

PROJECT UPDATE APRIL 2011



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THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL COUNCIL ON DRUGS

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. A particular priority of the ANCD is to support initiatives that continue to build capacity within the alcohol and other drugs (AOD) sector to facilitate best practice.

Each year the ANCD commissions a number of projects. These projects are selected following consideration of the ANCD's role and work plan priorities, consultations with the alcohol and other drugs (AOD) sector, and consideration of where the AOD sector and/or the ANCD require further information in order to provide credible advice to Government. The ANCD ensures that research projects provide a current and evidence based approach to current AOD issues and is widely disseminated.

1. SOON TO BE RELEASED REPORTS AND PROJECTS

1.1 Injecting Drug Use and Associated Harms Among Aboriginal Australians

This project was undertaken by a consortium consisting of Anex and the National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO).

With this project the ANCD is interested in obtaining an understanding of the dimensions and characteristics of Indigenous injecting drug use and its associated harms including gaps in knowledge and whether there are specific issues that exist for Indigenous people.

The project focuses on the implications of the findings in relation to Indigenous injecting drug use, the risks, associated harms, self harm and injury amongst Indigenous Australians.

The report on the project has been completed and is due for release on 19 April. Copies can be obtained from the ANCD Secretariat or the ANCD website.

1.2 E-Bulletin

In May 2011, Of Substance will launch its first e-bulletin, a short online newsletter which will be published between printed issues, each May and September. The e-bulletin is designed to provide updates to the sector and to maintain audience awareness of Of Substance.

2. NEWLY COMMISSIONED PROJECT

2.1 Link between Amphetamine Type Stimulant Use and Transmission of HIV and other Blood Borne Viruses in the South East Asia

Burnett Institute and the National Drug Research Institute (NDRI) have recently been commissioned by the ANCD to undertake this project.

This project seeks to determine the link between Amphetamine Type Stimulant (ATS) use and potential Blood Borne Virus (BBV) transmission

with particular reference to the South East Asian experience and will involve a review of available information from both published and grey literature and key stakeholders. Additionally, this will include an assessment of the data quality.

The project is expected to be completed by the third quarter of 2011.

3. CURRENT PROJECTS

3.1 Supply, Demand and Harm Reduction Strategies in Australian Prisons: An Update

The University of New South Wales was commissioned to undertake this project.

The project involves providing an update on earlier work that was published by the ANCD in 2004 which reviewed alcohol and other drug use strategies/ programs within Australian prisons with the aim of collating information about measures to reduce the supply and demand for alcohol and other drugs in these prisons.

With the update, information will be provided on:

- the number and proportion of prisoners with a history of problematic alcohol and/other drug use estimated to be in Australian prisons and how this compares to the earlier figures; and
- the range and depth of supply, demand and harm reduction alcohol and other drug programs and services available in prisons across each jurisdiction. This review will include details on availability, access and extent of use of each of these programs.

Similarly to the previous review, this project is to focus on adult prisoners and people on remand.

It is anticipated that the project will be completed towards the end of 2011.

3.2 Of Substance - Print magazine

Of Substance is a free, triannual magazine that addresses alcohol, tobacco and other drug (ATOD) issues and problems in Australia. The magazine's primary audience is frontline workers in the drug and alcohol field, however, it is highly relevant to individuals and organisations from many related

sectors including health professionals, social workers, educators, researchers, law enforcers and policy-makers.

Written in plain English, Of Substance reports on the latest news and research in the field; regional, national and international data and trends; and a range of skills and techniques for best practice treatment.

To ensure the quality of the magazine, the Managing Editor is guided by a Board of Management and an Editorial Reference Group. Members of these two groups are drawn from a diverse range of backgrounds in the ATOD field including treatment, research, publishing and education.

To view the current and past issues of Of Substance, please visit www.ofsubstance.org.au.

3.3 Jobs Of Substance

Jobs Of Substance is a job vacancy website for people working in the alcohol and other drugs sector and other community health and welfare areas. Still in its infancy, Jobs Of Substance provides a central place for people to nationally search for and advertise vacant positions in these sectors, rather than advertisements being 'lost' in the larger mainstream advertising mediums.

There is no cost to list a job advertisement for 30 days. For information, visit www.jobsofsubstance.org.au.

3.4 National Drug and Alcohol Awards 2011

The Awards are an annual event that encourage, recognise and celebrate the achievements to prevent and reduce alcohol and other drug use and harm in Australia.

The 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 ANCD is hosting the National Drug and Alcohol Awards this year in Sydney on Friday 24 June.

Information on the Awards can be accessed from: <http://www.drugawards.org.au/>

3.5 IFNGO Conference 2011

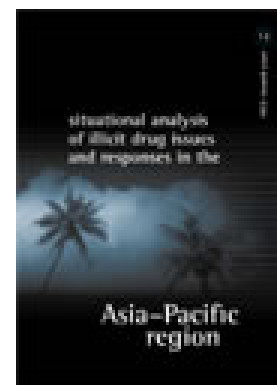
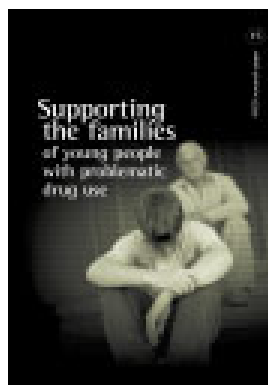
The ANCD is organising and supporting the International Federation of NGO (IFNGO)'s Conference which is being held in Kuala Lumpur in November 2011. Information on the Conference can be accessed from the Conference website: <http://www.ifngoconference.org/>



3.6 National Indigenous Drug and Alcohol Conference 2012

The 2nd National Indigenous Drug and Alcohol Conference, proudly hosted by the National Indigenous Drug and Alcohol Committee (NIDAC) is being held in Fremantle from 6 - 8 June 2012.

Further information about the Conference will be available shortly.



4. COMPLETED PROJECTS/ REPORTS

4.1 Research Reports

ANCD Research paper 1

Heroin overdose: prevalence, correlates, consequences and interventions

ANCD Research paper 2

Structural determinants of youth drug use

ANCD Research paper 3

Evidence supporting treatment

ANCD Research paper 4

Indigenous drug and alcohol projects 1999-2000

ANCD Research paper 5

Drug policy: the Australian approach

ANCD Research paper 6

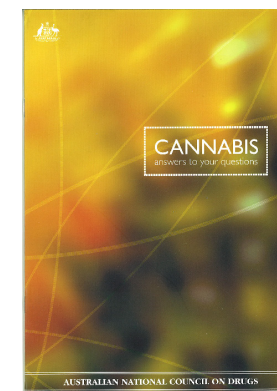
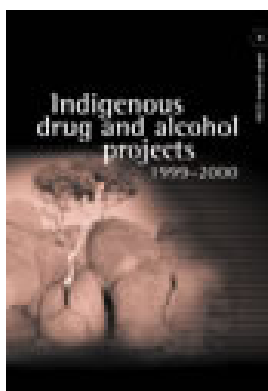
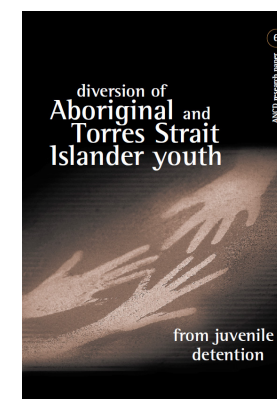
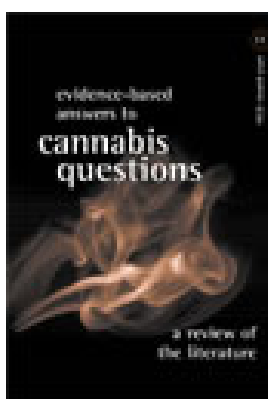
Diversion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander youth from juvenile detention

ANCD Research paper 7

Dealing with risk: a multidisciplinary study of injecting drug use, hepatitis C and other blood-borne viruses in Australia

ANCD Research paper 8

Indigenous drug and alcohol projects: elements of best practice



ANCD Research paper 9

Supply, demand and harm reduction strategies in Australian prisons: implementation, cost and evaluation

ANCD Research paper 10

Mapping national drug treatment capacity

ANCD Research paper 11

Evidence –based answers to cannabis questions: a review of the literature

ANCD Research paper 12

Asia Pacific Region – Situational analysis of illicit drug issues and responses in the Asia Pacific Region

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 Families: Investigating Support Options for Family Members of Young People with Problematic Drug Use

ANCD Research paper 16

Drug Testing in Schools: Evidence, Impacts and Alternatives

ANCD Research paper 17

Non government organisations in the alcohol and other drugs sector

ANCD Research paper 18

Polygon: the many sides to the Australian opioid pharmacotherapy maintenance system

ANCD Research paper 19

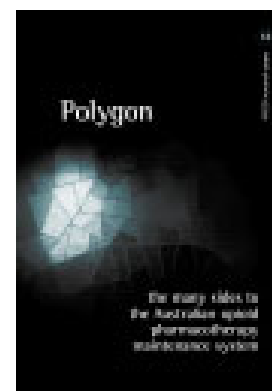
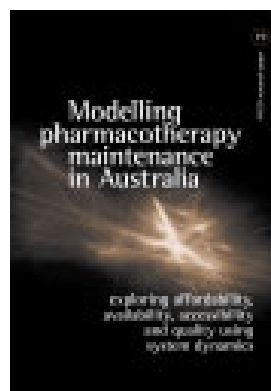
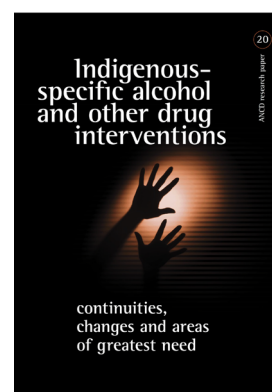
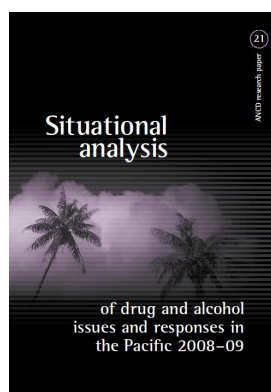
Modelling pharmacotherapy maintenance in Australia

ANCD Research paper 20

Indigenous-specific alcohol and other drug interventions: continuities, changes and areas of greatest need

ANCD Research paper 21

Situational analysis of drug and alcohol issues and responses in the Pacific 2008–09



4.2 Other Reports

- NGO Burden of Submission Writing Survey/ Report
- Beyond 2008 Regional Report: Australia and New Zealand
- Allocation of Resources to Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug Treatment Services: A review of the literature
- Alcohol and Other Drugs Charter
- Media report – Key principles for the reporting of drug issues
- Cannabis: answers to your questions
- Cape York Indigenous Issues
- ANCD national report – Rural and regional alcohol and other drugs consultation forums
- ANCD national report – Rural and regional co-morbidity workshops
- ANCD and NEACA national report – Fetal Alcohol Syndrome National Workshop 2002

4.3 Position Papers

- Medically Supervised Injecting Centre (MSIC) position statement – 2008
- Methamphetamines Position Paper
- Naloxone availability: A secondary position paper on heroin related overdoses
- Needle and syringe programs Position Paper
- Heroin related overdose Position Paper
- High risk groups and behaviours: A secondary position paper on heroin related overdoses
- Bridges and Barriers: Addressing Indigenous Incarceration and health
- Addressing harmful alcohol use amongst Indigenous Australians
- Locally designed and operated Indigenous community models and practices that address Indigenous alcohol and other drug use

4.4 Other Projects

- National Drug and Alcohol Awards 2004-2010
- National Indigenous Drug and Alcohol Conference 2010
- Homeless Information Portal website
- Positive Stories website
- ANCD rural and regional alcohol and other drugs study grants program 2000-2007



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