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Message from the Prime Minister

The Australian National Council on Drugs, in partnership with the Australian Government, has led the way in formulating and developing evidence based drug and alcohol policy for more than a decade. Working in partnership with key stakeholders, including the community and government sectors, the Council provides crucial, expert advice on drug and alcohol matters.

The Council’s deep talent and wide range of experience and expertise covers the full spectrum of the drug and alcohol field, from treatment and rehabilitation to education, family counselling, law enforcement, research and work at the coalface in community organisations.

The Australian Government is striving to address the health and social problems caused by the misuse of drugs and alcohol in our communities. Through the National Partnership Agreement on Preventive Health we are investing $872 million in preventive health strategies. The $53 million binge drinking strategy is continuing to roll out community level initiatives to minimise the harmful effects of drinking. The Government is also working with key stakeholders to develop the next stage of the National Drug Strategy.

Further strategies and initiatives are also being developed and considered through the Preventative Health Taskforce, the Ministerial Council on Drug Strategy and through the Australian Government’s upcoming reforms to the health system.

I would like to congratulate the Council for its efforts over the last year, and I look forward to continuing to work with all members on designing and implementing sound strategies to minimise the harmful effects of the abuse of drugs and alcohol on the Australian community.

The Honourable Kevin Rudd MP
Prime Minister of Australia
Chairman’s Report

I am pleased to present my fourth Chairman’s report for the ANCD. As usual, this past year has seen both challenges and opportunities for the alcohol and other drug (AOD) sector and the community in general in how we address the harms associated with alcohol and other drug misuse.

The continued focus on alcohol and preventative health reforms has been welcomed by many, including the ANCD. It demonstrates an approach that is based on evidence, upon which the ANCD promotes and bases all its advice to government. The continued strength of Australia’s strategy to address AOD issues is based on support across the political spectrum, and the spirit of partnership that exists between government health, law enforcement, welfare and education sectors with the non-government sector. This is a significant achievement deserving of praise and recognition.

There is an incredible amount of experience and knowledge across the sector and within the membership of the ANCD, which allows the ANCD to provide accurate, independent and evidence based advice to the most senior government members and officials.

A challenge for the ANCD during the global economic crisis has continued to be to ensure that AOD issues are appropriately funded and supported each year.

The ANCD is resolutely committed to the ongoing work undertaken for Indigenous communities and people by our National Indigenous Drug and Alcohol Committee (NIDAC), for the Region by our Asia-Pacific Drug Issues Committee (APDIC) and for the AOD sector by our national magazine - Of Substance.

It is a privilege to be Chairman of the ANCD and I hope to continue its significant contribution to improving life for many Australians and others in the region. I again thank all Council members for their contribution and work over the year. I thank the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, the Department of Health and Ageing, the Australian Federal Police, the Department of Families, Housing Community Services and Indigenous Affairs, the Department of Education, Science and Training, the Australian Customs Services, and AusAID for their generous support and cooperation.

I would also like to give a particular mention to the Ministerial Council on Drug Strategy, their Intergovernmental Committee on Drugs and the Police Commissioners around Australia for their continued partnership approach with the ANCD on this important issue.

I would like to acknowledge the constant interest, support and encouragement of Prime Minister Kevin Rudd, Deputy Prime Minister and Education Minister Julia Gillard, Health Minister Nicola Roxon, Ministers for Home Affairs Bob Debus & Brendon O’Connor, Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs, Minister for Foreign Affairs Stephen Smith, Parliamentary Secretary for International Development Assistance Bob McMullan, Parliamentary Secretary for Pacific Island Affairs Duncan Kerr, Parliamentary Secretary for Indigenous Health, Warren Snowdon, Senator and Parliamentary Secretary for Social Inclusion and Voluntary Sector Ursula Stephens, and their staff.

The ANCD would not achieve so much without the dedication and commitment of its Executive Director, Gino Vumbaca, and the enthusiastic teams in Canberra and Sydney.

Dr John Herron
Chairman
The last year has been a tremendously busy and rewarding one for the ANCD. The focus of the new government on alcohol and the ever-increasing demand to address drug and alcohol issues affecting communities, families, Indigenous people, the Asian and Pacific regions, as well as the many sectors and staff that work in this area make the relevance of the ANCD and its members diverse expertise more valuable than ever.

In particular, I have to pay tribute to the leadership and guidance of the ANCD Chairman, Dr John Herron and the Executive team of Commissioner Mick Keelty, Professor Margaret Hamilton, Mr Garth Popple and A/Professor Robert Ali. The recognition of their knowledge in this field has led to such notable appointments as the President-elect of the International Federation of NGOs for Mr Popple and the Prime Minister’s Council on Homelessness for Professor Margaret Hamilton. Commissioner Keelty has been heavily involved in the development of a number of initiatives currently before the government and A/Professor Robert Ali has led the Asia-Pacific Drug Issues Committee of the ANCD to ensuring a focus on our obligations and responsibilities to our near neighbours.

Add to this the leadership of A/Professor Ted Wilkes of the National Indigenous Drug and Alcohol Committee of the ANCD and Dr Dennis Young of the national magazine – Of Substance – and the contributions of all the membership to so many initiatives and matters.

As always, there are far too many people to thank both within the ANCD and its Secretariat and in the government, non-government, education, law enforcement, mental health, research, aid, international and business sectors. Suffice to say that without their ongoing support and assistance all the work presented and highlighted in this report would not have occurred.

The past year has again seen the release of some very informative reports by the ANCD as well as a continuation of consultations with the sectors involved in addressing drug and alcohol issues. These consultations allow ANCD members to be informed of developments and concerns in the sector, as well as informing those working in the frontline of the developments and work at the policy and planning levels.

To reiterate a message from previous annual reports, the ANCD works closely with governments and has undertaken a commitment to work with and keep all political parties informed of developments in this area. The broad support of these people, as reflected in the letters throughout this report, has been both welcome and encouraging. I would also like to thank all the ANCD Secretariat staff and the Of Substance staff for their strong performances this year. I would also like to acknowledge the high level of support provided by our auspicing body – the Salvation Army (NSW Property Trust).

Over the course of the year, the ANCD has regularly liaised and consulted with many government departments, in particular the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet; Department of Health and Ageing; Australian Federal Police; Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs; Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations; Attorney General’s Department; Australian Customs Service; Office of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health; AusAID, Department of Foreign Affairs; and many State and Territory Departments, all of whom have provided a level of support and co-operation that is very much appreciated by the ANCD.

The continued support of the Prime Minister, the Minister for Health and their respective offices, as well as many other Federal, State and Territory Ministers has also been greatly appreciated and instrumental in achieving the goals of the ANCD.

Gino Vumbaca
Executive Director
Executive Summary

Over the past twelve months the ANCD has continued to work effectively in its important role as the Government’s principal advisory body on alcohol and other drug issues (AOD). The ANCD regularly provided government with high quality, independent, evidence based advice on a range of AOD issues. The ANCD continued to place emphasis on communicating with the alcohol and drug sector, in particular, non-government and community-based organisations. The ANCD remains convinced of the importance of ensuring these groups are well informed and that their views are taken into account in the policy development cycle.

During the last financial year, the ANCD launched a new website for people working with homeless people who use drugs. The ANCD released reports on the Burden of Submission Writing and Reporting for Alcohol and Other Drug Non Government Organisations; and Non government organizations in the alcohol and other drugs sector: issues and options for sustainability. The ANCD also held a breakfast for Members of Parliament and released a number of media releases and communiqués to apprise key stakeholders and the general public of specific AOD issues.

In 2005 the decision was made by the Australian Government to make the national AOD magazine – Of Substance – a free publication. The first free publication was issued in July 2005 and since then the magazine has seen a significant expansion in its distribution to over 15,000. Broadening the magazine’s audience has assisted in achieving the aim of the magazine, which is to bridge the gap between research and practice in the AOD sector.

Throughout the year, the ANCD’s Asia-Pacific Drug Issues Committee (APDIC) continued to provide the Australian Government with advice on the best ways to maximise Australia’s response to, leadership and impact on Asia-Pacific regional illicit drug issues.

The ANCD’s National Indigenous Drug and Alcohol Committee (NIDAC) has continued to provide high quality and culturally appropriate advice to government on a range of alcohol and other drug issues impacting on Indigenous communities. During this financial year NIDAC released a paper on indigenous incarceration titled Bridges and Barriers.

During the past financial year, the ANCD continued to provide substantial input and advice to government about the Non-Government Organisation Treatment Grants Program, the National Binge Drinking Strategy Community Grants, National Campaigns on Alcohol & Illicit Drugs, the evaluation of the current National Drug Strategy, the Council of Australian Governments Illicit Drug Diversion Initiative, as well as a range of other government initiatives and programs. The ANCD also provided the government with significant advice for the development of the AOD component of the 2009 Federal Budget.

Over the past twelve months the ANCD maintained networks with key stakeholders within the advisory structures for the National Drug Strategy, such as the Inter-Governmental Committee on Drugs (IGCD) and the Ministerial Council on Drug Strategy (MCDS). The ANCD also meets regularly with senior Australian Government officials and Police Commissioners to discuss policy and program issues. Further, the ANCD continued to consult with other key stakeholders in the AOD field both nationally and internationally. By working collaboratively with key stakeholders on a number of projects, the ANCD has built excellent working relationships which will continue into the future.

The ANCD is appreciative of the high level of support provided by all levels of government and their many departments, and acknowledge the important role of non-government organisations and their role in the AOD sector. The ANCD trusts that these cooperative partnerships will continue in the forthcoming year.

The ANCD recommends its annual report to readers and welcomes those interested in furthering their knowledge about the issues raised herein to visit the website at www.ancd.org.au or contact the Secretariat.
ANCD Membership and Term

The Prime Minister is responsible for appointing all members to the Australian National Council on Drugs (ANCD) and each member serves a term of up to three years. The ANCD is currently in its fourth term of membership. This report lists the current members (2007-2010). Since the establishment of the ANCD some members have served more than one term of membership. As a result, each member’s term/s of membership is indicated after their name.

Membership of the ANCD includes individuals with a wide range of experience and expertise on various aspects of drug policy, such as treatment, rehabilitation, education, family counselling, law enforcement, research and work at the coalface in community organisations.

ANCD Current Member Profiles

Executive Members

Dr John Herron

(2006-present)

Chairman of the Australian National Council on Drugs
Chairman, Royal Brisbane and Women’s Hospital Foundation

Appointed as Chairman of the Australian National Council on Drugs on 21 February 2006 following his return from his appointments as Ambassador to Ireland and the Holy See (2002–2006).

He was a Senator in the Parliament of Australia representing the State of Queensland (1990–2002) and was Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs (1996–2001).

Prior to entering Parliament he was a general surgeon for 30 years and during this time he occupied the positions of President of the Australian Medical Association, Chairman of the Australasian College of Surgeons and Chairman of the Australian Association of Surgeons of his State. He was twice President of the Liberal Party of Australia (Queensland Division) — from 1980–1983 and 2000–2002.

Outside his surgical and political careers he was an officer in the Royal Australian Army Medical corps and a Squadron Leader in the Royal Australian Air Force. He has been awarded the Bancroft Medal of the A.M.A. (QLD), the Justin Fleming Medal of the Australian Association of Surgeons, a Citation by the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons, the Humanitarian Overseas Medal for his service as a Care Australia medical officer during the Rwandan crisis and the Australian Service Medal.

He is a Knight Commander of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem and a Papal Knight of St Gregory. He and his wife Jan have six daughters and three sons.
Commissioner Michael Joseph Keelty APM

Police Commissioner, Australian Federal Police
Deputy-Chairman, Australian National Council on Drugs

Appointed Commissioner in March 2001, Mr Keelty is a career police officer with more than 30 years experience at local, national and international levels. He is the first Commissioner appointed from within the ranks of the Australian Federal Police (AFP).

Since his appointment, Commissioner Keelty has led the expansion and transformation of the organisation to take on major new responsibilities in the areas of counter-terrorism, protective security, airport security, and peacekeeping and capacity building in the region. The AFP has implemented a range of initiatives — domestically and overseas — to address these responsibilities and combat all types of transnational crime including online child exploitation, cyber crime, child sex tourism, sexual servitude, drug trafficking, money laundering and identity crime.

Associate Professor Robert Ali

Director, Clinical Services and Research for the Drug and Alcohol Services, South Australia

Associate Professor Robert Ali is a Public Health and Addiction Medicine physician who has worked in the alcohol and other drug area since 1985. Associate Professor Ali is the director of a WHO Collaborating Centre for the Treatment of Drug and Alcohol Problems based in the School of Medical Sciences at the University of Adelaide. Associate Professor Ali was the Chair of the National Expert Advisory Committee on Illicit Drugs and is the Chair of the ANCD’s Asia Pacific Drug Issues Committee.

Professor Margaret Hamilton AO

Professor Hamilton has over thirty five years experience in this field including clinical work, education and research. She has a background in social work and public health and has conducted research in epidemiology, policy, evaluation (prevention and treatment), young people and drugs, women and alcohol, alcohol problems in remote Australia, evaluation of therapeutic communities and self-help and was the founding Director of Turning Point Alcohol and Drug Centre in Victoria.

She was formerly Chair of the Multiple and Complex Needs Panel, a statutory body in Victoria and currently serves on various alcohol and drug related boards and policy advisory groups including the Advisory Group to the Drug Policy Modelling Programme. She is also a member of the Prime Ministers Council on Homelessness and the Chair of the Cancer Council Victoria Board. She is the lead editor of two alcohol and drug text books and the author of many other publications in this area.
Mr Garth Popple  

Executive Director, WHOS (We Help Ourselves) Residential Therapeutic Programs for Drug and Alcohol Dependence  
Board Member & Past President: Australasian Therapeutic Communities Association (ATCA);  
President Elect, International Federation of Non Government Organisations (IFNGO)

Mr Popple has been working in AOD management roles since 1986 and in honorary committee and board positions since 1981 for the non-profit sector. He has been primarily focused on the Therapeutic Community (TC) movement for most of his career to date including working with TCs throughout Asia. In 1991 he became involved in harm minimisation initiatives and he stays in touch with the needs and feedback from users past and present.

Mr Popple is the Executive Director of We Help Ourselves (WHOS) which operates six residential TCs within NSW and Qld; WHOS provides other services such as Aftercare and HIV/Infectious Disease Education Services.

The above honorary appointments have a specific interest to Mr. Popple due to their focus on the non-government sector, nationally and internationally.

Mr Popple is an Honorary Fellow of the University of Western Sydney received in recognition of his ‘Services to the Community’ and more recently (2007) was a recipient of a National Honour Roll Award for persons who have made a significant contribution, over a considerable time period, to the Drug and Alcohol field. His past board memberships and associations include Network of Alcohol and other Drug Agencies NSW (NADA); and the World Federation of Therapeutic Communities (WFTC), International Council of Alcohol and Addictions (ICAA) and a number of current and previous international and national Expert Advisory Committees.
Other Current Members

Josephine Baxter
(2007-2010)

Executive Officer with Drug Free Australia

Ms Baxter has held diverse roles in health, education and community services, focusing on issues related to the impact of alcohol and drugs for over 10 years. These include educational program development, training and quality assurance processes, life skills programs, action research projects and work within a drug rehabilitation facility. She has delivered numerous papers on drug and alcohol issues at conferences and symposiums in Australia and overseas.

This work complemented her role as an educational manager in the vocational education and training sector, where she made a significant contribution to quality management in off-shore programs in Bangladesh, India, Italy and the United Kingdom.

In 2000 Ms Baxter was appointed CEO of Life Education in South Australia. After two years, she was promoted to the position of National Director, Programs and Training for Life Education Australia in Sydney. This role encompassed developing interactive school drug education programs, project management and the establishment of quality staff training standards under the AQTF.

During this period Ms Baxter completed two research scholarships in the United States and gained qualifications as a (Botvin) Life Skills Trainer for educationalists in Middle Schools.

In 2004, Ms Baxter accepted a role at Odyssey House Victoria and worked closely with teams, in both the residential rehabilitation facility and in community outreach services, assisting to build community profile for the organisation. In her current position at Drug Free Australia she oversees strategies in organisational capacity building, project management and community development.

Mr Andrew Blair

World President, International Confederation of Principals; President, Australian Secondary Principals Association (ASPA)

Andrew has over 35 years experience working as a teacher and principal in Victoria. He was Principal of Mt Eliza Secondary College and Murrayville Secondary College and taught at Churchill Post Primary School, Maryvale High School and Derrinallum High School. He has also taught Graduate Diploma of Teaching/Visual Arts courses at Monash University.

Andrew is a Fellow of the Australian College of Educators (FACE) and the immediate past President of the Victorian Branch of ACE. He is Past President of the Victorian Association of State Secondary Principals (VASSP) He is also a Board Member and Director of the Education Foundation, a Board Member of the Asia Education Foundation, Director of Teaching Australia, Member of the NALSSP (National Asian Languages and Studies in Schools Program) National Reference Group and member of the IYLP (Indigenous Youth Leadership Program) National Reference Group.
Dr Michael Cohen  
(2007-2010)

Dr Cohen is a trained pathologist with a long interest in drug and alcohol issues including both prevention and treatment and basic research of the nature and prevention of addictive states. He is the President of Palmerston Association Inc — in Western Australia a large, state wide, drug and alcohol counselling and rehabilitation service, and Chairman of ANNA (Addiction Neurosciences Network of Australia).

Dr Cohen’s professional appointments include Executive Chair of Narhex Life Sciences Ltd and Executive Chair of Advanced Diagnostic Concepts Pty Ltd. He has three adult children and two young children from a second marriage.

Mr David Crosbie  

Chief Executive Officer, Mental Health Council of Australia

As CEO of the Mental Health Council of Australia, Mr Crosbie leads a peak national organisation that is driving mental health reform across Australia and actively advocating the interests of a broad range of members and stakeholders including professional groups, consumers, carers and service providers.

Among other appointments, Mr Crosbie is a Member of the National Mental Health Standing Committee and the National Expert Advisory Panel on Drugs. He is a Board Director of the Alcohol Education and Rehabilitation Foundation, and Nonprofit Australia.

For the seven years prior to his current appointment, Mr Crosbie was the CEO of Odyssey House Victoria, one of Australia’s leading drug treatment agencies employing over 100 staff. For most of the nineties, David was CEO of ADCA, the peak body for the alcohol and other drugs field.

In the last 15 years, Mr Crosbie has written over 100 articles, presented more than 100 papers, and conducted over 500 media interviews. He has a strong commitment to the role of community-based organisations, and is one of Australia’s leading advocates for reform in the way the community responds to alcohol and drug use, mental health and social disadvantage.

Superintendent Frank Hansen  
(2007-2010)

Chair of IGCD

Commander, Drug and Alcohol Coordination, State Crime Command, NSW Police

Superintendent Frank Hansen has been a member of the NSW Police since 1970. He is presently the Manager, Drug and Alcohol Coordination, State Crime Command. He is also currently the Chair of the Intergovernmental Committee on Drugs (IGCD).

From the mid 1980s to the present, he has had responsibility for providing key policy advice on drug and alcohol issues to the NSW Police and Government, particularly legislative issues, policing practices and their interrelationship with the provision of public health services.

Superintendent Hansen has, for a number of years, been a member of the Drug and Alcohol Multicultural Education Centre (DAMEC) management committee, and the Ted Noffs Foundation where he is currently the Deputy Chair.
Professor Ian Hickie AM, MD, FRANZCP, FASSA
(2007-2010)

Executive Director, Brain & Mind Research Institute (BMRI), University of Sydney

In October 2006, the Australian Financial Review included Professor Hickie in its list of the top 10 cultural influences. The specific comments noted his role as a “long-term campaigner”, “the person who orchestrated the campaign” that led to the COAG announcements ($4 billion dollars over five years).

In October 2000 he was appointed as the inaugural CEO of beyondblue: the national depression initiative and from 2003-06 served as its Clinical Advisor. In 2003, he was appointed as the inaugural Executive Director of the flagship Brain and Mind Research Institute at the University of Sydney. In 2006, Professor Hickie received the Australian Honours Award of Member (AM) in the General Division; for services to medicine in the development of key national mental health initiatives and general practice services in both the public and non-government sectors. He has led the BMRI as a founding member of the new National Youth Mental Health Foundation (‘headspace’). In 2007, Professor Hickie was elected as a Fellow of the Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia. From 2008-13, Professor Hickie is one of the first round of new NHMRC 2008 Australian Fellows; recognising excellence in Australian Medical Research. His research, clinical and health services development work focuses on expansion of population-based mental health research and development of international mental health strategies. In July 2008 he was appointed to the Federal Health’s Minister’s new National Advisory Council on Mental Health. In May 2009, Professor Hickie became a member of the Common Approach to Assessment Referral and System Taskforce convened by the Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and Professor Fiona Stanley AC Chair of ARACY.

Mr Jeff Linden

Circuit Magistrate, Lismore (NSW)

Magistrate Linden was appointed a Magistrate of the Local Court of NSW in September 1988 and after two years as a relieving Magistrate he was sent to Byron Bay as the first Regional Coordinator for the Far North Coast Region. In 1997 Magistrate Linden was appointed to Lismore Local Court as the circuit Magistrate.

This position included additional roles as Regional Coordinator, Mental Health Magistrate for Lismore Base Hospital, Magistrate in charge of implementation of centralised committals and appointment of Mental Health Nurses at Lismore, and Judicial Officer charged with the implementation and trialling of the MERIT Program.

Magistrate Linden has been a presenter at numerous Magistrates’ and other conferences about the MERIT Program. Magistrate Linden has also assisted with the final appraisals of the MERIT Program by an independent assessor and he was a recipient of the Silver Service Award from the NSW Government for service delivery based solely on the success of the MERIT Program.

From 2004 Magistrate Linden has been circuit Magistrate for Tweed circuit incorporating Local Courts at Tweed Heads, Murwillumbah, Mullumbimby and Byron Bay. That circuit from January 2006 was appointed the only country circuit piloting Young Adult Conferencing, a diversion program for adults between 18 and 24 years of age.
**Professor Richard P Mattick**


**Director, National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre, UNSW**

Professor Mattick (B.Sc. M.Psych. (Clinical) Ph.D.) has over 20 years clinical and research experience in this field. This experience has involved direct clinical work in mental health, psychology, drug and alcohol dependence, as well as extensive research into the causes, nature and the management of problems caused by legal and illicit drugs. He is currently the Professor of Drug and Alcohol Studies at the University of New South Wales, Sydney, within the Faculty of Medicine, where he is the Director of the National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre. Professor Mattick has authored over 120 scientific articles and books on the assessment, nature and treatment of emotional, cognitive and psychological problems, and drug and alcohol problems.

His recent research interests have focused on: the use of naltrexone, buprenorphine and methadone for management of opioid dependence; the nature and treatment of amphetamine and cocaine dependence; the effects of treatment on crime; the societal and structural determinants of drug misuse; the development of guidelines for the management of alcohol misuse; interventions for alcohol-related problems through medical practitioners in rural communities; and the role and cost of interventions for nicotine and alcohol dependence.

**Professor Toni Makkai**

*(2007-2010)*

**Dean, College of Arts and Social Sciences, ANU**

Professor Toni Makkai is Dean of the College of Arts and Social Sciences at the Australian National University. Prior to this she was director of the Australian Institute of Criminology (AIC), for 5 years. She has a strong focus on policy relevant research including drugs and crime, crime statistics, drug courts, and regulation and compliance. She established the first national monitoring program on drug use and crime in Australia (DUMA) that brought together traditional social science data collection and forensic techniques. She has published widely in these fields with over 50 peer reviewed journal articles, numerous chapters in books and government reports and monographs. In 2008 she was a co-author of the Australian Governments National ATS Strategy.

She sits on the Australian National Council on Drugs, the Key Centre for Ethics, Law, Justice & Governance (Griffith University), the Technical Advisory Group for the National Drug Strategy Household Survey (AIHW), Chairs the Editorial Reference Group for OfSubstance, and is a member of the editorial board for Australian and New Zealand Journal of Criminology.

Dr Tamara Mackean  
Dr Mackean is a descendant of the Waljen clan of the Wongai Peoples of the Goldfields region in Western Australia. She graduated from the University of NSW in 1999 with a Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery and was joint winner with Dr Kelvin Kong of the Alumni Award for Achievement. Dr Mackean is presently a trainee with the Australasian Faculty of Public Health Medicine of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians.

Dr Mackean currently works as a Senior Lecturer at Flinders University SA and was recently awarded a Staff Award for Outstanding Contribution to the University. She is the current President for the Australian Indigenous Doctors’ Association and works with governments, organisations, communities and individuals to bring about positive change for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Ms Courtney Morcombe  
(2007-2010)  
Ms Morcombe brings experience of working within the private sector and across all three levels of government in Australia. A qualified accountant and lawyer, Ms Morcombe spent her early career in private practice before working as a policy and media advisor to ministers at a federal level.

Ms Morcombe’s government experience has involved the provision of policy advice across a number of areas, with particular emphasis on drug and alcohol policy. She brings the perspective of a young person to the Council and a particular interest in prevention policies, treatment services and support for families affected by drugs and alcohol.

Associate Professor Ted Wilkes  
**Professorial Fellow in Aboriginal Health with the Centre for Developmental Health, Curtin University**

Associate Professor Wilkes has enjoyed a lifelong involvement in Aboriginal affairs, his early professional background being spent with the Western Australian Museum. Following that, he became Acting Inaugural Head of the Centre for Aboriginal Studies at Curtin University and then enjoyed 16 years as the Director of the Derbarl Yerrigan Aboriginal Health Service in Perth.

Associate Professor Wilkes serves on a wide range of state, national and international committees, which are working towards improving health outcomes for Aboriginal people. This allows him to work collaboratively across organisations, governments and communities to translate beneficial research findings into sustainable health policy and practice.
Dr Dennis Young

National Executive Director, DRUG ARM Australasia

Dr Young is a registered teacher in Queensland and the National Executive Director of DRUG ARM Australasia. In this position he provides leadership and management to staff in New South Wales, Queensland and South Australia. DRUG ARM Western Australia is a licensed DRUG ARM service.

Programs include counselling, youth outreach, home visitation and support programs, family and personal support programs, court diversion programs, early intervention programs, youth programs for both schools and community. DRUG ARM also has created a Centre for Addiction Research and Education (CARE) that provides education, training, research, program evaluation and information dissemination programs. Dr Young has worked directly in the field since 1988.

Prior to 1988 Dr Young served in the Queensland Police Service and worked with young people and their families in the Missing Persons Bureau, Juvenile Aid Bureau and the Police Citizens Youth Welfare Association. He has completed a degree in Human Resource Management, a Graduate Diploma in Further Education and Training, and a Masters in Business Administration. He continues to serve on various committees and advisory groups including the COAG Illicit Drug Diversion Initiative Reference Group (Qld), National Drug Strategy Prevention Agenda Expert Steering Committee, a member of the Board of Management for Of Substance magazine, a member of the executive of the Queensland Drug and Alcohol Community Association, ADCA Prevention and Community Education Reference Group, as well as Chair of the Nyunda Park Cooperative and a reference committee member of the QC-MOVE consortium.

Advisors to the ANCD

Mr Simon Cotterell
Assistant Secretary, Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing

Detective Superintendent Anthony Biggin
Victoria Police

Ms Donna Ah Chee
Central Australia Aboriginal Congress

Mr Nick Heath
General Manager, Hobart City Council
I would like to thank the Australian National Council on Drugs (ANCD) for its invaluable contribution to the development of drug policy in Australia throughout 2008–09, and to congratulate them on the publication of their Annual Report.

The ANCD performs a critical function, providing the Government with independent advice on matters related to alcohol and drugs policy. In developing advice on these issues, the ANCD brings together the wealth of expertise and experience across the whole of Government, non-profit and private sectors in order to inform Australian Government policy and critical debate on issues related to alcohol and drug use.

The Government understands that the harmful use of alcohol and other drugs can create a number of complex challenges for individuals, families and the broader community. Through whole of government work on the National Drug Strategic Framework and the broader Social Inclusion Agenda, the Government is working to ensure that every Australian has the opportunity and capability to participate in the life of this country.

The barriers faced by a number of Australians as a result of drug use is something which can not be ignored. By linking research and the expertise of the sector, the ANCD ensures that the complex and interrelated issues associated with drug use, and its impacts on our communities, is better understood.

I congratulate the ANCD on another successful year, and I look forward to the continuing to work with them in the coming year.

Julia Gillard MP
Deputy Prime Minister

The work of the Australian National Council on Drugs (ANCD) plays a key role in shaping and developing Government strategies to combat alcohol and drug abuse in our communities.

The misuse of licit and illicit drugs can affect not only the individual, but also that individual’s family, friends and the wider community.

The Government has taken an active role in promoting responsible consumption of alcohol by Australians; binge-drinking is a community-wide problem, demanding a community-wide response.

The successful passage of legislation to increase the excise rate on ready-to-drink alcoholic beverages supports our ongoing commitment to help address binge-drinking through the National Binge Drinking Strategy.

The National Preventative Health Strategy was launched on 1 September 2009, recommending a range of interventions aimed at reducing the chronic disease burden associated with three lifestyle risk factors — obesity, tobacco and alcohol. The Government is currently considering these recommendations. I would like to thank the ANCD for their contribution to this process, and acknowledge their work with the National Health and Hospitals Reform Commission.

The Government is committed to reducing the adverse health and social effects of alcohol and there will be ongoing opportunities to work with ANCD in future policy development.

Wayne Swan
Treasurer
Advisory Structures for the National Drug Strategy

Since its establishment in 1998, the ANCD has made a significant contribution to improving substance abuse policies in Australia. The Council has achieved this through the provision of sound, evidence-based advice to all levels of government and timely research projects on drug and alcohol issues.

The past year has seen the Government work towards improving the health of all Australians through a wide-reaching reform agenda. One major achievement was the passage of legislation to increase the excise on ready-to-drink alcohol products, and the associated commitment to invest an additional $50 million in the National Binge Drinking Strategy on top of the $53.5 million announced by the Prime Minister in March 2008. The ANCD’s support for this pivotal public health legislation was invaluable. In the past year, the ANCD also provided balanced advice to the National Preventative Health Taskforce, which has proposed ambitious targets for reducing the consumption of alcohol and tobacco in the National Preventative Health Strategy.

The past year also saw the release of important reports commissioned by the ANCD, examining issues and options for the sustainability of NGOs in the sector and strategies to tackle the issue of opioid dependence.

I congratulate the ANCD on its achievements and look forward to a productive partnership on the year to come.

The Hon Nicola Roxon MP
Minister for Health and Ageing
Introduction

The Australian National Council on Drugs (ANCD) was established by the Prime Minister in 1998 as a part of the Australian Government’s response to reduce the uptake and use of drugs and the harm it causes in our community. Today, an important component of the ANCD’s work is to ensure that policies, strategies and directions in the drug and alcohol field are consistent with the National Drug Strategy 2004-2009.

The National Drug Strategy 2004-2009, which builds on the experience and achievements of the National Drug Strategic Framework 1998-99 to 2003-04, provides a framework for a coordinated, integrated approach to drug issues in the Australian community. It clearly states that the framework’s effectiveness depends on the support and integration of strategies on national, state and territory levels across government and non-government sectors and a high level of cooperation between a very broad range of sectors.

The ANCD works to facilitate this strategy through its unique role in enhancing the partnership between government and the community. The ANCD has pivotal advisory, advocacy and representative functions, with a significant role to provide government Ministers with independent, expert advice on matters related to licit and illicit drugs.

Through its work, the ANCD provides expertise from a broad range of sectors; volunteer and community organisations, rehabilitation, law enforcement, research, education, health and social welfare fields.

The cooperation of these fields is vital to the comprehensiveness of Australia’s policy response to alcohol and other drug issues in our community. The ANCD will continue to strive to work in an honest and transparent manner in the provision of independent, evidence based advice to government on a range of alcohol and other drug (AOD) matters.

Throughout the 11 years that the ANCD has been established it has sought to achieve its goals through a wide range of activities including: commissioning a wide range of projects; contributing to public debate on a range of drug related issues; conducting community consultations and supporting initiatives to strengthen the AOD sector.

This report outlines the work of the ANCD during the 2008-2009 financial year. In particular, it demonstrates how the ANCD’s activities during this period have made progress against the priority areas identified in its three year work plan.

The Australian National Council on Drugs continues to play a critical role in bringing wide-ranging community views and ideas to Government. As the principle advisory body to government on drug and alcohol issues, the Council provides advice across many portfolios including my department – the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs.

The Council has worked closely with us on how best to support families affected by drug and alcohol abuse. In particular, the Council has provided strong support on the work that has been conducted refocussing the previous National Framework for Protecting Children.

This involved extensive consultation with alcohol and drug service providers, Family Support Program providers and those who work in the child protection field. The results of this consultation process were integral to the development of the new service model for the Program. We know from these consultations that the alcohol and drug sector is as the frontline in keeping children safe and assisting families affected by drug and alcohol abuse.

I would like to congratulate the Australian National Council on Drugs on its work over the last year and I look forward to continuing to work with the council as we work to develop policies and programs to prepare Australia for the challenges of the future.

Hon Jenny Macklin MP
Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs
ANCD Work Plan

Role of ANCD

The Australian National Council on Drugs (ANCD) is the principal advisory body to the Prime Minister and 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. Membership of the ANCD includes people with a wide range of experience and expertise on various aspects of drug policy, such as treatment, rehabilitation, education, family counselling, law enforcement, research and work at the coalface in community organisations.

ANCD broad priority areas

The ANCD recognizes the difficulty in adequately representing all the areas of need in the drug and alcohol arena. As a result, the ANCD has identified 3 broad categories that contain a number of specific priority areas.

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ANCD specific priority categories

Based on the ANCD Terms of Reference, the ANCD has identified a select number of key issues, or “priority areas”, which will be the focus of the majority of the Council’s efforts over the course of it’s 2007-10 term. Whilst these areas will be a focus throughout the term, the ANCD recognizes that the changing nature of drug use in our society today demands a flexible approach.

Accordingly, the priority areas listed are not intended to cover all issues of significance. Rather, they represent a set of areas around which the Council believes it both should, and has the capacity to make a positive contribution within the scope of its activities for 2007-2010.

A. Population Groups

A1. Young People

The ANCD recognizes that young people represent an important group in terms of prevention and early intervention, given the greater capacity to avoid later social, health and economic consequences of drug use. Accordingly, the ANCD aims to strengthen our knowledge on issues affecting young people and to support national efforts to address their issues in an appropriate manner.

The ANCD aims to focus on the following areas within youth:

a) Needs and responses - influences
b) Linkages to prevention and intervention
c) Promoting healthy environments
d) Developing new ways of engaging with young people

A2. Indigenous Health

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are more likely to experience disability and reduced quality of life due to ill health and have a lower life expectancy than other Australians. The use of licit drugs such as tobacco and alcohol poses a disproportionate health risk to Indigenous communities as compared to the total Australian population. It remains a priority of the ANCD to support national efforts that address harmful drug and alcohol use and related harm affecting Indigenous people.

The ANCD aims to focus on the following areas:

a) Ensuring consultation and an Indigenous voice in the decision making process;
b) Ensuring monitoring and evaluation of interventions, particularly the Northern Territory emergency response;
c) Encouraging development of innovative and culturally appropriate services for Indigenous people;
d) Increasing the number of Indigenous people in the AOD workforce;
e) Gaining ongoing and additional financial support for effective AOD treatment services.

A3 Mental Health – Co-Existing Disorders

The ANCD acknowledges the necessity for research to be carried out in the area of co-morbidity, and the need for services that are equipped to treat those with mental health and substance misuse problems. Additionally there is a need for effective service models to be established so they may be replicated throughout Australia.

The ANCD aims to focus on the following areas:

a) Unplanned service growth;
b) NGO involvement;
c) Development of innovative services;
d) Effective responses.
A4. **International (Asia-Pacific)**

The ANCD recognizes the need to increase Australia’s engagement in our region on drug and alcohol issues. The Asian and Pacific regions present very different but equally important drug and alcohol challenges and opportunities for Australia. The previous regional focus on supply reduction requires continued support, as does the more recent focus on harm reduction strategies to address the HIV emergency. However, a real and sustained commitment on assistance for the regions to address demand reduction is an omission that needs to be rectified.

The ANCD aims to focus on the following areas:

a) Increasing Australian aid for drug and alcohol issues in the Asian and Pacific regions;

b) Increasing and enhancing existing linkages and co-operative arrangements with international and regional organizations, particularly those within the Asian and Pacific regions.

A5. **Families**

There is a growing recognition on the importance of families in obtaining successful treatment outcomes. In addition, the need to engage with families in early intervention initiatives requires a greater level of attention.

The ANCD aims to focus on the following areas:

a) Increasing the engagement of families in the treatment process;

b) Increasing the level and ability of treatment services able to cater for the needs of families;

c) Increasing the level of support for families to establish and maintain positive parenting practices.

The Australian Government is committed to a collaborative and balanced approach to reducing the harms associated with drug and alcohol use in the Australian community. The Australian National Council on Drugs (ANCD) plays an important role under the framework of Australia’s National Drug Strategy in providing key policy advice to the Australian Government and representing the voice of non-government organizations and individuals working in the drug and alcohol field.

I would like particularly to acknowledge the work of the ANCD’s National Indigenous Drug and Alcohol Committee (NIDAC), which provides expert advice to Government to ensure the continuing relevance of policy and programs to the needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities. The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Complementary Action Plan to the National Drug Strategy 2005-09 provides a national policy framework to communities, non-government organisations, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community-controlled organizations and all levels of government to pursue strategies that are specifically relevant to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

The Australian Government greatly values the advice and advocacy of ANCD and NIDAC as we continue our efforts, with our COAG and Indigenous Community Partnerships, to close the gap in health outcomes between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.

I would like to commend the ANCD on its commitment to improving health outcomes for all Australians and look forward to our continued partnership in this important work.

**Warren Snowdon**

*Minister for Indigenous Health, Rural and Regional Health and Regional Services Delivery*
B. Key Sectors

B1. Treatment – Sustainable Access

Providing drug and alcohol treatment that is both readily available and accessible across Australia remains a key goal for the ANCD.

The ANCD aims to focus on the following areas:

a) Ensuring access to viable evidence based and appropriately resourced systems of care;

b) Ensuring a range of treatment is available;

c) Promoting greater levels of treatment after care to overcome potential relapse points for clients;

d) Promoting a greater level of community, business, family and consumer involvement in treatment development and expansion;

e) Promoting treatment linkages such as addressing the disconnect within AOD treatment and treatment for mental illness or other health problems (hepatitis etc).

B2. Capacity building (workforce and NGO’s etc)

The ANCD acknowledges the value of initiatives that build capacity within the AOD sector and wider community to effectively respond to drug, alcohol and related issues.

The ANCD aims to focus on the following areas:

a) National Accreditation of treatment programs with appropriate support;

b) Professionalisation of the workforce;

c) Focusing on rural and regional workforces;

d) Increasing the level of support and recognition on the capacity of the NGO sector to deliver effective and cost efficient drug and alcohol services.

I welcome the opportunity to provide words of support for inclusion in ANCD’s 2008-2009 Annual Report. The work of the ANCD and other non-government agencies is a key part of the Government’s response to combating drug abuse within Australia.

The ANCD has been very successful in attracting and retaining members with a wealth of knowledge in the alcohol and other drugs field. This has been the foundation of its role as a strong voice on drug issues, which is highly valued by the Australian Government.

In 2008-09, the ANCD’s National Indigenous Drug and Alcohol Committee had an important role in providing expert advice and support to Australian Governments at all levels as they seek to address the complex and destructive effects of alcohol and other substance abuse on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and their communities.

Effective strategies to reduce alcohol and substance abuse by Indigenous people is critical to the Council of Australian Governments’ commitment to ‘close the gap’ on Indigenous disadvantage. Reducing the level of alcohol and other substance abuse is an essential part of meeting the Council’s targets relating to life expectancy, child abuse, mortality, education and employment.

These targets will only be achieved through proper engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and NIDAC provides a mechanism to facilitate that engagement process.

I congratulate the ANCD on its activities and achievements during 2008-09 and look forward to working with the ANCD in the future to reduce the impact of drug abuse within Australia.

The Hon Brendan O’Connor MP
Minister for Home Affairs
**B3  Public health**

The ANCD acknowledges the linkages between many public health initiatives. In addressing drug and alcohol issues there are often other public health considerations, such as hepatitis and HIV that need to be taken into account.

The ANCD aims to focus on the following area:

a) Increasing co-operation and communication with other key public health advisory bodies to ensure effective and consistent advice to government and the public;

**B4. Informing the public**

The ANCD is acutely aware of the need to inform and educate the wider community on drug, alcohol and related issues. It is also imperative that community views and needs are taken into account when developing advice on addressing drug and alcohol problems. The wider public must be kept engaged in policy and program developments as part of a two way process.

The ANCD aims to focus on the following areas:

a) Promoting accurate and responsible reporting of drug and alcohol issues within the media;

b) Increasing the level, accuracy and access of information for the wider community on drug and alcohol issues.

**B5. Law enforcement**

The ANCD acknowledges the invaluable gains that have been made in Australia’s responses to drug and alcohol problems by establishing effective partnerships between law enforcement and health sectors.

The ANCD aims to focus on the following areas:

a) Increasing the level of communication between health and law enforcement personnel on drug and alcohol issues;

b) Further strengthening the partnerships, understanding and support for each sector’s policies and programs.

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The Australian National Council on Drugs is a proud legacy of the former Coalition Government. Established in 1998, the ANCD ensures that the expert voice of non-Government organisations and individuals working in the drug field reaches Government and influences policy.

Since then, the ANCD has played a valuable role in advising on measures to stem the flow of drugs into the country, education young people and helping those whose lives have been ruined by drug dependence and associated crime.

The coalition is committed to tackling drug abuse at all levels through measures designed to halt supply, reduce demand and assist people with drug abuse problems into treatment. In Government, our $1.6 billion Tough on Drugs strategy represented the greatest investment in the fight against illicit drugs in Australian history.

Despite progress, drug abuse remains one of the most serious social problems confronting Australian society. Only a comprehensive set of measures, where supply, demand and treatment are all considered important parts of the solution, can deliver great outcomes for individual Australians and the community as a whole.

I congratulate the ANCD for its work over the last 11 years and wish it well in its future endeavours.

**Hon Malcolm Turnbull MP**
 **Leader of the Opposition**
C. Substances

C1. Alcohol
The ANCD acknowledges the significant detrimental health implications of alcohol misuse. The ANCD aims to provide government with evidence-based advice and information on addressing the negative impacts of alcohol.

The ANCD aims to focus on the following areas:
   a) Supporting the implementation of the National Alcohol Strategy;
   b) Increasing the contribution from the alcohol industry for alcohol and related health and welfare services;
   c) Developing appropriate coalitions and collaborations to raise community awareness on the impact of alcohol misuse.

C2. Illicit DRUGS
The ANCD acknowledges that the availability and use of illicit drugs can cause significant harm to individuals, families and communities. Ensuring a balanced and wide range of programs are in place to address illicit drug use and the harms it can cause is a priority for the ANCD.

The ANCD aims to focus on the following areas:
   a) Increasing the availability and accessibility of effective illicit drug use treatment;
   b) Monitoring and advising upon innovative and new illicit drug use policies and programs;
   c) Maintaining and enhancing the balanced approach undertaken by Australia to implement supply, demand and harm reduction policies.

C3. Emerging Trends
The ANCD acknowledges that to effectively respond to drug and alcohol and related issues there is a need to accurately determine emerging issues and trends.

The ANCD aims to focus on the following areas:
   a) Monitoring changes in drug use patterns and trends and providing appropriate advice to government on these changes;
   b) Enhancing co-operation with research centres and international partners to be kept informed on drug and alcohol issues that develop;
   c) Enhancing systems that increase our knowledge of emerging issues.

This year, the work that the ANCD has done on alcohol related harm has been particularly relevant to work in Victoria. Many areas of interest for the ANCD are also areas of focus for the Victorian Government.

The Victorian Government continues to develop new policy responses to address alcohol and other drug issues in our community. This year we have released a new Blueprint for Alcohol and Other Drug Treatment Services 2009-2013, the Mental Health Reform Strategy 2009-2019: Because Mental Health Matters, and the Victorian amphetamine-type stimulant and related drug strategy 2009-2012. In addition, we are continuing to roll out the Victorian Alcohol Action Plan 2008-2013 and the Victorian Tobacco Control Strategy 2008-2013.

I congratulate the ANCD on its achievements in 2008-09 and I look forward to our work together over the coming year.

Hon John Brumby MP
Premier of Victoria
## Agency forums

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I congratulate the ANCD on another successful year of action in providing independent and forthright advice on Australian drug policy. Since its inception in 1998, the Council has consistently provided high quality and authoritative commentary on a diverse range of issues which have included the structural determinants of youth drug use, drug use in the family, and sustainability issues for alcohol and other drug services in the non-government sector. The ANCD contributions on issues such as these play an important role in raising awareness and debate, and are highly valued by the sector.

The Queensland Government appreciates the ANCD’s invitations to participate in its regular forums and functions held in the State. These provide important opportunities to hear and respond to concerns and issues raised by our valued non-government partners in the provision of alcohol and drug services. Queensland is committed to a strong partnership with community agencies in addressing the harms associated with alcohol and drug use, and looks forward to working closely with the ANCD to consolidate and build this partnership.

**Hon Anna Bligh MP**  
Premier of Queensland

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I am delighted to provide this statement of support for the invaluable work of the ANCD in developing alcohol and drug policy.

The Tasmanian Government has put a high priority on tackling the problem of alcohol, tobacco and other drug abuse in our State. We are in the second year of a $17.1 million, four year strategy to improve services, reduce substance misuse and reducing the smoking rate in Tasmania.

Over half of this investment will go to the non government alcohol, tobacco and other drugs sector. Already, significant additional investment has been provided to residential rehabilitation services and the alcohol, tobacco and other drugs youth sector. This is in addition to a substantial increase in funding for smoking cessation services including media campaigns.

The strategy is underpinned by a harm minimisation approach and reflects many of the priorities of the ANCD in supporting the role of the alcohol, tobacco and other drugs community sector to address the many issues associated with substance abuse in our community.

The Tasmanian Government is also finalising an alcohol action plan. The ANCD Advisor in Tasmania is a member of the Inter Agency Working Group on Drugs which is overseeing this important policy work on behalf of Government.

The ANCD plays a very valuable role in providing both the government and non government sectors with policy advice and research, and its ability to draw upon expertise from across Australia.

I look forward to continuing Tasmania’s strong working relationship with the ANCD.

**Hon Lara Giddings MP**  
Minister for Health, Tasmania
ANCD
Commissioned Research and Project Work

Injecting drug use and associated harm amongst Indigenous Australians

Anex

This project will compile a report based on available evidence and literature that explores injecting drug use and its associated harms amongst Indigenous Australians.

The project will perform the following tasks:

1. Review and analyse the literature on Indigenous injecting drug use, associated harm, self harm and injury that is available within Australia with some understanding and consideration of experience in other relevant countries such as Canada and New Zealand.

2. In the context of the literature review and analysis conduct interviews with key stakeholders, groups and organisations.

3. Provide a report that describes current knowledge about injecting drug use among indigenous Australians. In addition to this description, the report should:
   - identify issues and
   - discuss the implications of this information including consideration of:
     - gaps in knowledge and responses;
     - opportunities available; and
     - priority areas to target.

The report aims to be sensitive to and identify possible differences across groups or communities in urban, rural and remote areas of Australia (including any relevant commentary on those communities where there is no injecting).

National Drug and Alcohol Awards

The National Drug and Alcohol Awards are a collaborative effort of the Ted Noffs Foundation, the Alcohol and other Drugs Council of Australia, the Australian Drug Foundation and the Australian National Council on Drugs. The awards aim to encourage, recognise and celebrate Australian achievements to prevent and reduce alcohol and other drug use and harm. Awards were presented in the following categories:

Prime Minister’s Award for Excellence and Outstanding Contribution in Drug and Alcohol Endeavours; Honour Role; Excellence in Prevention and Community Education; Excellence in Treatment and Support; Excellence in Research; Excellence in Services for Young People; Excellence in Alcohol and Drug Media Reporting; Excellence in Law Enforcement Award and Excellence in School Drug Education.

The National Drug and Alcohol Awards were presented in Canberra on 26 June 2009.

Opioid Pharmacotherapy Review

Drugs Policy Modelling Program, University of New South Wales

This project aims to assess unmet demand, current capacity and the issues associated with supply and demand for pharmacotherapy programs in Australia. The relationship between retention and client co-payment will be examined, along with a review of existing research on the cost benefit of opioid pharmacotherapy maintenance. In addition, the ‘affordability’ of pharmacotherapy treatment from the consumers’ perspective will be incorporated in the analyses and recommendations. Other issues to be examined include diversion, retention, lack of GP prescribers, discrimination, and complaints services.
Positive Stories

ANCD

This is an ongoing project that was initially launched in 2005 and involved the development of a website that documents the positive achievements of treatment and the success stories of drug users who have gone through treatment.

The purpose of the project is to assist in reducing the marginalisation of drug users and make those people outside the AOD sector aware that:

- treatment works;
- people who receive treatment are deserving; and
- treatment is worth the investment.

To further promote this message the ANCD re-launched the Positive Stories website on 21 August 2008. Posters and brochures promoting this initiative were sent out to treatment services within the sector.

Strengthening Families Program Consultation

ANCD

The ANCD has been commissioned by the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA) to conduct an independent consultation of organisations to inform the development of a new phase of the National Illicit Drug Strategy (NIDS) Strengthening and Supporting Families Coping with Illicit Drug Use (‘Strengthening Families’) Program.

The consultation is primarily focused on collecting views about the most appropriate service models, programs and investments that could be made within the context of available funding to provide the best outcomes for families and children at risk. This consultation is being undertaken through two phases:

1. an online consultation, targeting services/organisations working in the alcohol and other drug (AOD), family support and/or child protection sectors; and
2. a number of phone interviews with key national bodies from the AOD, family support and child protection sectors.

The Burden of Submission Writing and Reporting for Alcohol and Other Drug Non Government Organisations

ANCD

From December 2008 to January 2009 the ANCD undertook a consultation via an online survey that represents the first direct investigation of the impact of submission and reporting requirements from funding bodies among alcohol and other drug (AOD) non-government organisations (NGOs) in Australia. The survey specifically sought information on a number of different aspects, including time spent by organizations completing funding submissions and complying with reporting requirements in the previous twelve month period.

Working with Homeless People Who Use Drugs

National Drug and Alcohol Research Institute, University of New South Wales

In October 2008 the ANCD launched a new website (http://www.hip.org.au/) that offers a range of fact sheets for homeless service providers on addressing drug and alcohol problems with people experiencing homelessness. The website also provides an extensive database of services that could work with the homeless services/sector to help people with drug and alcohol misuse problems.

This project was commissioned to gain a better understanding of, and means of responding to, the extent and nature of problems associated with drug use in the homeless population in Australia. The ANCD recognised that some work exists in this area, and believed that with a greater understanding of the possible ways of responding to people who have alcohol and drug problems and are homeless, service providers may be able to provide more tailored responses to their alcohol and drug use in the context of practical support.
Non government Organizations in the Alcohol and Other Drugs Sector: Issues and Options for Sustainability

Social Policy Research Centre, University of New South Wales

The report, *Non-government organisations in the alcohol and other drugs sector: issues and options for sustainability* was launched by Senator Ursula Stephens, Parliamentary Secretary for Social Inclusion and the Voluntary Sector in May 2009.

The provision of drug prevention and treatment services provided by non-government organisations (NGOs) generally pre-dates any form of comprehensive government intervention provided to those in need in the Australian community. NGOs continue to provide these critical services in a variety of settings and are a complementary and contrasting partner to government and the for-profit sector.

There are a range of significant issues facing the not-for-profit sector in Australia, all of which are having an impact on specialist services in the AOD sector.

To remain viable, all AOD services are required to operate in a competition driven, service delivery model, while maintaining the values that inform their practice and effectively respond to client needs.

This project aimed to explore options for the future of AOD non-government organisations to effectively operate under a range of service delivery models in Australia. As such, this project investigated the implications of the current context of sustainability, governance and funding of NGOs in the AOD sector.

I would like to thank the Australian National Council on Drugs (ANCD) on behalf of the Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs Council Tasmania (ATDC) for the important contribution it makes to the Australian alcohol and other drugs (AOD) sector. As the principal advisory body to the Commonwealth government, the ANCD has made itself available to the AOD sector, making available opportunities to raise issues that improve the health outcomes of Tasmanians.

The ANCD has worked at the international level and national level attempting to adopt a series of high order principles to guide future considerations on drug policy matters. In addition to systemic change, it has demonstrated the importance of working at a local level to understand and support the community sector.

In the past year, the ANCD – in conjunction with others – has ensured that the issue of alcohol remains a vital part of the agenda, while still mindful of the myriad of other issues just as important. The ANCD continuously highlights the importance of not-for-profit organisations, their contribution to the community and how they might best develop their services and consider processes of renewal. It has identified the implications for those smaller organisations that provide alcohol and drug services and how they might properly review and renew; and how the government may have to pay more attention and expend greater expenditure to some organisations.

I would particularly like to congratulate the ANCD on the formation back in late-2004 of the National Indigenous Alcohol and Drug Committee led by Ted Wilkes. It is important to remember that Indigenous business is ‘everyone’s business’ and if Australia wants to ‘close the gap’ it should draw on the expertise of this committee to start reducing that gap. A gap that has seen Australia’s first nation peoples excluded from many of the benefits of Australian society for many years.

The ATDC in the future look forward to working with the ANCD and are happy to assist them to make sure that Tasmania remains well represented, and the sector’s needs are considered in relation to the complexities of this sector and Tasmanian’s uniqueness.

Tracey Currie
Chief Executive Officer, Alcohol, Tobacco & Other Drugs Council, Tasmania
ANCD members
Representations on other committees

Dr John Herron

ANCD Committees
- ANCD Executive (Chair)
- AusAID Illicit Drug Initiative
- National Illicit Drug Campaign Reference Group
- National NGO Treatment Grants Program Reference group
- Pre-cursor Working Group
- Asia-Pacific Drug Issues Committee
- Of Substance Board of Management

Commissioner Michael Joseph Keelty APM

ANCD Committees
- ANCD Executive
- Psychostimulants Expert Reference Group

Other Relevant Interests, Associations & Memberships
- Chair of the Board of the Australian Crime Commission;
- Co-chair (with Indonesia) of the Asia Pacific Group on Money Laundering;
- Business Government Advisory Group on National Security;
- Patron of the Australian Section of the International Police Association;
- Interpol representative in Australia;
- Australian representative at ASEANPOL;
- Pacific Islands Chiefs of Police Committee;
- Board of Government of the Jakarta Centre for Law Enforcement Cooperation (JCLEC);
- Chair of the Australian Institute of Police Management (AIPM) Board of Control
- Australia and New Zealand Policing Advisory Agency (ANZPAA) Board of Management.

Associate Professor Robert Ali

ANCD Committees
- ANCD Executive
- Asia-Pacific Drug Issues Committee (Chair)
- National Illicit Drug Campaign Reference Group
- Psychostimulants Expert Reference Group
- Project Reference Group

Professor Margaret Hamilton

ANCD Committees
- ANCD Executive
- Project Reference Group (Chair)
- National Drug Strategy Development Working Group (Chair)
- National Illicit Drug Campaign Reference Group (Chair)
Mr Garth Popple

**ANCD Committees**
- ANCD Executive
- AusAid Illicit Drug Initiative
- Asia-Pacific Drug Issues Committee
- Co-morbidity Reference Group

Ms Jo Baxter

**ANCD Committees**
- National Illicit Drug Campaign Reference Group
- Universities Initiative
- Project Reference Group
- *Of Substance* Editorial Reference Group

Mr Andrew Blair

**ANCD Committees**
- National Illicit Drug Campaign Reference Group
- Families Reference Group

Dr Michael Cohen

**ANCD Committees**
- Diversion Initiative Reference Group
- Needle and Syringe Program Initiative Reference Group

Mr David Crosbie

**ANCD Committees**
- Community Partnership Initiative Expert Reference Group
- *Of Substance* Editorial Reference Group
- National Illicit Drug Campaign Reference Group
- Co-morbidity Reference Group

Professor Ian Hickie

**ANCD Committees**
- National Illicit Drug Campaign Reference Group
- Psychostimulants Expert Reference Group
- Project Reference Group

Mr Jeff Linden

**ANCD Committees**
- IGCD Scheduling Working party on Controlled Substances
- National Corrections Drug Strategy
- Rural and Regional Reference Group
- *Of Substance* Editorial Reference Group
Professor Toni Makkai

ANCD Committees
- NGO Treatment Grants program Reference Group
- Pre-cursor working group
- Asia-Pacific Drug Issues Committee
- Of Substance Editorial Reference Group
- Of Substance Board of Management

Professor Richard P Mattick

ANCD Committees
- National Illicit Drug Campaign Reference Group
- NGO treatment Grants Program Reference Group
- Project Reference Group
- Asia-Pacific Drug Issues Committee

Dr Tamara Mackean

ANCD Committees
- Diversion Initiative Reference Group

Ms Courtney Morcombe

ANCD Committees
- Community Partnership Initiative Expert Reference Group
- Families Reference Group

Associate Professor Ted Wilkes

ANCD Committees
- National Indigenous Drug & Alcohol Committee - Chair

Dr Dennis Young

ANCD Committees
- Of Substance Editorial Reference Group
- Of Substance Board of Management (Chair)
- Diversion Initiative Reference Group

Mr Gino Vumbaca – Secretariat

ANCD Committees
- ANCD Executive
- National Indigenous Drug & Alcohol Committee (advisor)
- Asia-Pacific Drug Issues Committee
- Of Substance Editorial Reference Group
- Of Substance Board of Management
- Project Reference Group
**External Committees**

- AOD Data Reference Group
- AusAID Illicit Drug Initiative Reference Group
- NSW Diversion Initiative Reference Group
- National Corrections Drug Strategy Working Group
- National NGO Treatment Grants Program Reference Group
- Needle and Syringe Program Initiative Reference Group
- NSW NGO treatment grants program Reference Group
- Universities Initiative Reference Group

**Ms Denise Gilchrist – Secretariat**

**ANCD Committees**

- Project Reference Group
- National Precursor Working Group
- Diversion Territory Reference Group

**Ms Tracey Kristiansen – Secretariat**

**ANCD Committees**

- Project Reference Group
- Asia Pacific Drug Issues Committee

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On behalf of the Coalition, I am pleased to offer our ongoing support to the work of the ANCD, particularly where outcomes provide a direct and positive impact on Australian families.

When in Government, the Coalition established the ANCD, and our focus now, as it was in 1998, is to continue to encourage the Council to implement strategies targeted at illicit drugs, in particular, where they impact younger Australians.

The ANCD should be congratulated for remaining true to their original charter.

I take this opportunity to acknowledge the dedication and commitment of the Hon Dr John Herron, his board and secretariat, and offer my best wishes for the year ahead.

**Peter Dutton MP**
**Shadow Minister for Health and Ageing**
## ANCD 2008 – 2009 Meetings

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I would particularly like to commend the ANCD for its advocacy and support for those affected by alcohol and other drugs. The non-government sector continues to play a critical role in the delivery of quality services to some of the most marginalised people in our community.

John Stanhope MLA  
Chief Minister, Australian Capital Territory
## ANCD Publications

The ANCD has produced a number of reports on a vast range of issues. Some reports are available in hard copy and can be obtained free of charge by contacting the ANCD Secretariat. All of the ANCDs reports are available in electronic format from the web site [www.ancd.org.au](http://www.ancd.org.au).

| ANCD research paper 1 | Heroin overdose: prevalence, correlates, consequences and interventions |
| ANCD research paper 2 | Structural determinants of youth drug use |
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| ANCD Research Paper 13 | Drug Use in the Family – Impact and Implications |
| ANCD Research paper 14 | Compulsory Treatment in Australia |
| ANCD Research paper 15 | Supporting the families of young people with problematic drug use: investigating support options |
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| ANCD Research paper 18 | Polygon: The many sides to the Australian opioids pharmacotherapy maintenance system |
| ANCD Research paper 19 | Modelling pharmacotherapy maintenance in Australia: exploring affordability, availability, accessibility and quality using system dynamics |
| ANCD national report | Rural and regional alcohol and other drugs consultation forums |
| ANCD national report | Rural and regional co-morbidity workshops |
| ANCD national report | Cannabis: answers to your questions |
| ANCD and NEACA national report | Fetal Alcohol Syndrome National Workshop 2002 |
| ANCD position paper | Heroin related overdoses |
| ANCD position paper | High risk groups and behaviours: A secondary position paper on heroin related overdoses |
| ANCD position paper | Naloxone availability: A secondary position paper on heroin related overdoses |
| ANCD position paper | Needle and syringe programs |
| ANCD position paper | Methamphetamines |
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| Alcohol and Other Drugs Charter |  |
Media Releases

2008

ANCD urges Australians to share their Positive Stories
August 2008

Overdose Awareness Day
31 August 2008

Parliamentary forum discusses justice and drugs
16 October 2008

ANCD launches Homeless Information Portal
31 October 2008

National Alcohol Campaign
21 November 2008

2009

Australia at risk of increased quantities of heroin coming in
17 March 2009

2009 Federal Budget
14 May 2009

Launch of ANCD Report on Non-government organizations in the alcohol and other drugs sector
21 May 2009

Illicit Drug Data Report
11 June 2009

Communiqués

September 2008
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Newspaper Articles

2008

Why would you listen to alcohol lobbyist on health issues
29 July 2008

Battle against drugs needs realistic approach
23 August 2008

2009

Brown heroin reignites drugs worry
31 January 2009

Rehab, not jail, best for drug abuse
28 March 2009
Asia Pacific Drug Issues Committee (APDIC)

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.

At the request of the Australian Government the ANCD has increased its links throughout the Asia-Pacific region to enable it to better advise the Government on the most appropriate ways to work with our regional neighbours, as well as to learn from their experiences.

To ensure that the ANCD can provide the Government valuable advice it convenes a specialised committee chaired by A/Prof Robert Ali that is made up of individuals with a broad range of experience and expertise in drug policy in the region.

APDIC current member profiles

Associate Professor Robert Ali (Chair)

Director, Clinical Policy and Research for the Drug and Alcohol Services Council (SA)

Associate Professor Robert Ali is a Public Health and Addiction Medicine physician who has worked in the alcohol and other drug area since 1985. Associate Professor Ali is the director of a WHO Collaborating Centre for the Treatment of Drug and Alcohol Problems based in the School of Medical Sciences at the University of Adelaide. Associate Professor Ali was the Chair of the National Expert Advisory Committee on Illicit Drugs.

Professor Nick Crofts

Nossal Institute for Global Health, University of Melbourne

Professor Nick Crofts is a public health practitioner who has contributed substantial research on the spread and control of blood-borne viruses among injecting drug users, especially hepatitis C in Australia and HIV in Asia. Since 1990, he has worked extensively on all aspects of harm reduction, specifically control of HIV associated with drug use, in almost every country in Asia. He co-founded the Asian Harm Reduction Network in 1996 and the Centre for Harm Reduction in 1998. He now works at the Nossal Institute for Global Health at the University of Melbourne.

Dr John Herron

Chairman of the Australian National Council on Drugs; Chairman, Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital Foundation

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Dr John Howard BA, MA(Couns), MClinPsych, DipCrim, PhD, MAPS

National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre (NDARC)

John joined NDARC in 2008 as a Senior Lecturer and works with the National Cannabis Prevention and Information Centre, as well as NDARC’s international research activities and those with a focus on young people. From 2001 to end 2007 he was Director — Clinical Services, Training and Research, Ted Noffs Foundation. From 1989—2001 he was a Senior Lecturer in Psychology and Director, Social Health Programs, Department of Psychology, Macquarie University. He is a Consultant Clinical Psychologist in the Department of Adolescent Psychiatry, Prince of Wales Hospital, and from 1995 an Honorary Visiting Fellow at NDARC.

He has worked as a high school teacher, school counsellor, deputy superintendent of a residential unit and senior counsellor of a community-located unit for young offenders.

He was a member of the Technical Steering Committee of the WHO’s Department of Child and Adolescent Health and Development (CAH) for 6 years, and from 1992 he consulted to CAH, UNICEF, UNODC and the Arab Council on Childhood and Development, on street youth/children in developing countries and the health of male adolescents, working at WHO/HQ in Geneva and field-work in India, Philippines, South Africa and Egypt. Since 1999 he has consulted to UNESCAP, with field-work in Lao PDR, Viet Nam, China and Thailand on capacity-building for the community treatment of young drug users.

He is a Board Member of NCETA, was a member of the Evaluation Working Group of the National Youth Suicide Prevention Strategy, and is a member of a number of National Illicit Drug Strategy working and reference groups.

His major clinical, teaching and research areas are: adolescent substance use and ‘street youth’ (in both developed and developing countries), comorbidity, depression and suicide in young people, working with marginalised youth, adolescent psychotherapy, same-sex attracted youth, HIV infection in adolescents, resilience, and treatment capacity-building.

Ms Annie Madden

Australian Injecting & Illicit Drug Users League (AIVL)

Annie Madden is currently the Executive Officer of the Australian Injecting & Illicit Drug Users League (AIVL) which is the national peak body representing state and territory drug user organisations and illicit drug users at the national level. Prior to her current role, Annie was the Co-ordinator of the NSW Users & AIDS Association (NUAA) for six years. She has an honours degree in Social and Political Sciences. She is on numerous national, Commonwealth Government and research committees including the recently appointed Ministerial Advisory Committee on AIDS, Sexual Health and Hepatitis C. She has been working in the areas of illicit drug use, HIV/AIDS and hepatitis for over 12 years, has been an injecting drug user for over 17 years and has been on methadone for the past 10 years.

Professor Toni Makkai BA, Masters of Social Planning and Development, PhD

Dean, Australian National University College of Arts and Social Sciences

Professor Toni Makkai was appointed director of the Australian Institute of Criminology (AIC), the Australian Government’s National Crime and Criminal Justice Research Agency in 2003. She has also held teaching and research positions in the United Kingdom and at the Australian National University.

She has a strong focus on policy-relevant research including drugs and crime, crime statistics, drug courts, and regulation and compliance.

She has published widely in these fields with over 50 peer-reviewed journal articles, numerous chapters in books, and government reports and monographs, and was responsible for the establishment of the Drug Use Monitoring Australia (DUMA) program in 1999. She is a member of a range of national government advisory boards on crime and drugs, is the editor of the AIC’s Trends and Issues in Crime and Criminal Justice, is a member of the editorial board of the Australian and New Zealand Journal of Criminology and provides advice to the Criminology Research Council.
Professor Richard P Mattick

Director, National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre

Professor Mattick (B.Sc. M.Psych. (Clinical) Ph.D.) has over 20 years clinical and research experience in this field. This experience has involved direct clinical work in mental health, psychology, drug and alcohol dependence, as well as extensive research into the causes, nature and the management of problems caused by legal and illicit drugs. He is currently the Professor of Drug and Alcohol Studies at the University of New South Wales, Sydney, within the Faculty of Medicine, where he is the Director of the National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre. Professor Mattick has authored over 120 scientific articles and books on the assessment, nature and treatment of emotional, cognitive and psychological problems, and drug and alcohol problems.

His recent research interests have focused on: the use of naltrexone, buprenorphine and methadone for management of opioid dependence; the nature and treatment of amphetamine and cocaine dependence; the effects of treatment on crime; the societal and structural determinants of drug misuse; the development of guidelines for the management of alcohol misuse; interventions for alcohol-related problems through medical practitioners in rural communities; and the role and cost of interventions for nicotine and alcohol dependence.

Mr Garth Popple

Executive Director, We Help Ourselves (WHOS); Board Member Australasian Therapeutic Communities Association (ATCA); Treasurer, Network of Alcohol and other Drug Agencies NSW (NADA); Board Member, International Council of Alcohol and Addictions (ICAA)

Mr Popple has been working in A&D management roles since 1986 and in honorary committee and board positions since 1981 for the non-profit sector. He has been primarily focused on the Therapeutic Community (TC) movement for most of his career to date including working with TCs throughout Asia. In 1991 he became involved in harm minimisation initiatives and he attempts to stay in touch with the needs and feedback from users past and present.

Mr Popple is the Executive Director of We Help Ourselves (WHOS) which operates five TCs within NSW and Qld; WHOS Metro for men; WHOS New Beginnings for women; WHOS MTAR (Methadone To Abstinence Residential); WHOS Hunter Valley; and WHOS Sunshine Coast. WHOS provides other services such as Aftercare and HIV/Infectious Disease Education Services.

The above honorary appointments have a specific interest to Garth due to their focus on the non-government sector, nationally and internationally.

Mr Popple is an Honorary Fellow of the University of Western Sydney received in recognition of ‘Services to the Community’ and more recently (2007) was a recipient of a National Honour Roll Award for persons who have made a significant contribution, over a considerable time period, to the Drug and Alcohol field.

Professor Robert Power

Principal for Disease Prevention at the Burnet Institute

Professor Power is the Principal for Disease Prevention at the Burnet Institute, and a Professorial Fellow at both Melbourne and Monash Universities. His main research interests focus on risk and HIV prevention, as well as applied qualitative and participatory methods that have direct relevance to public and international health interventions. He is also a member of the Centre for International Health, where is engaged on a range of research and development projects in the Asia Pacific Region.

Professor Daniel Tarantola MD

Professor of Health and Human Rights UNSW
Co-Founder of Medecins Sans Frontieres (also known as Doctors Without Borders)

Professor Daniel Tarantola’s career includes being instrumental in the foundation of the world-renowned Medecins Sans Frontieres and the first doctor to be employed in the field for this organisation. Also, as a senior policy advisor to the World Health Organisation (WHO), a close collaborator of the late, great Jonathon Mann, a senior associate at the Francois-Zavier Bagnoud Centre for Health and Human Rights at Harvard University and since 2005, is chair of the Initiative for Health and Human Rights, a unique cross-disciplined collaboration at UNSW.
Mr Gino Vumbaca

Executive Director, ANCD Secretariat

Mr Vumbaca has extensive experience in the HIV/AIDS and drug and alcohol fields both in Australia and internationally. He is a Churchill Fellow and has completed a Social Work degree and a Master of Business Administration at the University of Sydney. He has worked as the Manager of HIV/AIDS and related services with the NSW Department of Corrective Services, in a variety of drug and alcohol centres as a counsellor and was responsible for coordinating the establishment of the NSW network of needle and syringe exchange programs for the NSW Health Department.

Mr Vumbaca also continues to provide advice on prisons, HIV and drug issues for international organisations such as the UN and WHO.

Dr Alex Wodak

Director of Alcohol and Drug Service, St. Vincent's Hospital

Dr Alex Wodak trained as a physician and, since 1982, has been Director of the Alcohol and Drug Service at St. Vincent's Hospital in Sydney, Australia. Dr Wodak and his colleagues helped to establish the National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre, the Australian Society of HIV Medicine, Australia’s first (pre-legal) needle exchange programme and Australia’s first (pre-legal) medically supervised injecting centre. Dr Wodak is currently the President of the Australian Drug Law Reform Foundation and is a member of several state and national committees. He often works in developing countries to assist efforts to control HIV infection among injecting drug users.

Professor Anthony Zwi

University of NSW

Professor Anthony Zwi heads the School of Public Health and Community Medicine at the University of New South Wales. He has strong interests in international health and policy and humanitarian issues and is increasingly working to enhance the research—policy and practice interface.

APDIC Secretariat

Ms Tracey Kristiansen – Policy and Project Officer

Ms Kristiansen joined the Secretariat in June 2006. Previously Tracey worked extensively in Project Management positions within the information technology sector. She holds a Bachelor of Management from the University of Canberra majoring in International Politics and is currently completing a Masters in Public Policy at the Australian National University. Ms Kristiansen sits on the Asia Pacific Drug Issues Committee and has a strong interest in the Asia Pacific region specifically relating to the drug and alcohol sector.
APDIC Strategic Direction

Mission
To advise the Australian National Council on Drugs (ANCD) and the Australian Government on ways to maximise Australia’s response, leadership and impact on Asian-Pacific Regional drug issues.

Goals
- To support and facilitate a comprehensive Australian approach to addressing drug issues in the Asia-Pacific Region, including supply, demand and harm reduction strategies;
- To provide and promote evidence-based information and advice to the Australian Government on the key drug issues affecting the Asia-Pacific region;
- To identify and advise on emerging drug issues within the region;
- To promote and facilitate evidence informed policy;
- To assist in the mobilisation of Australian expertise and experience in all fields related to alcohol and other drugs into regional involvement.

Focus
- Facilitating the Australian role in drug policy development;
- Enhancing the partnerships between law enforcement, health and other relevant sectors in the region;
- Promoting and facilitating the building of greater research and development capacity in the region;
- Minimising the health, social and economic harm caused by drug use in the region.

Relationships
- Australian Government, particularly Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, AusAID, and Department of Health and Ageing, to:
  - Provide timely advice;
  - Maximise impact of advice.
- International and Regional Organisations to:
  - Maximise cooperation;
  - Develop complementary approaches.
- Academic and research organizations within region to:
  - Build capacity;
  - Maximize co-operation.

Pacific Drug & Alcohol Research Network (PDARN)

In 2005, the Australian National Council on Drugs (ANCD) commissioned the Centre for International Health to conduct a ‘Situational analysis of illicit drug issues and responses in Asia and the Pacific’.

The review found that there are limited data available to assist in understanding illicit drug use and the harms associated with its use in the Pacific. In response to initial findings and recommendations of this report, the Pacific Drug and Alcohol Research Network (PDARN) was formed, with the Centre for International Health acting as the secretariat. This group aims to provide a sound evidence base and research capacity to address the problems of drug and alcohol use in the region.

Its second meeting held in Fiji in July 2008, brought together Pacific country representatives from ministries of health, law enforcement agencies, community based organisations, regional funding bodies, research and education institutions to further explore drug and alcohol issues.

With the continued support of the Burnet Institute and the Australian National Council on Drugs it is hoped that PDARN will see Australia’s drug and alcohol research relationship strengthen with Pacific countries.
International Federation of NGOs (IFNGO) Presidency and Conference

Mr Garth Popple was elected as President-elect of the International Federation of Non-Government Organisations (IFNGO).

As part of Mr Popple becoming IFNGO President from November 2011, the ANCD will be responsible for hosting the 24th IFNGO World Conference in Malaysia. The conference will be in November 2011 and will also mark the 30th anniversary of the IFNGO which began in Kuala Lumpur in 1981.

The IFNGO comprises Non-Government Organisations all over the world engaged in addressing substance misuse and has Special Consultative Status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), as well as formal links to a range of international bodies including the International Labour Organisation (ILO), UNESCO, WHO and ASEAN.

APDIC Commissioned Research

Situational analysis of drug and alcohol issues and responses in the Pacific region.

This project builds on an earlier report published by the ANCD, it aims to provide an updated and broader situational analysis on the current drug and alcohol issues (including tobacco) affecting the Pacific Region. Additionally, this report aims to provide support to the development and building of capacity within the Pacific Drug and Alcohol Network to provide regular updates to the committee.

Expert Advisory Committee on Asia and Pacific Issues (EAC)

As members of the EAC, the ANCD worked closely with representatives from a number of Australian Government departments (including the Department of Health and Ageing, AusAID, Australian Federal Police, Customs, Attorney General’s and the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade) to develop and promote information and advice on drug issues in the region.

Other Regional Activities

HIV/AIDS Asia Regional Program (HAARP)

The ANCD works closely and collaboratively with the flagship AusAID HIV program in the region (HAARP) to achieve a goal of reducing the level of drug related HIV transmission in the region.

UNODC

Over many years the ANCD has developed a close working relationship with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and this continued with ongoing and regular communication and exchange of information between the organisations occurring at a variety of levels.

Macau

The ANCD continues to develop its ongoing relationship with officials and service providers in Macau. This included hosting a delegation of 18 people who visited Australia in September 2008. The delegation was made up of representatives from various government and non-government departments who are members of the AIDS Prevention and Control Commission of Macau. The Commission has an aim of suppressing HIV transmission by formulating and promoting HIV prevention through the collaboration between public and private sectors. The delegation spent time in Canberra and Sydney, meeting with a variety of relevant organisations and departments.
Delegations

The ANCD continued to receive delegations from a number of countries in the region and work closely with AusAID and relevant embassy officials on the development of productive visits.

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The Australian National Council on Drugs makes a significant and valuable contribution to the national alcohol and other drugs research and policy agenda.

The Northern Territory Government recognizes and appreciates the role and function of the ANCD in providing independent advice to the Prime Minister and the Ministerial Council on Drugs Strategy on a range of national drug policies, strategies and research.

In bringing together national expertise from volunteer groups, community organizations and non-government agencies from the health and social welfare fields, the ANCD enhances the comprehensive nature of Australia’s policy responses to alcohol and other drug use issues.

The Northern Territory Government acknowledges the work that has been done to date at a national level and through jurisdictional consultations and looks forward to the ongoing contribution by the Australian National Council on Drugs in reducing the harms caused by alcohol and other drug use in the community.

The Hon Kon Vatskalis,
Minister for Health, Northern Territory
National Indigenous Drug and Alcohol Committee (NIDAC)

The National Indigenous Alcohol and Drug Committee (NIDAC) was established in 2004 under the auspices of the Australian National Council on Drugs (ANCD) to assist the ANCD in providing advice to government on Indigenous drug and alcohol issues and contribute to the development of policy relevant to harmful Indigenous alcohol and drug use.

An important component of the NIDAC’s work is to ensure that policies, strategies and directions in the drug and alcohol field are consistent with the National Drug Strategy Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People’s Complementary Action Plan 2003 – 2009.

As the leading voice in Indigenous drug and alcohol policy, NIDAC is committed to ensuring that their priorities and activities adequately reflect the needs of Indigenous communities to respond to alcohol and other drug problems and contributes toward closing the gap on health inequality amongst Indigenous Australians.

NIDAC current member profiles

Executive Members

A/Prof Ted Wilkes (Chairman)
Associate Professor, National Drug Research Institute, Curtin University
Associate Professor Wilkes is a Nyungar leader from WA whose professional background includes working for the Western Australia museum, the Centre for Aboriginal Studies at Curtin University and sixteen years as the Director of the Derbarl Yerrigan Health Service. Associate Professor Wilkes provides advice and expertise on a wide range of state, national and international committees.

Mr Scott Wilson (co-Deputy Chair)
State Director, Aboriginal and Drug Council (SA) Inc
Mr Scott Wilson is also the first Indigenous Chair of the Alcohol Education and Rehabilitation Foundation (AERF). Mr Wilson has presented a number of papers at both national and international conferences on Indigenous drug and alcohol issues. In 1997, he was awarded the Alcohol and other Drugs Council of Australia (ADCA) Australia Day Achievement Medallion and in 2003, a Centenary Medal for Services to the Community.

Ms Coralie Ober (co-Deputy Chair)
Research Fellow, Queensland Alcohol & Drug Research and Education Centre (QADREC) University of Qld
Ms Ober was involved in the Global Project on Indigenous Peoples and Substance Use for the World Health Organisation and the development of the National Drug Strategy Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Peoples Complementary Action Plan 2003 – 2006. Her major project work has been the development and implementation of a work force development training and capacity building for the Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Alcohol and Drug Community Workers in Queensland.

A/Prof Noel Hayman (Executive Member)
Clinical Director, Inala Indigenous Health Service Qld
Associate Professor Hayman also holds appointments with the University of Queensland as Senior lecturer for the School of Medicine, the Australasian Faculty of Public Health Medicine, is Secretary of the Australian Indigenous Doctors Association and Chair of the ATSI Health Working Group in the Royal Australasian College of Physicians.

Ms Delaney Thiele (Executive Member)
Chief Executive Officer, National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO)
Having worked in Aboriginal health for many years, Ms Thiele has been an active community member through membership on a range of Boards, including several Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Boards at the Local, State and National level, the Westmead Children’s Hospital and the Western Sydney Area Health Board. Ms Thiele holds a Post Graduate in health Management and is currently working towards a Masters in Population Health.
Other members

Ms Donna Ah Chee

_Deputy Director, Central Australia Aboriginal Congress NT_

Originally a Bundjalung woman from the far north coast of NSW, Ms Ah Chee lives in Alice Springs NT and has been involved in Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Affairs for over 25 years. She is the Deputy Director of the Central Australian Aboriginal Congress, an Aboriginal community controlled primary health care service in Alice Springs. Ms Ah Chee has also been a board member on the National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO) and is involved in policy development on Aboriginal health for the Aboriginal Medical Services Alliance of the NT (AMSANT).

Ms Wendy Casey

_Principal Advisor, Aboriginal Alcohol and other Drug Program, Practice Development Branch of the WA Drug and Alcohol Office WA_

Ms Casey belongs to the Karajarri and Yawuru people who reside in the Kimberley region in the remote northwest of Western Australia and has extensive experience working in the drug and alcohol field in metropolitan and remote area regions.

Dr Colin Dillon APM

_Lecturer, School of Justice, Qld University of Technology Qld_

Prior to his current appointment, Dr Colin Dillon APM, was appointed by the Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs to the Board of Commissioners of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission (ATSIC). Prior to this appointment, Dr Dillon has worked in the Queensland Police Force since 1965. As Inspector of Police, he is the most senior ranking commissioned Aboriginal police officer in Australia. He was awarded the Australian Police Medal (APM) in the Queen’s honour list for distinguished Police Service to Queensland and has an Honorary University Doctorate and Commissioner of Declarations.

Superintendent Frank Hansen

_Manager Drug and Alcohol Coordination, State Crime Command NSW_

Superintendent Frank Hansen has been a member of the NSW Police Force since 1970. He is presently the Manager of Drug and Alcohol Coordination, State Crime Command. He is also currently the Deputy Chair of the Intergovernmental Committee on Drugs (IGCD) and the law enforcement advisor to the Australian National Council on Drugs (ANCD). In 1994 Superintendent Hansen was awarded the Australian Police Medal for distinguished service in drug law enforcement.

Dr John Herron,

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Mr Bradley Freeburn
*Coordinator, Drug and Alcohol Unit Aboriginal Medical Service NSW*

Mr Bradley Freeburn is a Bundjalung man, from Casino New South Wales who has worked in the health sector since 1993. Mr Freeman has represented the Aboriginal Medical Service and Aboriginal people on through the Australian Drug Council of Australia, and provides input on key strategic issues in NSW in relation to alcohol and other drugs. Mr Freeburn also provided advice to the Standing Committee on Social Issues Inquiry into issues relating to Redfern / Waterloo.

Professor Dennis Gray
*Deputy Director, National Drug Research Institute at Curtin University of Technology WA*

Professor Dennis Gray established the Institute’s Indigenous Australian Research Program. He is a leading researcher in this area and has established collaborative research relationships with various Indigenous community-controlled organisations, as well as publishing extensively on Indigenous substance misuse issues and presented research at various national and international forums.

Ms Marion Green
*Ngwala Willumbong Co-operative Ltd NSW*

Ms Green is a Gamilaroi woman from NSW who has worked for the Koori community over the past 32 years in the areas of health, substance abuse and advocacy. Previously held positions include ATSIC regional councillor and Victorian Commissioner for ATSIC. Ms Green is a founding member of Ngwala Willumbong Co-operative Ltd, the largest Koori drug and alcohol service in Victoria. Ms Green also chairs the Aboriginal Family Violence & Prevention Legal Service and the South East Regional Aboriginal Advisory Committee in Victoria.

Mr Romlie Mokak
*Chief Executive Officer, Australian Indigenous Doctors Association*

Mr Mokak was born in Darwin, NT. His people are Djugun from Western Australia and he’s lived in Canberra over the recent past. Mr Mokak has experience working at community, State and Commonwealth levels in a range of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander policy areas including disability, ageing, population health, financing and substance use. Mr Mokak has been AIDA’s CEO since mid 2005. He is a member of the National Indigenous Health Equality Council and the Board of the Fred Hollows Foundation.

Mr Mokak has a Bachelor of Social Science degree and a Postgraduate Diploma in Special Education.

NIDAC Advisors
- Mr Gino Vumbaca, Executive Director, Australian National Council on Drugs
- Representative - Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing
- Representative - Australian Government Office of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health
- Representative - Australian Government Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs

NIDAC Secretariat
*Miss Sue-Anne Morley- Executive Officer*

Miss Morley has actively been involved in Indigenous affairs since 1998, with a primary focus on tobacco, substance misuse, petrol sniffing, law and justice and suicide prevention. During this time she has strived to improve the quality of life for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and worked closely with NT Indigenous communities, Australian and State/Territory Governments, and the non govt sector to coordinate more effective service delivery, develop best practices and implement appropriate programs to address gaps and issues. Ms Morley has also provided expert advice and been involved in the development of policy and programs having served on a number of national, state and local forums/committees.
Vision

To reduce alcohol and other drug problems and associated harms in Indigenous communities nationally

Terms of Reference

The NIDAC Committee recognising the Ministerial Council on Drug Strategy - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders People’s Complementary Action Plan will:

(a) Promote the implementation of the National Drug Strategy Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples’ Complementary Action Plan 2003 - 2009;

(b) Provide expert advice to governments on the following priority areas:
   - Alcohol
   - Tobacco
   - Illicit drugs
   - Other licit drugs
   - Workforce Development
   - Partnership Approach with Police / Law Enforcement Authorities
   - Need for consistent quality data on Indigenous alcohol and other drug use

(c) Engage and work closely with governments, non-government organizations, community controlled organisations and committees already established to respond to the harmful effects of alcohol and other drugs among Indigenous people.

(d) Provide regular reports to the Australian National Council on Drugs, Inter-Governmental Committee on Drugs, National Indigenous Representative Groups and the Australian Government.

(e) Provide expert advice in response to new and emerging issues that impact on Indigenous communities in addressing alcohol and other drug use.

Under its Terms of Reference, NIDAC has identified a select number of priority areas as the focus for 2007-2010 based on a review of Australia’s national target areas and feedback from community consultation forums. The NIDAC Strategic Plan for 2007 – 2010 has been developed to focus on these priority areas and provides direction for NIDAC through the activities identified in the Strategic Plan. The Committee recognises that the complexities of alcohol and other drug use amongst Indigenous Australians demands a holistic and flexible approach and that the priorities listed are not intended to cover all aspects of Indigenous alcohol and other drug problems. Rather they represent key areas of concern around which the Committee believes it can contribute to, and assist the ANCD in supporting the Australian Government’s 2004 - 2009 National Drug Strategy. NIDAC also maintains the flexibility to respond to emerging Indigenous alcohol and other drug issues as they arise.

Principles

The NIDAC Committee is guided by the following principles:

- The importance of a whole of government approach to address the broader structural determinants in Indigenous populations,
- Approaches that are evidence based and culturally valid, sustainable, long term and involve local communities, to strengthen and maintain Indigenous culture and values,
- Holistic programs and services for Indigenous people ranging from prevention through to treatment that are culturally sensitive, locally available and accessible,
- Regular consultation with Indigenous communities is conducted in a culturally safe and sensitive manner and including those working to address Indigenous drug and alcohol use, and
NIDAC Commissioned Research

Identifying areas of greatest Indigenous need for services in addressing Indigenous drug and alcohol
National Drug Research Institute (NDRI)

This project aims to determine the current Indigenous specific drug and alcohol funding, including service
distribution and appropriateness available across all State, Territory and Federal jurisdictions. Given that there is a
significant level of unmet need existing in Indigenous communities a particular goal of this project is to identify the
areas of greatest need.

Ed Heffernan (Queensland Health) and Ted Wilkes at an ANCD/NIDAC forum in Brisbane

NIDAC member and Secretariat representations on other committees

NIDAC members have provided high level advice and input on various committees, forums government policy
reference and advisory groups, including:

- COAG Working Group on Indigenous Reform (WGIR) - Protective Security, Alcohol and Substance abuse sub group
- National Indigenous Health Equality Council
- National Advisory Group for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Information and Data (NAGATSIHID)
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People’s Complementary Action Plan Evaluation Reference Group
- National Centre for Education and Training on Addiction Board (NCETA)
- NT Emergency Response Review Board Expert Group
- National Indigenous Health Equality Council
- Community Capacity Building in Indigenous Communities Advisory Group
- National Cannabis Strategy 2006 - 2009
- National Drug Strategy Evaluation
- National Comorbidity Initiative
- National Drug Strategy National Indigenous Tobacco Control Initiative
- WHO Global Strategy to Reduce Harmful Use of Alcohol
- Expert Advisory Committee for the development of National Evidence Based Antenatal Care Guidelines
- National Drug Strategy Non Govt Treatment Grants Program
- Draft National Indigenous Law and Justice Framework
The proposed model for the National Indigenous Representative Advisory Body
South Australian Government Aboriginal Advisory Group
Centre for Excellence in Indigenous Tobacco Control (CEITC) Indigenous Tobacco Research Workshop
Co-morbidity Coordinated Care Forum

NIDAC Meetings
11 September 2008
6 November 2008
12 February 2009
7 May 2009

NIDAC Publications
Bridges and barriers: addressing Indigenous incarceration and health

The Australian National Council on Drugs plays an important role as a peak advisory body on alcohol and other drug policy in Australia.

I congratulate the Australian National Council on Drugs on its efforts during the year. I look forward to working with the Council in addressing alcohol and other drug misuse in our society.

Hon Jane Lomax-Smith MP
Minister for Mental Health and Substance Abuse (SA)

I am pleased to offer my support for the valuable work of the ANCD and congratulate the ANCD on its significant contribution to preventing and reducing the incidence of drug and alcohol related harm in Australia.

Western Australia continues to support measures that seek to prevent the use of drugs and address the culture of alcohol excess in our community and provide support to those who need it. We recognise that problematic drug and alcohol use impacts on everyone and the comprehensive approach undertaken by the ANCD is of benefit to the whole community.

Achieving long-term, sustainable change requires a collaborative approach and I look forward to continuing work with the ANCD and with other government, non-government and community organisations to address harms from drug and alcohol use.

The Hon Dr Graham Jacobs
Minister for Water; Mental Health, Western Australia
NIDAC Media Releases


NIDAC Communiqués

July 2008
September 2008
November 2008
February 2009
May 2009

NIDAC Conference

NIDAC is holding the Inaugural National Indigenous Drug and Alcohol Conference Listening, Learning and Leading at the Adelaide Convention Centre, South Australia on the 16 - 18 June 2010.

This Conference is being held in response to requests for more up to date information about Indigenous alcohol and drug trends, best practices, latest research, resources and tools across Australia that would be useful for workers in addressing Indigenous alcohol and other drug use and associated harm. NIDAC resolved to hold this event to provide an opportunity assist the sector and government towards building the current work capacity to provide an opportunity to demonstrate evidence based practices, showcase what has been developed and what is happening around Australia and pave the way for future strategies and initiatives.
National AOD Research Magazine
Of Substance

Of Substance, the national magazine on alcohol, tobacco and other drugs is an initiative of the ANCD and receives funding from the Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing.

Of Substance launched its first issue in October 2003 and now publishes four issues per year – in January, April, July and October. The magazine targets frontline workers with plain English articles reporting on current research and emerging issues that affect the sector. Secondary audiences include policy makers, academics and others interested in AOD issues. The magazine has published articles on emerging drug trends, prevention, law enforcement, mental health, research, workforce development, ethics and other topics.

The magazine has a separate management structure to that of the ANCD with members of the ANCD taking key roles on its Board of Management (Chaired by Dr Dennis Young) and Editorial Reference Group (chaired by Professor Toni Makkai). Other representatives on the Board and Advisory Group come from a diverse range of backgrounds from the government, non-government and publishing sectors. The Board and the Editorial Reference Group each meet quarterly.

Subscriptions and distribution

Prior to July 2005, the magazine was distributed on a paid subscription basis only, with approximately 1,400 subscribers registered. In the 2005/06 Federal Budget, the Australian Government provided significant additional support for the magazine with an increased annual grant, which has enabled the magazine to be distributed free of charge. As a result, the magazine has enjoyed a significant rise in its subscription and distribution figures. The magazine has been actively promoted on a range of electronic forums, at conferences and via links to websites specific to the AOD sector.

At the end 2008/09, the magazine had approximately 7,700 subscribers, with a circulation of 17,000.

Marketing and promotion

During 2008/09, a range of promotional activities were conducted. These included:

- PR consultant Bay Street Media Works retained through 2008-09. Targeted media promotion to coincide with publication of magazines undertaken in January and April 2009.
- Promotion on e-lists and forums. Each issue of the magazine was announced on relevant electronic forums.
- Promotion at AOD sector events. The magazine was promoted at a number of AOD sector conferences and similar events, including APSAD 2008.
- Targeted promotion to high schools in Victoria, SA and WA, begun in August 2008 and continued through to March 2009.
- Collaborative promotion with the National Local Government Drug and Alcohol Advisory Committee, and the Council of Capital City Lord Mayor's Drug Advisory Committee – to provide magazines to promote at various local government conferences and events in 2009
- Collaborative promotion with Drug Action Week in Victoria, June 2009
- Copies of the magazine provided to various smaller AOD organisations and events, including: Riverland community regional health services conference, SA, April 2009; National conference on Anxiety & Depression, VIC, May 2009.
Website

www.ofsubstance.org.au

Since going live in late June 2006, the Of Substance website has proved to be a useful source of information on the magazine – particularly for people accessing articles on specific topics, and for people wanting to subscribe to the magazine (over 90 per cent of subscriptions are now received via the website). The Of Substance site allows people to search for particular issues or article topics; it also allows them to register for subscription online, plus send feedback and correspondence to magazine staff.

The following table shows a sample of the past 12 months’ website user statistics:

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Drug Sector Jobs website

The magazine’s Board has overseen the development of an Of Substance jobs website – Drug Sector Jobs (www.drugsectorjobs.com.au) – which is to be launched in early July 2009. This is seen as a cost-effective and central way for people in the AOD sector to advertise job vacancies, and eventually, for jobseekers to signify their interest in working in the sector.

The rationale for the website is that newspaper advertising is expensive and often is not suitable as many potential applicants live outside the distribution area of the local newspaper. Forums such as Update have a limited number of subscribers, and advertisers must hope that they will attract attention in the brief space of time that their posting remains on the first page of readers’ inboxes. Likewise, specific drug sector jobs become lost in large online job websites. The Drug Sector Jobs website will provide a one-stop place where employers and jobseekers can check on vacancies in this niche sector. The website will be supported by advertising within the magazine and on other suitable forums as well as at conferences and AOD sector events.

The website will charge $99 for a 30 day listing, which is a lower rate than other paid online employment websites and offer good value for targeted marketing to AOD sector employees and jobseekers. Any revenue raised through job ads will help to support both the jobs website and the production and distribution of the free magazine.
Evaluation

An external evaluation of *Of Substance* was conducted in late 2007 and completed in early 2008 by independent consultants LMS Consulting. The findings of this evaluation were reported on in the 2007/08 Annual report. The magazine is due to conduct another external evaluation in 2010/11.

Location, staffing and management

The *Of Substance* office is located at 439-441 Kent Street, Sydney.

The magazine has three staff positions:

- **Managing Editor**: This position has been filled on a job-share basis since the inception of the magazine. The current editors are Ms Kate Pockley and Ms Jenny Tinworth. Ms Pockley took maternity leave in December 2007 and returned to part-time work in February 2009. Ms Tinworth worked full-time in the position during her leave. Ms Pockley has been a co-editor since 2004; Ms Tinworth has been a co-editor since 2005.
- **Journalist (part-time)**: This position provides writing and editing assistance to the Managing Editors. Ms Bronwyn Duncan has filled this position since May 2008.
- **Administration and Distribution (part-time)**: Mr George Hamilton has filled this position since July 2007.

*Of Substance* Board of Management: 2008/09

Chair

Dr Dennis Young, Executive Director, Drug-Arm Australia.

Members

Mr Trevor Fearnley AM, Chief Executive, AdPartners Group
Dr John Herron, Chairman, Australian National Council on Drugs
Ms Mary-Lou Jarvis, Executive Director PR, Bay Street Mediaworks
Mr Gino Vumbaca, Executive Director, Australian National Council on Drugs

The NSW Government has a long-term commitment to reducing the harm associated with drug and alcohol misuse in our communities through evidence-based and collaborative approaches.

All Governments are of course currently giving particular focus to the problem of binge drinking and alcohol misuse, particularly amongst young people, and are driving long-term cultural change on Australian attitudes to alcohol consumption. To this end, the Australian National Council on Drugs (ANCD) continues to play an important role in supporting the work of governments and the non-government sector.

In 2008/09 the ANCD continued its important work in promoting good practice in drug and alcohol policy and service provision both within Australia and internationally through its publications, consultation processes and expert subcommittees addressing Indigenous issues and regional partnerships.

The diverse representation of clinicians, researchers, academics, and other senior professionals on the ANCD ensures that a range of perspectives are heard and included in broader public debate on the direction of alcohol and drug policy in Australia.

I applaud the ANCD for its continued support for facilitating across-government and community consultation in support of inclusive decision making on drug and alcohol issues.

The Hon Carmel Tebbutt MP
Deputy Premier, New South Wales
Minister for Health, New South Wales
Of Substance Editorial Reference Group: 2008/09

Chair

Professor Toni Makkai, Dean, College of Arts & Social Sciences, Australian National University

Members

Ms Josephine Baxter, Executive Officer, Drug Free Australia
A/Professor Alan Clough, School of Public Health, James Cook University
Mr David Crosbie, Chief Executive Officer, Mental Health Council of Australia
Magistrate Jeff Linden, Magistrate, Tweed Heads Local Court, NSW
Mr David McDonald, Representative, Alcohol & Other Drugs Council of Australia
Mr Wesley Noffs, Chief Executive Officer, Ted Noffs Foundation
Mr Larry Pierce, Executive Director, Network of Alcohol and Other Drugs Agencies
A/Professor Alison Ritter, Director, Drug Policy Modelling Program, NDARC, University of NSW
Professor Ann M Roche, Director, National Centre for Education and Training on Addiction, Flinders University
Professor John Saunders, Professor of Alcohol and Drug Studies, University of Queensland
Mr Joe Upston, Drug Strategy Branch, Department of Health and Ageing
Mr Gino Vumbaca, Executive Director, Australian National Council on Drugs
Mr Gideon Warhaft, Editor, NSW Users and AIDS Association
Dr Dennis Young, Executive Director, Drug-Arm Australia.

The Alcohol and other Drugs Council of Australia (ADCA) as the national peak for the alcohol and other drugs (AOD) non-government organisation (NGO) sector is pleased to have collaborated with the Australian National Council on Drugs (ANCD) on the National Drug and Alcohol Awards (NDAA) on 26 June 2009.

The Awards are a highlight on the annual AOD calendar and recognise the significant work done by those at the coal face of the AOD sector to address the harms associated with the misuse of alcohol and other drugs.

ADCA congratulates the ANCD on the ongoing publication of “Of Substance” which is a valuable resource for those within the AOD sector, and across the wider NGO sector by addressing current issues relating to alcohol and other drugs.

ADCA values many organisations such as ANCD in addressing health, economic and social harms caused by alcohol and other drugs to individuals, families, and communities.

Mr David Templeman
Chief Executive Officer, The Alcohol and other Drugs Council of Australia
ANCD Financial Reports

The Salvation Army (New South Wales) Property Trust is contracted to the Department of Health and Ageing to provide auspicing services to the Australian National Council on Drugs ("ANCD"). This arrangement enables the ANCD to receive high level legal, financial, human resources, operational and administrative support so that it can fulfil its role of providing independent and timely advice to the Federal Government.

The Salvation Army notes that the total funding for the ANCD group for year ended 30 June 2009 was approximately $2.1m of which $155k was received for previous years. Set out below is a summary of the key financial figures for each program:

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The total ANCD group has an aggregate cash balance of $266k at 30 June 2009.

Ian Minnett
Trustee
The Salvation Army
**Australian National Council on Drugs**

**INCOME STATEMENT**
for the year ended 30 June 2009

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# Australian National Council on Drugs

**BALANCE SHEET**

as at 30 June 2009

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* The current year cash balance of $250,545.94 forms part of the Committed Funds
Financial Report
Secretariat

ANCD SECRETARIAT
INCOME STATEMENT
for the year ended 30 June 2009

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* The current year surplus is being used to offset prior year deficits. As a result the accumulated deficit carried forward has reduced to $99,972.66 per the balance sheet.
**ANCD SECRETARIAT**

**BALANCE SHEET**

as at 30 June 2009

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## ANCD - Asia Pacific Committee

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ANCD - Asia Pacific Committee

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## ANCD - NIDAC

### BALANCE SHEET

as at 30 June 2009

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## Financial Report

**Of Substance**

### ANCD - Magazine

**INCOME STATEMENT**

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Mr Gino Vumbaca

*Executive Director, ANCD Secretariat*

Mr Vumbaca has extensive experience in the HIV/AIDS and drug and alcohol fields both in Australia and internationally. He is a Churchill Fellow and has completed a Social Work degree and a Master of Business Administration at the University of Sydney. He has worked as the Manager of HIV/AIDS and related services with the NSW Department of Corrective Services, in a variety of drug and alcohol centres as a counsellor and was responsible for coordinating the establishment of the NSW network of needle and syringe exchange programs for the NSW Health Department.

Mr Vumbaca also continues to provide advice on prisons, HIV and drug issues for international organisations such as the UN and WHO.

Mr Adam Bode

*Research Officer, ANCD Secretariat from March 2009*

Mr Bode joined the ANCD in 2009. He has a Bachelor of Psychology (Honours) and is completing his Bachelor of Laws from the Australian National University (ANU). He has worked in the Commonwealth Public Service, NGOs in the mental health sector, and data collection for drug trends monitoring. Mr Bode is currently undertaking research on cities and mental health and tailoring early interventions for mental health and substance use problems in rural Australia at the National Centre for Epidemiology and Population Health at the ANU.

Dr Amanda George

*Research Officer, ANCD Secretariat to September 2008*

Amanda was the Research Officer for the Australian National Council on Drugs (ANCD). Her relevant work experience includes research work at the Australian Bureau of Statistics, the University of Canberra and the Australian National University, as a university tutor in psychology and as an interviewer for the ‘Illicit Drug Reporting System’ and ‘Ecstasy and Related Drugs Reporting System’ in Australia. She has an Honours degree in Applied Psychology and recently graduated from her PhD which examined use of ecstasy and associations with mental health and cognitive performance. Her research interests primarily include epidemiological research methods, ecstasy and meth/amphetamine use, as well as alcohol use in tertiary settings.

Ms Denise Gilchrist

*Manager, ANCD Secretariat*

Ms Gilchrist has worked for the past 27 years in the AOD and mental health sector at both government and non-government levels. She has worked in a number of roles, including that of director at a non-government drug and alcohol facility in Darwin, in areas of acute and forensic mental health as a psychiatric nurse as well as a senior policy and project officer with NT Department of Health and Community Services.

Ms Gilchrist has a particular interest in residential drug and alcohol treatment services including the therapeutic community model of treatment and workforce development issues. Ms Gilchrist has completed a Bachelor of Nursing Degree, a Master of Mental Health and a Diploma in Business Management.
Ms Edith Graham  
*Finance Officer, ANCD Secretariat*

Ms Graham joined the Secretariat in November, 2006. She has an extensive banking and financial background, having worked in the industry for the past 15 years. She has a Bachelor of Business Administration, majoring in Economics and Marketing.

Ms Tracey Kristiansen  
*Policy and Project Officer, ANCD Secretariat*

Ms Kristiansen joined the Secretariat in June 2006. Previously Tracey worked extensively in Project Management positions within the information technology sector. She holds a Bachelor of Management from the University of Canberra majoring in International Politics and is currently completing a Masters in Public Policy at the Australian National University. Ms Kristiansen sits on the Asia Pacific Drug Issues Committee and has a strong interest in the Asia Pacific region specifically relating to the drug and alcohol sector.

Ms Julie O’Donnell  
*Office Administrator, ANCD Secretariat*

Ms O’Donnell joined the Secretariat in September 2006. Previously she has worked in Administrator positions within the private sector. Ms O’Donnell’s responsibilities include organisation of meetings and functions, travel arrangements for members and staff and various other administration tasks.

*David Crosbie, Garth Popple, Senator Ursula Stephens, John Herron and Margaret Hamilton at the launch of the ANCD’s report ‘Non-government organisations in the alcohol and other drugs sector’ in Brisbane on 21 May 2009.*
# Acronyms

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