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The Australian National Council on Drugs (ANCD) welcomes Drug Action Week, a national week of activities initiated by the Alcohol and Other Drugs Council of Australia (ADCA) that will be occurring from 20–24 June.

Drug Action Week provides a good opportunity to raise awareness about alcohol and other drug issues, and to recognise the contributions of those who work to reduce alcohol and other drug related harm.

Drug Action Week is an opportunity to promote the achievements of those working in the alcohol and drug sector. Indeed, the National Drug and Alcohol Awards, which are a collaborative effort of ANCD, ADCA, the Australian Drug Foundation and the Ted Noffs Foundation, will do this in Sydney on Friday 24th June.

The Drug Action Week theme days; Young People; Treatment; Prevention; Indigenous Australians; Consumers and Carers, reflect the strength of working across sectors and governments to continue to produce positive results as well as address emerging trends in the use of substances such as ecstasy and continuing problems with alcohol.

The 300 plus activities happening nation-wide should be a good impetus for public discussion about what drugs are, what they do, and the impact they can have on families and communities. It is also a good chance for the public to evaluate and discuss strategies implemented in their community.

The ANCD will be launching its Positive Stories Website on Tuesday 21 June at Parliament House in Canberra. The Website features stories of people who are tackling or have beaten their drug and alcohol problems and is designed to inspire and encourage others to realise that help is available.

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