

## **WEEKLY NEWS**

8<sup>th</sup> August

### Update:

# Establishment of a professional body for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander AOD workers

A working group has been formed to progress the work required to establish a professional body for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander AOD workers.

For further information relating to the work being undertaken by this working group please click on the link below

http://www.nidac.org.au/activities/professional-body-update.html

#### THIS WEEK IN THE MEDIA

- Indigenous grandparents left to raise grandchildren as parents battle substance abuse, mental illness, NT foster carers say [ABC News]
- Legal eagles slam doubling of Indigenous prisoner rates since inquiry [ABC News]
- > The Glen Rehab centre in jeopardy [Newcastle Herald]
- Rehab facility will be open to everyone [The Transcontinental]
- Northern Territory tops statistics nationally for deaths from alcohol consumption [7News]
- Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Inquiry told men drinking could be as much to blame as women [ABC News]
- Number of low birth-weight Indigenous babies falls [Gatton Star]

#### WHAT'S HAPPENING?

- NDARC Cannabis Diversion Survey. For more information contact Marian at UNSW on 02 8936 1215 or <a href="mailto:m.shanahan@unsw.edu.au">m.shanahan@unsw.edu.au</a>
- Book launch: Stemming the tide of alcohol: Liquor licensing and the public interest. 19<sup>th</sup> August, Carlton. RSVP COB 15<sup>th</sup> August glenis.thomson@fare.org.au
- Anex 2014 Australian Drugs Conference: Ice and altered realities. 14th-15<sup>th</sup> October, Melbourne.
- > DPMP Symposium. 1<sup>st</sup> December, NDARC (Sydney). Please direct all enquiries to Jasmin Bartlett (<u>j.bartlett@unsw.edu.au</u>).

#### **FUNDING**

- ➤ <u>HIV/AIDS Grants Programme</u> *UNODC*
- Community Giving Fund Aurizon
- Neighbourhood Community Grants Australia Post
- Community Assist Grants Gandel Philanthropy
- Flying Start Community Grants Jetstar
- Community Grants Westpac Foundation
- Small Grants program opens for silver jubilee round Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal
- Stronger futures in the Northern Territory tackling alcohol abuse Community fund Department of Social Services

#### **SCHOLARSHIPS**

- Domestic scholarships now available for the International AIDS Conference 2014 Centre for Research Excellence into Injecting Drug Use
- > The Puggy Hunter Memorial Scholarship Scheme Australian College of Nursing
- Reg Saunders Scholarship Macquarie University
- ► <u>Ian Webster Scholarship</u> Foundation for Alcohol Research and Education
- Alcohol and other drugs conference funding program scholarship Foundation for Alcohol Research and Education
- Foetal alcohol spectrum disorder (targeted call for research) National Health and Medical Research Council
- Indigenous Cadetship Support Australian Government
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Nursing Scholarships ACT Government Health Directorate

#### **REPORTS/PUBLICATIONS**

- Western Australian alcohol and other drugs symposium 2014: Presentations
- > Overview of Australian Indigenous health status 2013 Australian Indigenous HealthInfoNet
- National key performance indicators for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander primary health care: First national results June 2012 to June 2013 Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
- ➤ The changing trends in alcohol coverage in Australian newspapers 2000-2011 [Free Subscription required] Australian Drug Foundation
- Drug and alcohol research connections NDRI, NDARC, NCETA
- Working Paper #10 Review of the Alcohol and Other Drug Treatment Service Sector Drug Policy Modelling Program
- Menzies research reveals marked decline in petrol sniffing Menzies School of Health Research

- Review of Alcohol Mandatory Treatment Act: Terms of Reference Northern Territory Government
- Alcohol data Department of Business NT
- Enhancing the management of alcohol-related problems among Indigenous Australians: Implementation Plan National Drug Research Institute
- State of Preventive Health 2013 Australian National Preventive Health Agency
- National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Plan 2013-2023 Department of Health
- Substance use among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
- Budget 2013-2014: Information of relevance to Indigenous health Australian Indigenous HealthInfoNet
- Alcohol & Pregnancy & FASD Research Program February 2014 Newsletter
- ➤ Of Substance e-bulletin: June 2014

#### ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG NETWORKS

- ADAC: Aboriginal Drug and Alcohol Council Inc (SA Aboriginal drug and alcohol peak body)
- > ADAN: NSW Aboriginal Drug and Alcohol Network
- > AH&MRC: Aboriginal Health and Medical Research Council of NSW
- AHCSA: Aboriginal Health Council of South Australia
- AHCWA: Aboriginal Health Council of Western Australia
- AIDA: Australian Indigenous Doctors' Association Ltd
- AMSANT: Aboriginal Medical Services Alliance Northern Territory
- NACCHO: National Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisation
- NCPIC: National Cannabis Prevention and Information Centre, Indigenous resource
- NIDAC: National Indigenous Drug and Alcohol Committee
- PAAC: The Peoples' Alcohol Action Coalition
- > QAIHC: Queensland Aboriginal and Islander Health Council
- **RACGP**: National Faculty of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health
- > Telkaya: Koori AOD Network
- VACCHO SEWB: Victorian Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation, Social and Emotional Well Being Unit

#### **RESOURCES AND TOOLS**

- Making the link National Cannabis Prevention and Information Centre
- Handbook for Aboriginal alcohol and drug work University of Sydney
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander perinatal mental health beyondblue
- What is Cannabis? National Cannabis Prevention and Information Centre
- First taste: How Indigenous Australians learned about grog M Brady (link to abstract)
- Australian Drug Information Network Australian Drug Foundation (search directory)

#### **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

➤ Of Substance <u>Jobs Board</u>



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