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About NDRI

The National Drug Research Institute (NDRI) is one of the largest centres of alcohol and other drug research expertise in Australia. NDRI is based at Curtin University in Perth, Western Australia, with a satellite office in Melbourne, Victoria. NDRI is an integral part of the national strategy aimed at minimising the harm associated with legal and illegal drug use in Australia. Our role is to conduct and disseminate high quality research that contributes to effective policy, strategies and practice to prevent and reduce harmful alcohol and other drug use. Our research is complemented by the work of the National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre (NDARC) at the University of New South Wales in Sydney and the National Centre for Education and Training on Addiction (NCETA) at Flinders University in Adelaide.

NDRI is supported by core funding from the Australian Government under the Drug and Alcohol Program and also receives significant funding from Curtin University. Additional competitive funds are attracted from a range of state, national and international funding bodies such as the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) and the Australian Research Council (ARC). NDRI is a World Health Organization (WHO) Collaborating Centre for the Prevention of Alcohol and Drug Abuse.

Mission

Our mission is to conduct and disseminate high quality research that supports evidence informed policy, strategies and practice approaches to prevent and minimise alcohol and other drug-related health, social and economic harms among individuals, families and communities in Australia.

Key Result Areas

- Conduct research that contributes to the evidence base to support policy, strategies and practice to prevent and reduce alcohol and other drug-related health, social and economic harm.
- Contribute to enhancing the national capacity for research and engage with key groups to translate research findings to policy, strategies and practice.

Values

Our work is guided by the following values:

- Encouragement of academic excellence and productivity
- Academic independence
- Service to the community
- Social equity and justice, including a commitment to Aboriginal Australians
- Relevance to efforts to combat major health and social problems
- The need for rigour and evidence in policy and practice development and implementation
- Openness to other views from internal and external peer review
- Ethical conduct
- Support for and development of early career researchers
- Fairness and equity for staff of all levels
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Northern Territory Department of Health
As always, this last year has been a great one for achievements and outputs by NDRI staff, yet it has also been a year of renewal.

In reading the ‘highlights and achievements’ for the year that follows this report, it is apparent that not only has NDRI continued to perform at the highest level in terms of academic outputs of grants, publications and PhD students supervised, but our focus on research relevance, application and impact has remained high as we contribute to practical, real world solutions to alcohol and other drug related harm in Australian communities. Central to this is the engagement of, and partnership with, community and government stakeholders in co-designing and conducting research to maximise the translation of research findings to inform local, national and international policies and strategies.

During the year our staff and students produced 110 NDRI publications including refereed journal articles, reports, books and chapters, gave 60 presentations at conferences, seminars and other events in Australia and internationally, and supervised 16 students. In 2017 we were successful in winning $667,000 in competitive NHMRC and ARC research grants, $1,330,462 in other government and community grants, and NDRI received around 950 mentions in the media.

Consistent with the renewal theme, in late 2016 the Australian Government opened a tender call for funding of national alcohol and other drug research centres. Our bid for funding, along with those by NCETA and NDARC, was successful and we received two years funding from July 2017. A fourth drug research centre, the Centre for Youth Substance Abuse Research (CYSAR) at the University of Queensland was also successful in its bid for funding. The work of CYSAR complements the work of the other three centres, NDRI, NDARC and NCETA, and we have enjoyed developing a closer working relationship with them during 2017.

As part of the tender process NDRI staff and management were involved in re-casting our strategic plan. This revision, which is soon to be finalised, covers the period from 2017 to 2022 consistent with the timeline for the latest iteration of National Drug Strategy 2017-2022. The new strategy includes updates of the NDRI mission statement and key result areas, to better reflect the current and future work of the Institute and bring them in line with the revised NDS. There has also been a streamlining of our strategic research priorities from 11 down to 6, encompassing the same range of work, but allowing more efficient reporting. The renewed strategic direction emphasises NDRI’s engagement with community stakeholders in the co-design and conduct of research, and in the translation and application of research findings into practical drug policies and strategies.

Our virtual front door, the NDRI website, has also been updated and renewed in 2017. After a long process of approvals through the appropriate Curtin University marketing, corporate communications and other relevant channels, we were able to re-develop the NDRI website as a standalone site that suits our particular needs as a primarily Commonwealth-funded Institute. The development of the website was a major undertaking and required a great deal of work, particularly by NDRI’s communication and computer systems staff. NDRI is unique in that it uses a separate database that houses all the research information, impact and products undertaken at the Institute and this is linked to and directly populates the website. With a modern and accessible look and feel, the website also incorporates a new content management system providing extra functionality. Have a look for yourself at ndri.curtin.edu.au.

In November we celebrated our 30-year anniversary with a one-day symposium entitled ‘Working with Communities: Alcohol and Other Drug Intervention and Policy Research’. The event was well attended by over 100 people including representatives from the Australian Government Department of Health, Curtin University, practitioners, policy makers and students from the alcohol and other drug field, state and local government and police. The symposium included presentations from NDRI’s former Director Emeritus Professor David Hawks and NDRI researchers and students from our Perth and Melbourne offices. A highlight of the day was an outstanding panel of guest speakers from the policy, police, media, drug treatment and drug consumer sectors who provided diverse perspectives on stigma and discrimination around alcohol and other drugs.

To conclude I would like to thank and acknowledge the fantastic contribution and commitment of all NDRI researchers, students and business support staff during 2017. Finally I wish to thank our Australian Government and Curtin University funders, and acknowledge the support of the NDRI Board throughout the year.

Professor Simon Lenton
Director
NDRI celebrated three decades of research aimed at preventing and reducing harmful alcohol and other drug use in Australia, marking the occasion with a 30th anniversary symposium in November (see page 7).

After 13 years based at Curtin University's Health Research Campus in the western Perth suburb of Shenton Park, NDRI relocated to new premises at Technology Park adjacent to Curtin's main campus in the suburb of Bentley.

NDRI launched its new website, providing a fresh and exciting portal to the work done at the Institute, and greatly benefiting staff and stakeholders now and into the future.

NDRI, as consortium partners with lead agency NDARC, St Vincent's Health Australia and NCETA, was successful in winning an $8 million grant to run a Centre of Excellence for the Clinical Management of Emerging Drugs of Concern, which will bring together clinical and research expertise across the AOD sector to respond to new and emerging substances.

NDRI researchers Associate Professor Rebecca McKetin, Professor Suzanne Fraser and Professor David Moore received more than $2.5 million in prestigious and highly competitive grants for research into methamphetamine treatment, naloxone uptake, and performance and image enhancing drug use.

Dr Michael Wright received substantial funding for two new projects aimed at transforming mental health and drug and alcohol services to provide culturally appropriate access for Aboriginal people.

Professor Steve Allsop was inducted into the National Honour Roll as part of the 2017 Alcohol and Drug Excellence and Innovation Awards, recognising his outstanding contribution to addressing alcohol and other drug issues in Australia (see highlight box, page 6).

Adjunct Professor Nicole Lee and Professor Simon Lenton were both recipients of 2017 Curtin University Media Awards for their contributions to The Conversation for, respectively, most articles published, and article most widely read.

Dr Anne-Marie Laslett was voted President-elect of the prestigious Kettil Bruun Society (KBS) for Social and Epidemiological Research on Alcohol, an international organization of scientists engaged in research on the social aspects of alcohol use and alcohol problems.

Professors David Moore and Suzanne Fraser were part of the organising committee for the fourth biennial Contemporary Drug Problems conference held in August in Helsinki, Finland which was attended by 132 delegates from 22 countries and extremely well received. Papers were presented by Professors Moore and Fraser, NDRI PhD students Adrian Farrugia, Shelley Walker and Eliana Sarmiento, and NDRI adjuncts Monica Barratt, Cameron Duff and Kate Seear.

Professor Simon Lenton attended the first WHO Forum on alcohol, drugs and addictive behaviours in June in Geneva, Switzerland, which attracted some 200 delegates from 30 countries and included presentations by international agencies and government representatives from around the world.

Professor Simon Lenton was appointed by the Western Australian Premier to the WA Government’s new Methamphetamine Action Plan Task Force, a six-person body that will advise on specific issues relating to implementation of the State's Methamphetamine Action Plan.

The Aboriginal Australian research team produced a new Review of the harmful use of alcohol among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people which was published on the Australian Indigenous HealthInfoNet and has subsequently received extremely positive feedback.

NDRI published a new report on The social costs of methamphetamine in Australia, the result of an Australian Government Department of Health funded-study led by NDRI and including colleagues from NDARC, NCETA and others from across Australia, to comprehensively evaluate the social and economic harms arising from methamphetamine use.

NDRI published a new report illuminating the lived experiences of alcohol and other drug addiction or dependence in Australia. Produced by a team of researchers led by Professor Suzanne Fraser, the project on which the report was based also produced the ground-breaking public website Livesofsubstance.org.

Canadian researcher Adam Sherk visited NDRI to train the alcohol policy research team in new global burden of disease (GBD) methods developed by Professor Jurgen Rehm’s group in Toronto. The new approach will assist with the development of cutting edge national morbidity and mortality estimates for the National Alcohol Indicators project.

Professor Tanya Chikritzhs’ international collaboration with the Swedish Government and other researchers on the development of new methods for evaluating alcohol policy change resulted in the publication of a report, What are the public health and safety benefits of the Swedish government alcohol monopoly?, commissioned by Systembolaget.
National recognition for Steve Allsop

NDRI’s Professor Steve Allsop was inducted into the National Honour Roll as part of the 2017 Alcohol and Drug Excellence and Innovation Awards. The National Honour Roll recognises individuals who have made an outstanding contribution to addressing alcohol and other drug issues over a substantial period of time. Supported by the Australian Government and the Alcohol and Drug Foundation, the awards acknowledge the work of individuals and organisations within the alcohol and other drugs (AOD) sector.

Australian Drug Foundation CEO John Rogerson said Steve Allsop had spent more than 40 years at the forefront of research in the AOD sector, earning a reputation for bridging the gap between research and policy. He is internationally respected and has held leadership roles in national policy groups and drug strategies.

“These awards recognise the commitment, hard work and passion of those in the AOD sector,” John Rogerson said. “A lot of work is done by many anonymous people within the AOD sector. It is very important we shine the spotlight on the significant contribution that people like Professor Allsop make.”

Steve has worked in AOD since 1980 across a range of high-level roles, including as NDRI Director from 2005-2016, Acting Executive Director of the WA Drug and Alcohol Office, and NCETA Director at Flinders University for five years. He played a significant role in establishing early workforce and organisational development in AOD in Australia and has had a major impact in research translation through both workforce and sector development and facilitating strategic planning and policy implementation by Australian and state/territory governments.
Three decades of research impact – NDRI’s 30th anniversary symposium

More than 100 people came together at the National Drug Research Institute’s 30th anniversary symposium, held to mark three decades of research aimed at preventing and reducing harmful alcohol and other drug (AOD) use in Australia.

Reflecting the symposium theme of ‘Working with Communities: Alcohol and Other Drug Intervention and Policy Research’, leading NDRI researchers presented their latest innovative research in AOD treatment, harm reduction, policy and prevention across a range of research areas, from methamphetamine, online interventions and prisoner health to alcohol policy, Aboriginal communities, overdose response and addiction.

The ‘working with communities’ theme demonstrated NDRI’s commitment to meaningfully involve relevant communities in the research it conducts, from early planning stages through to final outputs.

A highlight of the event was an outstanding panel of guest speakers providing diverse perspectives on stigma and discrimination around alcohol and other drugs. Panel speakers included former WA Police Commissioner Karl O’Callaghan; Chris Killick-Moran from the Australian Government Department of Health’s Drug Strategy Branch; longstanding health journalist Marnie McKimmie; Cyrenian House CEO Carol Daws; Paul Dessauer from the WA Substance Users Association; and panel chair Terry Slevin from the Cancer Council.

The symposium also featured an introduction from former NDRI Director David Hawks, who outlined some of the key milestones in NDRI’s establishment; a Welcome to Country by Curtin Elder in Residence Simon Forrest; and poster presentations from NDRI early career researchers and PhD students covering such topics as alcohol marketing and social media, ‘study drug’ use, and drug use at outdoor music festivals.

NDARC Director, Professor Michael Farrell, and Mr David Laffan, Assistant Secretary, Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs Branch, Australian Government Department of Health, also participated in the symposium reflecting the close working relationships between the Australian Government Department of Health and all the centres funded under the Australian Government’s Drug and Alcohol Program.

Held at the Technology Park Function Centre in Bentley, Perth on 30th November, the symposium attracted a wide range of participants, including policy makers, people working in health and AOD treatment services, local government representatives and law enforcement officers.
The National Drug Research Institute (NDRI) is amongst the largest centres of alcohol and other drug research expertise in Australia. Since our inception in 1986, we have conducted novel, high quality, strategic research that aims to inform Australia’s response to alcohol and other drug problems at local, state and national levels.

NDRI focuses on research and other outputs that have policy and practice relevance and impact. To achieve this, we work in partnership and collaboration with Australian, state and local governments; with health, social and law enforcement services; and with communities. To ensure broad and enduring impact, capacity building is central to our work.

Our researchers come from diverse backgrounds including psychology, epidemiology, biostatistics, sociology, anthropology, medicine and public health. A range of high level skills and a wealth of knowledge contribute to innovative, multi-disciplinary research approaches.

The following pages list new, ongoing and completed projects undertaken by NDRI researchers during 2017, organised by key research priorities (listed below). Further project information can be found on NDRI’s website at ndri.curtin.edu.au.

**Key Research Priorities**

NDRI’s research priority areas align with the National Drug Strategy 2017–2026 and are responsive to current and emerging Australian Government priorities regarding alcohol and other drugs.

Our current focus is on conducting research and building capacity in the following six areas:

- Alcohol and other drug policy and strategies
- Needs of Aboriginal Australians
- Innovation in prevention and early intervention
- Social contexts of alcohol and other drug use
- Reducing harm among people who use alcohol and other drugs
- Innovation in the management of alcohol and other drug problems
Research Activities

ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG POLICY AND STRATEGIES

Informing, evaluating and investigating policy to ensure the most effective evidence based measures are in place

Policy research takes a broad approach to alcohol and other drugs (AOD) that spans issues that influence social, health, regulatory and enforcement policy in Australia and overseas. It focuses on conducting targeted data collection and trend analysis and monitoring; and evaluating the impact of various models of regulatory and legislative controls and policies on AOD use and its consequences. It aims to inform activities across the sector, in particular Government policies and strategies, and has a major focus on assessing the impact of changes in policy at national and international levels, investigating models of control in other countries to build the evidence base, providing strategic advice to government, and informing community debate.

New Projects

Alcohol and cannabis: Intervention research
NDRI staff: Tanya Chikritzhs
Project leader: Karolinska Institute, Sweden
Project partners: Stockholm County Council; Stockholm Center for Dependency; MIC Lab AB; Boston University, USA; University of York, UK; Stockholm County Hospital; University of Victoria;
Funded by: Forte

Alcohol brief intervention - Evaluation
NDRI staff: Robert Tait
Funded by: WA Primary Health Alliance

Alcohol’s harm to others: Multinational cultural contexts and policy implications
NDRI staff: Anne-Marie Laslett
Project leader: Public Health Institute, USA
Project partners: University of California, USA; Ministry of Public Health, Thailand; University of Uyo, Nigeria; National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences, India; UNESP Brazil; University of Oslo, Norway; University of North Dakota, USA; Aarhus University, Denmark; Centre for Addiction and Mental Health, Canada;
Addiction Switzerland Research Institute, Switzerland; Centre for Alcohol Policy Research, La Trobe University; University of North Dakota, USA
Funded by: US National Institutes of Health

Ongoing Projects

Developing health promotion messages to encourage responsible drinking practices
NDRI staff: Tanya Chikritzhs
Project leader: Curtin University
Project partners: Cancer Council Victoria; University of Newcastle
Funded by: Healthway

Developing an interactive web based alcohol harm monitoring tool for Australia - Burden of disease analysis
NDRI staff: Tanya Chikritzhs
Project partner: CARBC, University of Victoria, Canada
Funded by: NDRI

Developing and testing cancer warning messages for alcohol product labels
NDRI staff: Tanya Chikritzhs, Wenbin Liang
Project leader: UWA
Funded by: Healthway

Does risk-based licensing of alcohol sales reduce alcohol-related harm?
NDRI staff: Tanya Chikritzhs, Eveline Lensvelt
Project partners: School of Psychology, Deakin University; Centre for Addiction and Mental Health, USA
Funded by: ARC

Ecstasy and related drugs reporting system (EDRS)
NDRI staff: Simon Lenton, Jodie Grigg
Project leaders: NDARC, UNSW
Funded by: NDLERF

Effective health promotion with young risky drinkers
NDRI staff: Tina Lam, Steve Allsop
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Funded by: Healthway
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ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG POLICY AND STRATEGIES (continued)

Exploring alcohol-related beliefs and behaviours among 18-21 year old Western Australian drinkers
NDRI staff: Tanya Chikritzhs
Project leaders: Health Promotion Evaluation Unit, UWA
Project partners: McCusker Centre for Action on Alcohol and Youth, Curtin University; Centre for Health Initiatives, University of Wollongong
Funded by: Healthway

Harm to children from others’ drinking
NDRI staff: Anne-Marie Laslett, Tanya Chikritzhs
Funded by: NHMRC Early Career Research Fellowship

Illicit drug reporting system (IDRS)
NDRI staff: Simon Lenton, James Fetherston
Project leaders: NDARC, UNSW
Funded by: AGDH and NDLERF

Investigating the impact of liquor superstores in Western Australia
NDRI staff: Tanya Chikritzhs, Wenbin Liang, William Gilmore
Funded by: Mental Health Commission

Modelling the public health and safety impacts of liquor licensing changes on communities: Enhancing evidence-based liquor licensing decisions
NDRI staff: Wenbin Liang, Tanya Chikritzhs, Will Gilmore, Eveline Lensvelt
Funded by: Healthway

National alcohol indicators project (NAIP)
NDRI staff: Tanya Chikritzhs, William Gilmore, Eveline Lensvelt
Funded by: AGDH

National alcohol sales data project (stage 5)
NDRI staff: Tanya Chikritzhs, Steve Allsop, Wendy Loxley, William Gilmore
Funded by: AGDH

Proximity to alcohol outlets and risk of road crash:
A population-based study
NDRI staff: Tanya Chikritzhs, William Gilmore
Project leaders: George Institute
Funded by: Australian Rechabite Foundation

Pub extended trading hours: Effects on drunkenness and alcohol-related harm
NDRI staff: Tanya Chikritzhs, Wenbin Liang, William Gilmore, Eveline Lensvelt
Project partners: School of Psychology, Deakin University; Centre for Epidemiology and Biostatistics, University of Newcastle; Centre for Addiction and Mental Health, USA; Licensing Enforcement Division, Western Australia Police
Funded by: Healthway

World Health Organization and ThaiHealth “Harm from others’ drinking project: Phases 1 and 2”
NDRI staff: Anne-Marie Laslett
Project partners: Centre for Alcohol Policy Research, La Trobe University
Funded by: WHO and Thai Health Promotion Foundation

Young Australians alcohol reporting system 2016-2017 (YAARS)
NDRI staff: Tina Lam, Tanya Chikritzhs, Will Gilmore, Steve Allsop, Simon Lenton, Wenbin Liang
Project partners: Turning Point, Monash University; NDARC, UNSW; Charles Darwin University; Flinders University
Funded by: AGDH

Completed Projects

Identifying the social costs of methamphetamine: Establishing a methodology to identify the social costs of drugs and alcohol
NDRI staff: Steve Allsop, Tanya Chikritzhs, Simon Lenton, Dennis Gray, Ted Wilkes, Wenbin Liang, Robert Tait, Kim Cartwright
Project partners: NDARC, UNSW; South Australian Centre for Economic Studies; Australian National University
Funded by: AGDH

Project information available at ndri.curtin.edu.au
Research Activities

NEEDS OF ABORIGINAL AUSTRALIANS

Working with Aboriginal Australians to prevent and reduce alcohol and illicit drug harm

This research contributes to prevention and reduction of the burden of harm caused by alcohol and other drugs (AOD) among Aboriginal Australians. Research focuses on the inter-related topics of changing patterns of AOD use, factors related to harmful use, more efficient and effective provision of services, and improved policy responses. Research is based on well-established partnerships with Aboriginal community controlled health organisations, with Aboriginal community stakeholders and organisations actively involved in all aspects of research from planning through to translation into policy and strategies.

New Projects

A Centre for Research Excellence: Building Indigenous research capacity to find solutions to alcohol problems
NDRI staff: Dennis Gray
Project leaders: University of Sydney
Project partners: Aboriginal Drug and Alcohol Council (SA); University of NSW; Inala Indigenous Health Service; Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, Sydney; University of Wollongong; University of Queensland; NSW Health
Funded by: NHMRC

Building bridges: Co-designing engagement with Aboriginal youth
NDRI staff: Michael Wright, Nikayla Crisp, Tiana Culbong
Project partners: Telethon Kids Institute, UWA
Funded by: Healthway

Defying the odds: Exploring the impact of perinatal outcomes, maternal social and health outcomes and level of culturally appropriate service availability on the health of Western Australian Aboriginal infants and children
NDRI staff: Jocelyn Jones
Project leaders: Baker IDI Health and Diabetes Institute
Project partners: UNSW; Telethon Kids Institute, UWA; Australian National University; Edith Cowan University; Curtin University; Child & Adolescent Community Health; SAHMRI
Funded by: NHMRC

Looking forward - moving forward project: Transforming systems to improve mental health and drug and alcohol outcomes for Aboriginal peoples
NDRI staff: Michael Wright, Steve Allsop, Marg O’Connell, Helen Lette
Project partners: South Australian Health and Medical Research Institute; University of Western Australia; Mental Health Commission WA; Telethon Kids Institute, UWA; WA Department of Health
Funded by: NHMRC Partnership Grant

Ongoing Projects

The sexual health and attitudes of Australian prisoners
NDRI staff: Jocelyn Jones, Mandy Wilson
Project leaders: Kirby Institute, UNSW
Project partners: Western Sydney University
Funded by: NHMRC

Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal women perpetrators of violence: A trial of a prison-based intervention (Beyond Violence)
NDRI staff: Mandy Wilson, Jocelyn Jones
Project leaders: Kirby Institute, UNSW
Project partners: Michigan State University; University of Newcastle; University of New South Wales; NDARC, UNSW
Funded by: NHMRC

Australian Indigenous Alcohol and other Drugs Knowledge Centre
NDRI staff: Dennis Gray, Ted Wilkes
Project leaders: Australian Indigenous HealthInfoNet, ECU
Project partners: NDARC, UNSW; NCETA, Flinders University
Funded by: AGDH

Better methods to collect self-report data on alcohol use from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians
NDRI staff: Tanya Chikritzhs, Dennis Gray, Ted Wilkes
Project leaders: University of Sydney
Project partners: Turning Point; University of Queensland; Aboriginal Health Council South Australia; National Centre for Epidemiology & Population Health, ANU; NDARC, UNSW; Aboriginal Health & Medical Research Council (NSW)
Funded by: NHMRC

See Appendix (page 34) for list of abbreviations
Research Activities

NEEDS OF ABORIGINAL AUSTRALIANS (continued)

Closing the gap in early childhood development: Community driven evidence, translation, policy, and practice - grow children up strong
NDRI staff: Michael Wright
Project leaders: Telethon Kids Institute
Project partners: Australian Catholic University
Funded by: NHMRC

Development of resources to prevent crystal methamphetamine (‘ice’) related harms in the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population ‘Indigenous Ice Toolkit’
NDRI staff: Dennis Gray, Ted Wilkes, Steve Allsop, Nyanda McBride
Project partners: SAHMRI; Milliya Rumurra Aboriginal Corporation; ADAC (SA), Queensland Aboriginal and Islander Health Council; Australian Indigenous AOD Knowledge Centre; NDARC, UNSW
Funded by: AGDH

Evaluation of the establishment of the Footsteps - Road to Recovery (Footsteps) program
NDRI staff: Dennis Gray
Project partners: Aboriginal Drug and Alcohol Council (SA)
Funded by: ADAC (SA)

Fighting, alcohol and offending: Interventions targeting Aboriginal girls
NDRI staff: Mandy Wilson, Jocelyn Jones, Julia Butt, Ted Wilkes
Project partners: Aboriginal Alcohol and Drug Service
Funded by: Healthway

Increasing uptake of evidence-based management of unhealthy alcohol use in Aboriginal primary health care services
NDRI staff: Ted Wilkes, Dennis Gray
Project leaders: University of Sydney
Project partners: Royal Prince Alfred Hospital; Inala Indigenous Health Service; University of Wollongong; Aboriginal Drug and Alcohol Council, SA; Aboriginal Health Council, SA; UNSW
Funded by: NHMRC

The next generation: Understanding health trajectories in Aboriginal adolescents and youth
NDRI staff: Ted Wilkes, Dennis Gray
Project leaders: Baker IDI Heart and Diabetes Institute
Project partners: National Centre for Epidemiology and Population Health, Australian National University; University of Sydney; UNSW; Centre for Informing Health Policy with Evidence from Research; Monash Children’s Hospital
Funded by: NHMRC

Completed Projects

Mental Health, Sexual Health and Reproductive Health Survey (MeH-JOSH) – Queensland and Western Australia
NDRI staff: Jocelyn Jones
Project leaders: Kirby Institute, UNSW
Project partners: North Metro Area Mental Health Service WA; Queensland Health; Queensland Forensic Mental Health Services
Funded by: NHMRC

Social and cultural resilience and emotional well-being of Aboriginal mothers in prison
NDRI staff: Mandy Wilson, Jocelyn Jones
Project leaders: Kirby Institute, UNSW
Project partners: Combined Universities Centre for Rural Health WA; University of Technology, Sydney; ANU Medical School; National Perinatal Epidemiology and Statistics Unit, UNSW
Funded by: NHMRC
Research Activities

INNOVATION IN PREVENTION AND EARLY INTERVENTION

Innovative and effective ways to delay or prevent alcohol and other drug use and harm

This research aims to prevent early and problematic use of alcohol and other drugs (AOD) and adverse consequences, particularly during childhood and adolescence. It includes a focus on early intervention programs for high risk children, families and communities and incorporates research and evaluations of the social determinants of AOD use and the impact of AOD use during pregnancy. The research builds on international work exploring social and economic benefits of prevention and early intervention, particularly among marginalised populations, on more equitable health outcomes, reduced hazardous and harmful drug use, safer children and more cohesive communities.

Ongoing Projects

A qualitative study of the experience of mothers of children with Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Disorders in urban settings: An exploration of social networks and professional advice
NDRI staff: Nyanda McBride
Project partners: Murdoch University

Adolescent alcohol use: Determining priorities for parent interventions
NDRI staff: Nyanda McBride
Project leaders: Edith Cowan University
Project partners: Telethon Kids Institute; Curtin University; University of Newcastle; Mental Health Commission
Funded by: Healthway

Can parents teach their children to drink responsibly? Or, is one drop a drop too many?
NDRI staff: Nyanda McBride
Project leaders: NDARC, UNSW
Project partners: QADREC, University of Queensland; Centre for Clinical Epidemiology and Biostatistics, University of Newcastle; University of Tasmania
Funded by: ARC

Internet-based universal prevention for anxiety, depression and substance use in young Australians (CLIMATE Schools Combined (CSC) Study)
NDRI staff: Steve Allsop, Nyanda McBride, Nina Te Pas
Project leaders: NDARC
Project partners: Clinical Research Unit for Anxiety and Depression, UNSW; Centre for Youth Substance Abuse Research, QUT
Funded by: NHMRC

International dissemination of the School Health and Alcohol Harm Reduction Project (SHAHRP)
NDRI staff: Nyanda McBride
Funded by: NDRI

Mental health and the PATH to Midlife
NDRI staff: Rebecca McKetin
Project leaders: University of Melbourne
Project partners: Australian National University, University of New South Wales; University of Aberdeen
Funded by: NHMRC

Paternal contribution to alcohol exposed pregnancies and fetal and infant health
NDRI staff: Nyanda McBride
Funded by: NDRI

Positive Choices drug and alcohol information online portal
NDRI staff: Steve Allsop, Nyanda McBride
Project leaders: NDARC, UNSW
Funded by: AGDH

School based program for alcohol misuse prevention: A study about the school context and an adapted version of SHAHRP to the Brazilian reality
NDRI staff: Nyanda McBride
Project leaders: Universidade Federal de São Paulo, Brazil
Funded by: National Council for Scientific and Technological Development, Brazil

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INNOVATION IN PREVENTION AND EARLY INTERVENTION (continued)

The RADAR project: Identifying early warning signals on the pathways to alcohol use disorder
NDRI staff: Nyanda McBride
Project leaders: NDARC, UNSW
Project partners: University of Newcastle; Washington University; University of Melbourne; University of Queensland; University of Tasmania
Funded by: NHMRC

Completed Projects

The use and promotion of alcohol in Australian secondary schools
NDRI staff: Nyanda McBride
Project leaders: Monash University
Project partners: Turning Point; Australian Drug Foundation; University of Newcastle
Funded by: Vic Health; FARE; Healthway

SHAHRP and TATI Alcohol Misuse Prevention Programme (STAMPP): School based cluster randomised controlled trial
NDRI staff: Nyanda McBride
Project partners: University of Liverpool, UK
Funded by: National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) Public Health Research Programme

Substance use, mental disorders and physical illness in childhood and early adulthood
NDRI staff: Wenbin Liang
Funded by: Curtin University Targeted Research Fellowship

Project information available at ndri.curtin.edu.au
Research Activities

SOCIAL CONTEXTS OF ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG USE

Understanding where and when use happens and how we talk about it, to prevent use and reduce barriers to treatment

This research concentrates on the impact of various social contexts on alcohol and other drug (AOD) use, and associated consequences. It includes ethnographic research; other qualitative, quantitative, and mixed method studies of drug use; and research on how contextualised understandings of addiction and associated terminology affect how AOD policy is made and implemented. This research provides important insights on the relevance of social contexts to policy and practice locally, nationally and internationally, to increase the effectiveness of AOD policy, prevent use and harm, and reduce barriers to treatment.

New Projects

Understanding performance and image enhancing drug (PIED) injecting to improve health and minimise hepatitis C transmission
NDRI staff: Suzanne Fraser, David Moore
Project partners: Monash University; Burnet Institute; Darebin Community Health
Funded by: ARC Discovery

Understanding the impediments to uptake and diffusion of take-home naloxone
NDRI staff: Suzanne Fraser, Adrian Farrugia
Project partners: La Trobe University; Burnet Institute; Kings College London
Funded by: ARC Discovery

Completed Projects

Analysing and comparing concepts of addiction for improved social and health outcomes in Australia
NDRI staff: Suzanne Fraser, Robyn Dwyer
Funded by: ARC Future Fellowship

Experiences of addiction, treatment and recovery: An online resource for members of the public, health professionals and policymakers (Lives of Substance)
NDRI staff: Suzanne Fraser, David Moore, Kiran Pienaar
Project partners: Monash University; Centre for Social Research in Health, UNSW; Hunter New England Area Health Service
Funded by: Australian Research Council

Making addiction in screening and diagnostic tools used in AOD and other health settings
NDRI staff: Robyn Dwyer, Suzanne Fraser
Funded by: Curtin ORD (in support of ARC Future Fellowship)

Understanding and preventing hepatitis C transmission within sexual partnerships
NDRI staff: Suzanne Fraser
Funded by: NHMRC

Ongoing Projects

Developing the capacity to model the impact of interventions that target high-risk drinking among young Australians
NDRI staff: David Moore
Project partners: Burnet Institute; Turning Point; University of Wollongong
Funded by: ARC Discovery Project

Reducing the health, social and economic burden of injecting drug use in Australia
NDRI staff: David Moore
Project leaders: Burnet Institute
Project partners: Turning Point; National Centre in HIV Epidemiology and Clinical Research; NDARC; University of Queensland
Funded by: NHMRC Centre for Research Excellence

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Research Activities

REDDUCING HARM AMONG PEOPLE WHO USE ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS

Informing policy, practice and strategies that aim to reduce harm to individuals, families and the community

This research informs policy, strategies and practice interventions that aim to reduce harm to individuals, families, organisations and communities for people who continue to use alcohol and other drugs. It includes interventions from the micro level, such as preventing harm for individual drug users and their peers, to the macro, such as contributing to effective drug treaties and international conventions.

Ongoing Projects

Drugs on the darknet: Assessing the global health risks of a rapidly expanding market
NDRI staff: Simon Lenton
Project leader: NDARC, UNSW
Project partners: California State University; Griffith University; Macquarie University; University of Queensland; University of Montreal; University of Manchester
Funded by: NHMRC

Implementation and evaluation of take-home naloxone for opioid overdose prevention in drug and alcohol treatment and needle syringe program attendees
NDRI staff: Simon Lenton
Project partners: South Eastern Sydney Local Health District
Funded by: NSW Health Department

Online survey of small-scale domestic cannabis - Part of an international research collaboration
NDRI staff: Simon Lenton, Monica Barratt (Adjunct)
Project partners: NDARC, UNSW
Funded by: NDRI

Peer naloxone education Acacia Prison follow up interviews
NDRI staff: Simon Lenton
Funded by: Mental Health Commission WA

Research into methamphetamine use in the ACT
NDRI staff: Rebecca McKetin
Project partner: Australian National University
Funded by: ACT Health

Responding to the methamphetamine epidemic in Australia: Recruit and establish the SuperUnMET cohort
NDRI staff: Rebecca McKetin
Project leader: Burnet Institute
Funded by: Colonial Foundation Trust

The use of ‘study drugs’ by WA tertiary students
NDRI staff: Simon Lenton, Marina Nelson
Funded by: NDRI

Completed Projects

Evaluation of the take-home naloxone distribution initiatives in Victoria
NDRI staff: Robyn Dwyer
Project leaders: Centre for Population Health, Burnet Institute
Project partners: Victoria University
Funded by: CREIDU and Victoria University

Investigating methamphetamine use and harms in the western region of Melbourne
NDRI staff: Robyn Dwyer
Project leaders: Victoria University
Funded by: Victoria University
Research Activities

INNOVATION IN THE MANAGEMENT OF ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG PROBLEMS

New technology and other innovative ways to prevent and reduce use and harm

This research aims to improve clinical and other management of alcohol and other drug problems (AOD) by developing and trialling new and innovative treatment interventions; investigating applying new technologies to AOD related problems, such as online based brief interventions for at-risk alcohol and other drug consumers; and trialling applications and modifications of existing approaches to different AOD problems.

New Projects

Centre of Excellence for the Clinical Management of Emerging Drugs of Concern
NDRI staff: Simon Lenton, Rebecca McKetin
Project leaders: NDARC, UNSW
Project partners: St Vincent’s Health Australia; NCETA, Flinders University
Funded by: AGDH

Evaluation of an optimal service for users of methamphetamine
NDRI staff: Robert Tait
Funded by: Holyoake

The N-ICE trial: A randomised controlled trial of the safety and efficacy of N-acetyl cysteine (NAC) as a pharmacotherapy for methamphetamine (‘ice’) dependence
NDRI staff: Rebecca McKetin, Wenbin Liang, Nina Te Pas, Nicole Edwards
Project partners: Deakin University; Monash University; Burnet Institute; La Trobe University; University of Wollongong; Calvary Mater Newcastle Hospital; University of Newcastle; Drug and Alcohol Services, Wollongong; Drug and Alcohol Clinical Services, Barwon Health
Funded by: NHMRC

Internet interventions for substance use problems: Can the ideal of universal care be fulfilled?
NDRI staff: Robert Tait
Funded by: Curtin University Research Fellowship

Novel interventions to address methamphetamines in Aboriginal communities, including a randomised trial of a web based therapeutic tool used to treat dependence in clinical settings
NDRI staff: Rebecca McKetin, Ted Wilkes, Dennis Gray, Julia Butt
Project leaders: South Australian Health & Medical Research Institute (SAHMRI)
Project partners: Centre for Social Research in Health, UNSW; University of Sydney; Hunter New England LHD; Burnet Institute; Kirby Institute, UNSW; St Vincent’s LHN
Funded by: NHMRC

Randomised double-blind placebo-controlled study of lisdexamfetamine for the treatment of methamphetamine dependence
NDRI staff: Rebecca McKetin
Project leader: St Vincents & Mater Health, Sydney
Project partners: University of Sydney, University of Adelaide Hunter New England Health; University of South Australia; University of Tasmania; St Vincent’s Centre for Applied Medical Research
Funded by: NHMRC

Ongoing Projects

Cracks in the Ice: Development and dissemination of an online toolkit to provide evidence-based information about crystal methamphetamine (ice)
NDRI staff: Steve Allsop, Nyanda McBride
Project leader: NDARC, UNSW
Funded by: AGDH

Development of an online intervention program, Breaking the Ice
NDRI staff: Rebecca McKetin, Robert Tait
Project leader: NDARC, UNSW
Funded by: NSW Health

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Research Activities

POSTGRADUATE PROGRAM

NDRI has an active postgraduate research program and welcomes enquiries from prospective Masters and PhD students who are interested in alcohol and other drug research. PhD candidates are attracted through scholarships and through collaborative supervision with other schools and universities.

New PhD Projects

Determinants of prenatal alcohol exposure among Aboriginal women in the Pilbara: Developing a validated model of alcohol consumption during pregnancy for evidence-based prevention intervention development
PhD scholar: David Tucker
PhD supervisors: Nyanda McBride

Ongoing PhD Projects

A critical study of ‘recovery’ in Australia
PhD scholar: Renae Fomiatti
PhD supervisors: David Moore and Suzanne Fraser
Funded by: NHMRC scholarship

A multi-source investigation of issues arising from the implementation and evolution of a commercial, non-medical marijuana market in Colorado
PhD scholar: Todd Subritzky
PhD supervisor: Simon Lenton and Simone Pettigrew (Curtin School of Psychology)
Funded by: RTP Scholarship

Behavioural intention to provide screening, brief intervention and referral to treatment for alcohol-related visits in the emergency department: Implications of a guiding framework
PhD scholar: Rashid Flewelen
PhD supervisors: Steve Allsop, Susan Carruthers, Tina Lam and Diane Egerton-Warburton (Adjunct)
Funded by: Australian Government Department of Health scholarship

Experiences of addiction, treatment and recovery within the Australian criminal justice system
PhD scholar: Eliana Sarmiento Guerra
PhD supervisors: Suzanne Fraser, Kiran Pienaar, Kate Seear (Adjunct)
Funded by: Curtin University ORD Scholarship

Factors in determining development of problem gambling and motivation to change of offenders
PhD scholar: Bernard (Wai Shing) Fani
PhD supervisors: Steve Allsop

Hepatitis C and its treatment in Australian custodial settings
PhD scholar: James Fetherston
PhD supervisors: Steve Allsop, Susan Carruthers, Tony Butler and David Wilson (Kirby Institute, UNSW)
Funded by: Australian Government Department of Health scholarship

Illicit drug use at Australian outdoor music festivals
PhD scholar: Jodie Grigg
PhD supervisor: Simon Lenton
Funded by: NDRI Commonwealth scholarship

Making moral subjects: Building moral lives through drinking
PhD scholar: James Wilson
PhD supervisors: David Moore, Grazyna Zajdow (Deakin University)
Funded by: APA Curtin University scholarship & ARC Discovery Project Grant

Pathways in and out of prison for young men with a history of injecting drugs
PhD scholar: Shelley Walker
PhD supervisor: Simon Lenton, Mandy Wilson, Peter Higgs (Adjunct) and Mark Stoove (Burnet Institute)
Funded by: APA Curtin University scholarship

Population level strategies to reduce the negative effects of alcohol
PhD scholar: William Gilmore
PhD supervisors: Tanya Chikritzhs and Wenbin Liang
Funded by: Australian Government Research Training Scheme

The influence of social media on young people’s alcohol consumption behaviours: A comparison of factors between Australia and India
PhD scholar: Himanshu Gupta
PhD supervisors: Robert Tait, Tina Lam and Simone Pettigrew (Curtin School of Psychology)
Funded by: Curtin Health Sciences International Research Scholarship
Ongoing Masters Projects

How do adolescents perceive illicit drug and other addictions?
PhD scholar: Elizabeth Normand
PhD supervisors: Suzanne Fraser, Robyn Dwyer
Funded by: Curtin University ORD Scholarship

Kadadjiny Dwank (listening, thinking and learning). Otitis media from an urban Aboriginal perspective
Masters scholar: Rosemary Walley
Masters supervisors: Steve Allsop, Michael Wright, Deborah Lehmann and Peter Richmond
Funded by: Curtin University Faculty of Health Sciences scholarship

Strategic advocacy and drug policy: a case study of compulsory drug detention in China
Masters scholar: Judy Chang
Masters supervisors: Suzanne Fraser, Kiran Pienaar and Kate Seear (Adjunct)
Funded by: Australian Government Research Training Scheme

Completed PhD Projects

The determinants of harm reduction in Thailand
PhD scholar: Michael Cole
PhD supervisors: Steve Allsop and Susan Carruthers
Funded by: Australian Government Department of Health scholarship

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Staff

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Jodie Grigg
Himanshu Gupta
Aaron Hart
Elizabeth Normand
Sushil Raj
Amineh Rashidi
Eliana Sarmiento Guerra
Todd Subritzky
Shelley Walker
James Wilson

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Rosemary Whalley

Adjunct Appointments
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Tony Butler, Professor
Sir Ian Gilmore, Professor
Kate Graham, Professor
Nicole Lee, Professor
Richard Midford, Professor
Peter Miller, Professor
Moira Plant, Professor
Sherry Saggers, Professor
Tim Stockwell, Professor
John Boffa, Associate Professor
Diana Egerton-Warburton, Associate Professor
Wendy Loxley, Associate Professor
Neil Donnelly, Senior Research Fellow
Celia Wilkinson, Senior Research Fellow
Monica Barratt, Research Fellow
Stephen Bright, Research Fellow
Allyson Brown, Research Fellow
Susan Carruthers, Research Fellow
Cameron Duff, Research Fellow
Robyn Dwyer, Research Fellow
Peter Higgs, Research Fellow
Ashleigh Lin, Research Fellow
Lynn Roarty, Research Fellow
Kate Seear, Research Fellow
Jesse Young, Research Associate
The National Drug Research Institute (NDRI) widely disseminates its research findings to increase awareness of drug related harm and effective prevention strategies, and to inform community debate and public health policy and practice. Research is disseminated through various means, including publications, presentations and the media, to policy makers, practitioners, public health professionals, other researchers, interest groups and the community. Further information can be found on NDRI’s website at ndri.curtin.edu.au.

**Publications**
Research findings are published in refereed journals, reports and monographs, which are widely circulated throughout Australia and internationally. The publication of NDRI’s research findings has played a significant role in research translating into policy and practice.

**Presentations**
Research findings are presented locally through the NDRI seminar series, and nationally and internationally through presentations at conferences, symposia, workshops, seminars and forums. NDRI also directly influences policy through frequent presentations and submissions to national and state policy bodies.

**Newsletter**
*Drug and Alcohol Research Connections – or Connections* – is an online newsletter published jointly by NDRI and its sister organisations, the National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre (NDARC) and the National Centre for Education and Training on Addiction (NCETA). *Connections* covers the latest on research and publications, news and events from the three centres, with a focus on the translation of research into policy and practice. Connections is online at www.connections.edu.au.

**Website**
Further information about NDRI’s research is available through our website at ndri.curtin.edu.au.

**Media**
Traditional, online and social media are important conduits for our research to reach the community and inform policy.
NDRI has built a reputation as a reliable source of scientific information and expertise on a range of issues concerned with the prevention of alcohol- and drug-related harm.
NDRI received around 950 mentions in the media during 2017, with the provision of expert comment and evidence based research further enhancing NDRI’s efforts to disseminate its research findings widely and to inform and participate in alcohol and other drug policy development in Australia.
NDRI research and expert commentary appeared in local, national and international electronic and print media, including news and opinion websites, on a diverse range of subjects relating to alcohol and other drug use, reflecting the variety of expertise at the Institute. In addition, NDRI used its social media channels to disseminate research findings and media items, with the Institute achieving more than 1700 Twitter followers or Facebook likes. NDRI authors contributed eleven articles to *The Conversation*.
Topics that generated the most media interest included alcohol’s role in cancer and other effects on health, methamphetamine use rates and treatment, alcohol and other drug use in middle age, drug testing welfare recipients, causes of suicide in Aboriginal communities, alcohol consumption by young people and ‘Baby Boomers’, drug testing at music festivals, alcohol consumption at school leaver celebrations, and alcohol-fuelled assaults.
Monographs and Technical Reports


Submissions


Books and Book Chapters


Journal Articles


Dissemination Activities

PUBLICATIONS (continued)


Rhodes, T., Rance, J., Fraser, S. and Treloar, C. (2017). The intimate relationship as a site of social protection: Partnerships between people who inject drugs. Social Science and Medicine, 180, pp. 125-134. DOI: http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.socscimed.2017.03.012


Dissemination Activities

PRESENTATIONS

Conference Presentations


Laslett, A.L. (2017) A meta-analysis of harm to children from others’ drinking in ten countries. Plenary presentation at the 43rd Annual Kettil Bruun Society Meeting, University of Sheffield, Sheffield, United Kingdom, 5th-9th June 2017.


Symposium Presentations


Laslett, A.L. (2017) Alcohol in society: Greater understanding of alcohol’s harm to others. Presented at the La Trobe University Public Health Seminar Series, La Trobe University, Bundoora, Vic, 16th March 2016.


Seminar Presentations

Laslett, A.L. (2016) Alcohol in society: Greater understanding of alcohol’s harm to others. Presented at the La Trobe University Public Health Seminar Series, La Trobe University, Bundoora, Vic, 16th March 2016.

Workshop Presentations


**Dissemination Activities**

**PRESENTATIONS (continued)**

Laslett, A.L. (2017) A comprehensive Alcohol’s Harm to Others study in Australia and its impacts. Invited presentation at the WHO-ThaiHealth meeting of principal investigators of Harm to Others from Drinking Phase 2 Principal investigators’ meeting of WHO/ThaiHealth harm from others’ drinking project Phase 2, Thai Health Promotion Foundation Centre, Bangkok, 1st-2nd March 2017.

Laslett, A.L. (2017) Cross-national findings from Phase 1 of the Alcohol’s harm to others study: implications for Phase 2. Invited presentation at the WHO-ThaiHealth meeting of principal investigators of Harm to Others from Drinking Phase 2 Principal investigators’ meeting of WHO/ThaiHealth harm from others’ drinking project Phase 2, Thai Health Promotion Foundation Centre, Bangkok, 1st-2nd March 2017.

Laslett, A.L. (2017) Experiences from previous studies: Australian experiences from the harm to children study. Presented at “The meeting of principal investigators of Harm to Others from Drinking of the. Invited presentation at the WHO-ThaiHealth meeting of principal investigators of Harm to Others from Drinking Phase 2 Principal investigators’ meeting of WHO/ThaiHealth harm from others’ drinking project Phase 2, Thai Health Promotion Foundation Centre, Bangkok, 1st-2nd March 2017.

Laslett, A.L. (2017) The IGSAHO and GENAHTO research groups. Invited presentation at the Open Workshop on Harm to Others from Drinking: research and policies “Harm to Others from Drinking: research and policies, Thai Health Promotion Foundation Centre, Bangkok, 1st-2nd March 2017.

Laslett, A.L. and Room, R. (2017) Caseload studies. Invited presentation at the WHO-ThaiHealth meeting of principal investigators of Harm to Others from Drinking Phase 2 Principal investigators’ meeting of WHO/ThaiHealth harm from others’ drinking project Phase 2, Thai Health Promotion Foundation Centre, Bangkok, 1st-2nd March 2017.

Laslett, A.L. and Waleewong, O. (2017) Planning for implementation of the protocol - time table, data collection, fieldwork collection, field work. Invited presentation at the WHO-ThaiHealth meeting of principal investigators of Harm to Others from Drinking Phase 2 Principal investigators’ meeting of WHO/ThaiHealth harm from others’ drinking project Phase 2, Thai Health Promotion Foundation Centre, Bangkok, 1st-2nd March 2017.


**Meeting Presentations**


Laslett, A.L. and Room, R. (2017) Casenote and register data analyses. Invited presentation at the WHO-ThaiHealth meeting of principal investigators of Harm to Others from Drinking Phase 2 Principal investigators’ meeting of WHO/ThaiHealth harm from others’ drinking project Phase 2, Thai Health Promotion Foundation Centre, Bangkok, 1st-2nd March 2017.

**Forum Presentations**


Dissemination Activities

NDRI SEMINAR SERIES

The National Drug Research Institute hosts regular events as part of its Seminar Series. These seminars serve several purposes. They provide NDRI staff with an avenue to disseminate research findings; they help build the presentation skills of early career researchers; and they provide a forum for NDRI staff and others in the alcohol and drug field to hear from visiting researchers.

18 January 2017
Alcohol in the city centre: Detection, unintended consequences and effects on the community
NDRI Seminar Room, NDRI, Perth
Professor Simon Moore, Cardiff University, UK

2 March 2017
Measuring and modelling alcohol harms
NDRI Seminar Room, NDRI, Perth
Adam Sherk, Centre for Addictions Research of BC, Canada

27 April 2017
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander data sovereignty in Australia: Principles and practice
Wangkiny Meeting Room, Department of Aboriginal Affairs, Perth
Dr Raymond Lovett, Australian National University

17 May 2017
New Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) Research in Australia
NDRI Seminar Room, NDRI, Perth
Professor Carol Bower, Dr Amy Finlay-Jones and Dr Martyn Symons, FASD Research Australia Centre for Research Excellence

6 July 2017
Alcohol and other drug treatment in prison
NDRI Seminar Room, NDRI, Perth
Michael Doyle, University of Sydney

23 August 2017
Estimating the societal cost of methamphetamine use in Australia
NDRI Seminar Room, NDRI, Perth
Professor Steve Allsop and Dr Robert Tait, NDRI

17 October 2017
The UK Alcohol Health Alliance at 10 years – a story of highs and lows
NDRI Seminar Room, NDRI, Perth
Sir Ian Gilmore, UK Alcohol Health Alliance and University of Liverpool
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## Summary of NDRI Research Grants and Funding Received in 2017

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