AOD WORKERS

Turning Point Alcohol & Drug Centre was established in 1994 to provide leadership to the drug and alcohol field in Victoria, Australia. The resources developed by Turning Point are fantastic and have application for Queensland services.

Turning Point integrates activities across a diverse range of specialist knowledge and professional practice which enables them to translate evidence based research into action.

Bookmark the Turning Point website so you use it regularly. You can also order resources online at www.turningpoint.org.au.

THE NEW FLIPSIDE—PRESCRIPTION DRUGS—IS OUT NOW.

Flipside is produced by The Association of Participating Service Users.

This Bulletin contains stories of those who have or are seeking treatment for the misuse of prescription drugs, as well as stories and insights from those treating clients.

With the misuse of prescription drugs an emerging issue, the case studies could be valuable tools in building the capacity of your staff.

If you have any articles, poems or artwork you would like to see in Flipside you can email them to: ekennedy@sharc.org.au.

This edition of Flipside is available at www.apsuonline.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2011/09/Flipside32web.pdf.

TRANSFORMATIVE POTENTIAL OF FIRST EUROPEAN UNION PREVENTION STANDARDS

These first European standards on

delivering high quality drug prevention may be assumed to be dry and technical, but in fact many of the standards would transform prevention practice if implemented, condemning much existing practice as failing to meet basic standards, and leading to fewer ineffective activities and an increased focus on approaches and interventions with realistic objectives.

You can view more information on this at http://findings.org.uk/count/downloads/download.php?file=Brotherhood_A_1.txt.

EIGHTH ISSUE OF THE FETAL ALCOHOL FORUM RELEASED

NOFAS-UK are pleased to announce the release of the eighth issue of the Fetal Alcohol Forum with the latest FASD research and articles from experts worldwide.

To download Issue 8, go to <http://www.nofas-uk.org/PDF/FetalAlcoholForumIssue8December2012.pdf>.

122 FASD studies during the past 6 months are included in this issue.

ENJOY THIRD SECTOR'S COMPLETE GUIDE TO THE ACNC

A free resource on the newly launched Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC), has been developed by the Third Sector with the support of Ansvar Insurance, Moores Legal, Professional Association Management Services and Third Sector Services.

This resource (available on the ACNC website) has been developed to ensure you are aware of key implications of the ACNC, important dates and how regulatory changes will affect your not-for-profit organisation.

DUAL DIAGNOSIS SUPPORT

Visit Dual Diagnosis Support Victoria at: http://dualdiagnosis.ning.com/?xg_source=msg_mes_network.

This website contains a wide array of resources to support the provision of services to clients with a dual mental health and AOD diagnosis.

With the website shared between Australia and New Zealand, there's no end of useful publications and toolkits for your organisation.

EMBEDDING CHILD AWARENESS IN YOUR ORGANISATION

At risk children often present with their parents at adult services. A half-day workshop to assist services respond more effectively to vulnerable children is being held in Brisbane on 30 January 2013.

Participants will gain practical resources and tools to be implemented in their own organisations.

To RSVP or seek further information please email rsvp@micahprojects.org.au or phone (07) 3029 7000.



QNADA is currently in discussions with our WANADA colleagues to share resources electronically through the AOD Knowledge Base. This presents an exciting opportunity for our members to highlight their best practice resources as well as gain access to the experiences and resources developed in WA. Stay tuned for more information in upcoming editions.

As part of the Improved Services Initiative, QNADA is developing a resources directory. Know of other great resources that would benefit QNADA members?

Give Marguerite a call on (07) 3023 5050 or drop her an email at Marguerite.Lituri@qnada.org.au.

Changes to NMDS— how do I create an SLK?

IN ISSUE 5 OF QNADA FOCUS, WE INTRODUCED YOU TO A NEW PIECE OF DATA BEING ADDED TO THE AODTS NATIONAL MINIMUM DATA SET (NMDS) FROM THE 2012-2013 COLLECTION YEAR, THE STATISTICAL LINKAGE KEY (SLK). NOW WE'RE KEEPING IT SIMPLE!

An SLK provides the AIHW with the opportunity to link data about an individual, whilst maintaining the privacy of each client by protecting identities with a unique identifier. Once the SLK is applied, we may improve our understanding (and build the evidence base) of how our clients utilise services, as well as how they interact with other sectors who submit an NMDS (eg Mental Health and Homeless sectors).

The SLK is derived from the name and birthdate of the client and provides non-identifiable way of linking client data across agencies and across sectors, so that we can start to understand patterns of service use by individuals, both within Qld and across the country.

If you are using QNADA's NMDS collection system, CADDs, it will soon have the capacity to automatically generate this when you enter a client record, so you don't need to do a thing (other than keep entering your client data). For those using other data systems but submitting your NMDS data through QNADA, give us a call and we can talk through how we can help with collecting this important piece of data so we're all ready to go when the 2012-2013 collection rolls around. For further information, call Rebecca on **(07) 3023 5050** or drop her an email at Rebecca.MacBean@qnada.org.au.

The SLK takes the form XXXXXDDMMYYYYN as follows:

2nd, 3rd and 5th letters of the family name (the first 3 Xs)

2nd and 3rd letters of the given name (the 4th and 5th X)

Date of birth by day, month and four-digit year

Sex (1 for Male, 2 for Female, 3 for Intersex or Indeterminate and 9 for not stated/inadequately described).

So the SLK for Cynthia Jones, born 25 March 1982 would be ONSYN250319822— easy, right!

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drug
action week®

16—23 June 2013

The Alcohol and Other Drugs Council of Australia (ADCA) has announced the theme of Drug Action Week (DAW) in 2013 will be *Drugs, Communities and Families!* DAW will run from Sunday 16 June through to Saturday 22 June 2013.

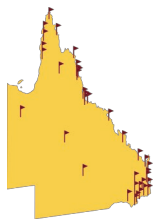
"Following on from the highly successful DAW 2011 and 2012 theme of Looking After YOUR Mind!, feedback from stakeholders across the alcohol and other drugs sector during evaluation of DAW 2012 indicated the need for a broader theme, rather than concentrating on a single issue," said ADCA CEO Mr David Templeman.

DAW 2013 supporting daily themes will include *Illicit Drugs/Stimulants/Inhalants, Alcohol/Tobacco, script and non-script pharmaceuticals, Families/Youth Issues, and Building Resilience in Communities.*

You may recall that QNADA staged a panel discussion on *Changing the drinking culture of young Australians* as part of DAW 2012, as well as supporting member agency Drug Arm's DAW display at Parliament House.

It might seem a long way off, but QNADA is interested in talking with any of our members who are interested in co-hosting an event with QNADA or who would like support with hosting their own Drug Action Week event. **If you're interested, call Rebecca on (07) 3023 5050 or drop her an email at Rebecca.MacBean@qnada.org.au.**

If you want more information on DAW, or to register your event, go to www.drugactionweek.org.au from mid-January.



IN & AROUND QUEENSLAND

QUEENSLAND GOVERNMENT SIX MONTH ACTION PLAN

On 14 January 2013, the Newman Government released its next six month action plan identifying a number of key priorities that will impact on the AOD sector including -

- Establishment of the Queensland Mental Health Commission;
- Accept initial intake to the youth boot camp diversion program in Cairns and the Gold Coast;
- Reform and make more transparent Queensland Health's grants and service delivery contracts;
- Commence a review to streamline contracts with nongovernment organisations (NGOs) reducing the number of individual contracts;
- Commence streamlining quality standards for NGOs;
- Complete the restructure of Queensland Health's head office;
- Introduce legislation to implement the government's commitment to red tape reduction for liquor and gaming;
- Respond to the review of drink safe precincts;
- Commence streamlining child safety licence applications and processes for NGOs;
- Release the government's youth strategy;
- Prepare a homelessness strategy; and
- Streamline the blue card application process.

QUEENSLAND MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION

The establishment of the QMHC is closer with Minister Springborg introducing the *QMHC Bill 2012* in the last sittings of Parliament. The consultation process to inform the Bill was undertaken through the QMHC Survey which closed on 1 November 2012. QNADA made a submission, based on the policy paper developed with you, our members, in September 2012. Both the QNADA response to the survey and the policy paper are available on the QNADA website.

The position of the inaugural Commissioner was recently advertised, suggesting that it will be all systems go upon the passage of the legislation.

The Health and Community Services Committee is currently reviewing the Bill and will report back to Parliament in late February. QNADA will be making a submission to the Committee to inform their recommendations. We have a few questions where answers from you would greatly assist in the development of this submission.

Late last year, Rebecca, together with Richard Nelson of the Qld Alliance for Mental Health, met with the QMHC Transition Team, specifically Liz Powell and Sandy Gillies to discuss the establishment of the QMHC and inform the Transition Team's thinking as to how the NGO AOD and Mental Health sectors and the Commission can collaborate for instrumental reform.

It was particularly reassuring that a commitment to involving the NGO AOD and Mental Health sectors in the development of the whole-of-government strategic plan (required under the Bill) was provided and that consideration would be given to respecting the differences between the AOD and MH sectors in the planning process (perhaps through a sub-strategy or specific strategies for AOD).



What would you like to see the QMHC achieve for the AOD sector?

How do you define the AOD system? What does it comprise?

How would you like to see the AOD sector issues represented to the Qld Mental Health and Drug Advisory Council?

How often should the Commission's functions be reviewed?

Do you think the Bill should prescribe a Deputy Commissioner for AOD?

Should the positions on the Advisory Council be publically advertised?

Your response to these questions or any other comments in relation to the QMHC can be provided via email to Rebecca.MacBean@qnada.org.au or call Rebecca on (07) 3023 5050 to kick around your ideas.



Your Opinion matters



FEDERAL JUSTICE RE-INVESTMENT INQUIRY

Last month, Greens Senator Penny Wright successfully moved a motion for the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee to investigate justice reinvestment, a rather topical issue in Queensland. The Inquiry will consider the value of a justice reinvestment approach to criminal justice in Australia, with particular reference to:

- the drivers behind the past 30 years of growth in the Australian imprisonment rate;
- the economic and social costs of imprisonment;
- the over-representation of disadvantaged groups within Australian prisons, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and people experiencing mental ill-health, cognitive disability and hearing loss;
- the cost, availability and effectiveness of alternatives to imprisonment, including prevention, early intervention, diversionary and rehabilitation measures;
- the methodology and objectives of justice reinvestment;
- the benefits of, and challenges to, implementing a justice reinvestment approach in Australia;
- the collection, availability and sharing of data necessary to implement a justice reinvestment approach;
- the implementation and effectiveness of justice reinvestment in other countries, including the United States of America;
- the scope for federal government action which would encourage the adoption of justice reinvestment policies by state and territory governments; and
- any other related matters.

QNADA has been invited to make a submission to the inquiry by March 2013. All members will be provided with the opportunity to comment on a discussion paper, but in the interim here's some questions to get you thinking.

Nearly 75% of illicit drug-related government spending in Australia is directed towards law enforcement. How should this be redistributed across demand and harm reduction measures?

How many of your clients have had multiple interactions with the criminal justice system?

What indirect factors contribute to your clients offending eg. housing, education? Where is the biggest gap in services?

We know Aboriginal peoples and Torres Strait Islanders and those with co-morbid mental health issues are over-represented disadvantaged groups in our services—which other groups do you regularly have seeking services?

How effective have diversion programs been in supporting your clients to adjust their behaviour and reduce further interaction with the criminal justice system?

Your response to these questions or any other comments in relation to justice reinvestment can be provided via email to Rebecca.MacBean@qnada.org.au or call Rebecca on (07) 3023 5050 to kick around your ideas.

Is there an issue that you think should be the next policy position we develop?

Give Marguerite a call on (07) 3023 5050 or drop her an email at Marguerite.Lituri@qnada.org.au.

DID YOU HEAR?



OUR EXECUTIVE OFFICER HAVING MORE THAN HER 15 MINUTES OF FAME...

Over the last few months, Rebecca has had the opportunity to discuss on local radio (4ZZZ FM and ABC Brisbane) changes that have been happening for both QNADA and more broadly across the sector. You can listen to the interviews as the [4ZZZ website](#) and the [ABC Brisbane website](#).

OF SUBSTANCE

The latest Of Substance is available at www.ofsubstance.org.au and includes articles on methamphetamine, rehab and recovery, OST and harm reduction.



THAT THE CENTRE FOR RESEARCH EXCELLENCE INTO INJECTING DRUG USE HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED...

In November 2012 the NHMRC funded the Centre of Research Excellence (CRE) in Mental Health and Substance Use to build much needed research capacity in the area of comorbidity. The CRE represents a world first, bringing together the largest concentration of nationally and internationally recognised comorbidity researchers.

The CRE aims to generate new research to increase the knowledge base regarding the effective prevention and treatment to comorbid mental health and substance use disorders. These aims will be achieved via three research streams focusing on the prevention, treatment, and epidemiology, of comorbid mental health and substance use disorders. In addition to making the findings of our research available in the scientific literature, an integral component of this CRE is the translation of these research findings into educational curricula, training programs and clinical resources, as well as resources for the general public.

Find out more about the CRE at our website www.comorbidity.edu.au. You can also keep up to date with the progress of the CRE by Facebook and on Twitter.



THAT THE ANCD IS COMING TO BRISBANE !!

This is your chance to have your voice heard on issues that are important to you, your organisations and your community. The forum aims to be a collage of opinions, ideas and resolutions across a range of areas. The conclusions from the forum will be reported in the ANCD Communiqué which is sent to a number of key decision makers and stakeholders and placed on the ANCD website.

The ANCD is seeking views from non-government, community based, government, education, health and law enforcement staff on alcohol and other drugs issues in Queensland.

When: Tuesday 19 February 9:00 – 11.15am

(Arrival tea and coffee from 8.30am, morning tea provided at 10.45am)

Where: To be held at The Mercure Brisbane , 85 – 87 North Quay Brisbane, QLD

RSVP by Tuesday 12 February 2013

Tel: (02) 6166 9600 Fax: (02) 6162 2611

Email: ancd@ancd.org.au

The Australian National Council on Drugs is the principal advisory body to 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.



QNADA encourages members to attend, or to let us know what issues you would like us to raise on your behalf.

Building Capacity through National Collaboration

EVEN PEAK BODIES NEED TO BUILD THEIR CAPACITY—WE MIGHT KNOW WE'RE DOING A GOOD JOB BUT WE CAN ONLY DEVELOP, IMPROVE, INNOVATE AND ENSURE WE ARE RESPONSIVE TO YOU BY TAKING THE TIME TO REFLECT ON OUR WORK. AND OF COURSE IT NEVER HURTS WHEN TALKING TO A FUNDING BODY TO BE ABLE TO DEMONSTRATE JUST HOW EFFECTIVE OUR SERVICE CAN BE!

In recent years the state and territory peak bodies have been working together to an increasing degree. While all have their individual constitutions, strategies, challenges and opportunities, one thing we have in common is a commitment to engaging in capacity building activities for the sector. The capacity building activities undertaken by the peaks within the NGO AOD sector reflect four common strategies -

- Building sustainable linkages and strategic partnerships;
- Assisting services to undertake service improvement;
- Identifying and facilitating training opportunities; and
- Developing and promoting relevant information and resources.

Jointly, the state and territory peaks, through their national Peak Capacity Building Network, resolved that the work that they undertake with the aim of building the capacity of the non-government AOD sector would be evaluated. This evaluation will build on the valuable findings of the independent report *Building Capacity in Non-government Alcohol and Drug Service - The Queensland Experience* undertaken as part of the Improved Services Initiative.

The aim of this project is to evaluate the effectiveness of peak bodies for the NGO AOD sector in building sector organisational capacity, particularly each peak body's ability to support the NGO AOD treatment services to deliver measurable and sustainable results in treatment outcomes. The evaluation is not designed to result in a comparison of each state and territory, but rather assesses the role of peak bodies overall.

The evaluation will be conducted by David McDonald of Social Research & Evaluation Pty Ltd, with data collection commencing this year and is scheduled for completion in 2014. Between now and then our members will be provided with the opportunity to input into the evaluation.



\$how me the money!



The Australian National Council on Drugs promotes a page of their website to listing up-to-date funding sources for the AOD sector.

Have a look at www.ancd.org.au

A range of Queensland Government grants are available at www.smartservice.qld.gov.au/services/grants.

Department of Health and Ageing Grants
<http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/Listing+of+Tenders+and+Grants-1>

www.fare.org.au

CLASSIFIEDS



'broadening the focus'

VAADA Conference

14-15 February 2013

Register Online Now!!

<http://conference.vaada.org.au/registration/>

**CALL FOR ABSTRACTS—PHAA
National Social Inclusion and
Complex Needs Conference:
Canberra, 15-16 April 2013**

The Public Health Association of Australia (PHAA) invites you to participate in the first Australian conference to showcase successful programs/approaches in addressing complex needs and social determinants of health - with the broader purpose of identifying what works and how.

Further information on the abstract submission process is available on the PHAA website at: www.phaa.net.au/documents/ComplexNeedsCallForAbstracts.pdf

West Moreton-Oxley Medicare Local's Taking the Pulse survey will provide a snapshot of health factors in everyday lives of Ipswich residents.

The survey aims to generate discussions on health and wellbeing, and give residents the opportunity to identify positives and challenges to healthcare in the area. **This survey will be open until March 2013.**



Jobs of Substance

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COMMUNITY AND WELFARE SECTORS



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In 2013 start a Certificate IV in Alcohol and Other Drugs!

Teen Challenge Training accepts enrolments throughout the year with students starting on the 1st day of every calendar month!

We offer the following courses:

Certificate IV in Youth Work
Certificate IV in Alcohol & Other Drugs
Certificate IV in Mental Health
Certificate IV in Pastoral Care

Find out more on the Teen Challenge website - www.teenchallengetraining.org.au



Professional Seminar Series for the Alcohol and other Drugs and Mental Health Sectors

The Professional Seminar Series has been developed to enable professional development among workers, volunteers and students within or associated with the Alcohol and Other Drug and/or Mental Health Sectors.

To express your interest and keep up-to-date please email your contact details to elizabethb@drugarm.com.au or call 07 3620 8800.

Drug Awareness and Relief Foundation (Australia)



**Seen an alcohol advert recently that didn't sit right with you?
There's something you can do about it!**

The Alcohol Advertising Review Board accepts complaints from the Australian community about alcohol advertising. If you've seen an alcohol ad that concerns you, let the Alcohol Advertising Review Board know about it. It's easy to make a complaint! Alcohol advertising impacts on the drinking behaviours and attitudes of young people, and young people are exposed to alcohol advertising in many different forms. The Alcohol Advertising Review Board aims to support the community to respond to inappropriate alcohol advertising. To find out more, or to make a complaint, visit www.alcoholadreview.com.au or email complaints@alcoholadreview.com.au.



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