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About NDRI

The National Drug Research Institute (NDRI) is based at Curtin University in Perth, Western Australia. It is a leading national and international authority in the area of drug and alcohol policy and prevention research, and is one of the largest centres of alcohol and other drug research expertise in Australia.

NDRI’s mission is to conduct and disseminate policy and practice relevant research that contributes to the primary prevention of harmful drug use and the reduction of drug-related harm. The Institute’s research is complemented by the work of its sister organisations: the National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre (NDARC) in Sydney and the National Centre for Education and Training on Addiction (NCETA) in Adelaide.

The National Drug Research Institute is supported by funding from the Australian Government under the Substance Misuse Prevention and Service Improvement Grants Fund, with additional research funds obtained from a range of state, national and international funding bodies. The Institute also receives support from Curtin University.

Mission

To conduct and disseminate policy and practice relevant research that contributes to the primary prevention of harmful drug use and the reduction of drug-related harm.

Key Result Areas

- Conduct research that will contribute to the primary prevention of harmful drug use and the reduction of drug related harm.
- Contribute to national capacity for research and disseminate research findings to key groups.

Values

The work of NDRI 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 Indigenous 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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As always it is a privilege to be the director of such a diverse and productive team. This year has seen us achieve continued support from the Australian Government, celebrate the achievements of important long term projects, and recognize the noteworthy contributions of our colleagues while saying farewell to others.

Led by Professor Dennis Gray and Associate Professor Ted Wilkes, Indigenous Australian research has long been a key feature of NDRI’s work, and this year we celebrated 20 years of the Indigenous Australian Research Program. The symposium that marked this celebration allowed us to reflect not just on the work that has been undertaken, but also identify some very real impacts in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and services. It is fitting that in this year Anna Stearne received the First People’s Award at the Annual APSAD Conference. Also, Associate Professor Ted Wilkes’ high level contributions to Aboriginal communities were influential to him being installed as one of the first inaugural Ambassadors for Children and Young People in Western Australia.

A highly prestigious award was also received by Professor Tanya Chikritzhs. The Commonwealth Health Minister’s Award for Excellence in Health and Medical Research recognizes Professor Chikritzhs’ outstanding achievements and comes with financial support to build future capacity. It is a fitting award for someone who has done much to advance evidence based policy and public health responses to alcohol related harm.

The excellent work, respectively, of Professor David Moore and Dr Wenbin Liang, was recognized through the Curtin University Faculty of Health Sciences. Professor Moore received the 2011 Researcher of the Year, while Dr Liang was joint winner of the Early Career Research Award. We also acknowledged the substantial contribution that Professor Sherry Saggers made over many years, initially as an adjunct with NDRI and finally, supported by Curtin University, as member of the NDRI and Curtin team until she retired at the end of a 30 year career at Curtin and Edith Cowan Universities in early 2012. Among her many achievements, Professor Saggers did much to build the early prevention/intervention work of the Institute, and advance research that is particularly relevant to Aboriginal people and communities. Despite her apparent retirement, Professor Saggers remains very actively involved in a range of projects with NDRI.

A number of years ago, NDRI led research into school based alcohol interventions with the School Health and Alcohol Harm Reduction Project (SHAHRP). This project has continued to have impact around Australia and has recently received increasing international attention. The London School of Economics and Political Science has identified SHAHRP as a key evidence-based program for incorporation into UK schools and trials are currently underway in the UK. This adds to its roll-out in Northern Ireland and, during 2012, commencement of its replication in Brazil.

NDRI has continued to enjoy excellent support from Curtin University, and towards the end of this year three individuals – Drs Peter Higgs, Wenbin Liang and Robert Tait - were successful in achieving 4-year University Fellowships that will build capacity at NDRI, commencing in 2013. We look forward to their contribution to our activities and outputs. In addition, the University agreed to support a Future Fellowship – achieved by Associate Professor Suzanne Fraser - with two PhD scholarships and one post-doctoral fellowship. These will contribute to a growing office which is located in Melbourne. From early beginnings that commenced with Professor David Moore locating and building the Ethnographic Research team there, the Melbourne office has grown significantly, and enhances our capacity to build strong local collaborations and a national presence.

NDRI has always aimed to build and maintain collaborative networks to enhance research capability and to facilitate translation of research into practice. We have continued to have the support of, and input into the work of, our colleagues at the National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre, the National Centre for Education and Training on Addiction and the National Cannabis Prevention and Information Centre. But as can be seen in the highlights from this year’s annual report, we have also enjoyed strong partnerships with agencies such as Central Australian Aboriginal Congress, Turning Point, WA Drug and Alcohol Office, and a broad range of consumer organisations. This annual report is not just a celebration of NDRI’s activities but an acknowledgement of this collaborative approach.

Finally, and as always, our academic endeavor cannot exist without the excellent support we receive from our Business Services staff. Without them, the Institute would be a lesser place.

Professor Steve Allsop
Director
NDRI’s Indigenous Australian Research Program celebrated 20 years of operation. The occasion was marked by a symposium which was attended by State and Federal parliamentarians and their advisors, and representatives from health, police, treatment, funding and Indigenous agencies. Emeritus Professor David Hawks spoke about the establishment of the Program, Professor Dennis Gray provided an overview of its history, and Ms Donna Ah Chee and Dr John Boffa from Central Australian Aboriginal Congress discussed the impact of the Program.

Professor Tanya Chikritzhs who leads NDRI’s Alcohol Policy Research team won the 2012 Commonwealth Health Minister’s Award for Excellence in Health and Medical Research (see overleaf).

Aboriginal researcher Anna Stearne received the First People’s Award at the annual APSAD Awards, which recognises a substantial and practical contribution to the advancement of the health of Indigenous people (see overleaf).

Noongar leader and respected Curtin and NDRI academic Associate Professor Ted Wilkes was named as one of 15 inaugural Ambassadors for Children and Young People. Professor Wilkes’ work has been instrumental in influencing research and studies on the health and wellbeing of Aboriginal children and young people in Western Australia. He is also strongly committed to the education of Aboriginal young people and in the development of effective programs for young offenders to divert them from the justice system.

The Hon Mark Butler MP, Minister for Mental Health and Ageing, visited NDRI and announced new funding for research into preventative health. Two NDRI research projects received more than $600,000 from a total of $4 million committed by the Federal Government to investigate ways to prevent the harm caused by obesity, tobacco and harmful use of alcohol. Professor Steve Allsop received almost $400,000 towards the project he is leading, in partnership with the University of New South Wales and Turning Point/Monash University, into developing an alcohol reporting system for young Australians, to help inform policy and support initiatives. Professor Tanya Chikritzhs received almost $225,000 for her project investigating the public health impact of liquor outlets in Queensland communities.

Two NDRI staff were recipients of Curtin University Faculty of Health Sciences Research Awards in 2012, based on their activities during the previous year. The 2011 Researcher of the Year Award went to Professor David Moore, who leads the Ethnographic Research Program at NDRI. Dr Wenbin (Ben) Liang, who is an epidemiologist and statistician in the Alcohol Policy Team was joint winner of the 2011 Early Career Research Award.

Dr Wenbin (Ben) Liang was also awarded a four-year Curtin Early Career Researcher Fellowship, the main project being “Mental disorders and physical illness in childhood and early adulthood: Risk of schizophrenia and alcohol use disorder.”
Respected and admired NDRI academic Sherry Saggers retired after a 30-year research career at both Curtin and Edith Cowan Universities. Colleagues and friends at a farewell seminar remembered Sherry’s humour, humility and ability to nurture young researchers along with her contributions to research in such areas as Indigenous substance use, social equality and social determinants of drug problems.

NDRI was part of the first ever global online survey of small-time cannabis growers, examining why people grow cannabis, including medical reasons, personal use or profit, and perceptions about the risk of apprehension.

NDRI entered into a new collaboration with the Burnet Institute, the National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre, the Kirby Institute, Turning Point Alcohol and Drug Centre, the National Drug Research Institute, the University of Queensland, the Australian National University, the University of Melbourne, Anex, Harm Reduction Victoria and Hepatitis Victoria. Known as CREIDU, the Centre for Research Excellence into Injecting Drug Use aims to improve the health of people who inject drugs by generating new knowledge and effectively translating this into policy and practice.

Professor Steve Allsop travelled to Mauritius as part of a World Health Organisation project to build capacity in responding to alcohol and other drug use in the workplace.

Several NDRI staff contributed to Reducing Alcohol-Related Harm in the Workplace a report prepared for VicHealth.

Professor Steve Allsop and adjunct Associate Professor Nicole Lee co-edited and launched a new textbook, Perspectives on Amphetamine-Type Stimulants. The editors and specialist contributors seek to promote better understanding of and more effective responses to ATS in a broad range of contexts, reducing risk and harms for individuals, families, and the broader community.

Dr Chitlada Areesantichai (lecturer with the Drug Dependence Research Centre at Chulolongkorn University, Bangkok, Thailand) spent three months at NDRI as a visiting researcher completing a program of study to enhance her statistical expertise, especially in relation to alcohol research. Dr Usaneya Perngparn, Assistant Dean of the College of Public Health Science from the same University, also spent a week at NDRI reviewing drug treatment services in Western Australia and exploring future collaborative research and teaching opportunities between the two centres.

Professor Steve Allsop and Dr Tina Lam were involved in the launch of the State Government’s Alcohol Think Again campaign, warning parents of the effects of alcohol on developing brains with the message that no alcohol is best for under-18s. Tina’s PhD research was used to demonstrate that parents’ attitudes towards alcohol use, whether they supply alcohol to their child, and if they talk to their child about ways to stay safe can all have a big influence on how much young people drink.

The School Health and Alcohol Harm Reduction Project (SHAHRP) continued to receive international attention, with the London School of Economics and Political Science identifying SHAHRP as a critical evidence-based program for incorporation into UK secondary schools, supported in the policy guiding systematic review by the UK Centre for Public Health Excellence, National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence and the inclusion of SHAHRP in the UK Department of Education databank of quality.

Dr Nyanda McBride launched a new SHAHRP website to reflect an updated program and resources, and gave an invited presentation at a UK conference which showcased alcohol harm reduction interventions with a behavioural effect from around the world.

NDRI was involved in the first international replication of SHAHRP in a non-English speaking country. Two researchers from the SHAHRP Brazil research team were funded to attend the SHAHRP train-the-trainer workshop conducted by NDRI in Perth, and they will replicate the SHAHRP program in Brazil.

NDRI Research Fellow Monica Barratt contributed to media discussion about the spread of synthetic drugs, including an article for The Conversation looking at Legal highs: what should we do about synthetic cannabis? co-authored by Stephen Bright, Curtin University.

Three NDRI PhD scholars completed their doctorates: Tina Lam on Alcohol and other drug use at school leaver celebrations in Western Australia; Monica Barratt on Beyond internet as a tool: A mixed-methods study of online drug discussion; and Amy Pennay on The harms associated with concurrent alcohol and party drug use amongst young people: risk environments and the implications for prevention.
NDRI researcher recognised as one of Australia’s best

Tanya Chikritzhs, who leads the Alcohol Policy Research team at NDRI received the Commonwealth Health Minister’s Award for Excellence in Health and Medical Research 2012.

One of Australia’s foremost alcohol researchers, Professor Chikritzhs has a focus on the epidemiology of alcohol use as it relates to disease and injury, the prevention of alcohol-related harms, evaluating policy impacts and translating research into policy. Her work has shed particular light on alcohol use in young people – laying the foundations for how this problem can be managed.

Professor Chikritzhs said: ‘My work is centred on the epidemiology of alcohol use, disease and injury as well as the impact that policy, at all levels, has on alcohol-related harms. This award represents tangible recognition of the value of prevention approaches to maintaining and improving the physical and mental health of individuals and communities.’

The award recognises outstanding individual achievement and future potential for an Australian medical researcher who has completed an MD or PhD within the last 12 years. Professor Chikritzhs received $50,000 as a research grant to continue her work, which will expand the scope and capacity of Australia’s monitoring system for tracking trends in alcohol related harms that can be applied to evaluate the effectiveness of policy initiatives and regulations.

National award for young Aboriginal researcher

Aboriginal researcher Annalee Stearne, a Nyungar woman from Western Australia, received the First People’s Award at the 2012 annual Australasian Professional Society on Alcohol and other Drugs (APSAD) Awards.

The Awards for Excellence in Science and Research acknowledge outstanding contributions to reducing harm associated with AOD use. The First People’s Award recognises a substantial and practical contribution to the advancement of the health of Indigenous people.

Annalee has been part of NDRI’s Indigenous Australian Research Team since 2001, including spending three years in Alice Springs seconded to the Tangentyere Council’s Research Hub. Her research focuses on improving the health and social inequities that face Indigenous people by empowering them with the knowledge to address AOD issues in their own communities.

“Annalee is a young Indigenous woman who has played a major part in developing, designing and implementing Indigenous research programs that have helped to shape the delivery of AOD programs in communities," the award nomination said.

“As part of her research work in Indigenous communities Annalee transfers her skills and knowledge to the local Indigenous community wherever her research is taking place. This has, in turn, empowered communities to begin to shape program development within an evidence-based approach to address issues of concern.”
Research Overview

NDRI is amongst the largest centres of alcohol and other drug research expertise in Australia. Recognising that problems associated with alcohol and other drug use are complex, a multi-disciplinary approach to research is pursued. NDRI staff come from diverse professional backgrounds, including psychology, public health, epidemiology, nursing, medicine, sociology and anthropology. A range of high level skills and a wealth of knowledge contribute to innovative research approaches.

NDRI works closely with a diverse range of clients and stakeholders, and a culture of collaboration ensures that much of its work is further strengthened through partnership with other research bodies, government, and non-government organisations locally, nationally and internationally. The Institute is a designated World Health Organization (WHO) Collaborating Centre for the Prevention of Alcohol and Drug Abuse.

The following pages list new, ongoing and completed projects undertaken by NDRI researchers during 2012, organised by eight 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 strategic plan defines eight key research priority areas:

1. Alcohol policy
2. Indigenous Australians
3. Offender health
4. Primary prevention and early intervention
5. Social contexts of drug use
6. People who continue to use drugs
7. Tobacco
8. New technologies

Context

In conducting its research, NDRI follows the three pillars of Australia’s National Drug Strategy:

- Supply reduction - reducing and controlling the amount of drug available;
- Demand reduction - encouraging people not to use, to delay use, or to use less of a drug; and
- Harm reduction - helping to reduce harm arising from drug use for those who continue to use.
Research Activities

Key Priority 1

ALCOHOL POLICY

This research area takes a broad approach to alcohol that spans issues of social, health and regulatory policy relevance throughout Australia and overseas. The alcohol policy research team is multidisciplinary including: epidemiology, biostatistics, psychology, medicine and anthropology. Ongoing and highly regarded projects include the National alcohol indicators project (NAIP), which has monitored changes in alcohol-related harms since 1999; the National alcohol sales data project; Examination of the impact of outlet density and hours of sale on alcohol related harm; and the Australian alcohol aetiologic fractions for emergency department presentations project.

Collaborations with colleagues in the USA and Canada maintain a solid international contribution to the aetiology of disease and injury, including a meta-analysis on alcohol-related disease funded by the USA National Institutes of Health. State and local-level focused projects cover issues concerning associations between trading hours, density of licensed premises, violence and road crash mortality and morbidity. Collaborative work includes a range of projects facilitated by links with colleagues across Australia (eg cost of harm to others project, economic cost of alcohol to the Northern Territory, measurement of alcohol-related morbidity and mortality in South Australia, facilitating alcohol policy development in Tasmania, local government responses to alcohol-related harm). Doctoral scholars have focused on drinking patterns among older populations, and drinking and related harms experienced by youth at school leaver celebrations. A focus of future work will be on assessing the nature of alcohol use and related harm among young people and developing effective interventions.

New Projects

Alcohol: monitoring and policy evaluation
NDRI staff: Tanya Chikritzhs
Funded by: NHMRC

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

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

The public health impacts of liquor outlets on Queensland communities: outlet numbers, alcohol sales and alcohol-related morbidity
NDRI staff: Tanya Chikritzhs, Wenbin Liang, William Gilmore
Funded by: ANPHA

Young Australians alcohol reporting system (YAARS)
NDRI staff: Steve Allsop, Simon Lenton, Tanya Chikritzhs, William Gilmore, Tina Lam
Project partners: NDARC; Turning Point Alcohol and Drug Centre
Funded by: ANPHA

What is the influence of alcohol outlet density, price and promotion on trends in adolescents’ drinking behaviours?
NDRI staff: Tanya Chikritzhs, William Gilmore
Project leaders: Cancer Council Victoria
Funded by: NHMRC

Ongoing Projects

An exploration of how social context and type of living arrangement are linked to alcohol consumption amongst older Australians
NDRI staff: Steve Allsop
Project leaders: Edith Cowan University
Funded by: AERF

Can parents teach their children to drink responsibly? Or, is one drop a drop too many?
NDRI staff: Nyanda McBride
Project leaders: NDARC
Funded by: ARC via NDARC

Meta-analysis systematic and design errors: alcohol use and disease outcomes
NDRI staff: Tanya Chikritzhs
Project partners: Centre for Addictions Research of British Columbia, University of Victoria, Canada; University of California, San Francisco, USA
Funded by: Challenge Grant, National Institutes of Health, USA

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Research Activities

Key Priority 1
ALCOHOL POLICY (CONTINUED)

National alcohol indicators project (NAIP)
NDRI staff: Tanya Chikritzhs, Richard Pascal, William Gilmore
Funded by: AGDHA

National alcohol sales data project
NDRI staff: Tanya Chikritzhs, Steve Allsop, Wendy Loxley, Paul Catalano, William Gilmore
Funded by: AGDHA via DAO

Off-site outlets and alcohol-related harm
NDRI staff: Tanya Chikritzhs, Wenbin Liang, Richard Pascal, William Gilmore
Funded by: NDLERF

Patron offending and intoxication in night time entertainment districts (POINTED)
NDRI staff: Tanya Chikritzhs, William Gilmore, Tina Lam
Project leaders: Deakin University
Funded by: NDLERF

Systematic error and confounding: meta-analyses of alcohol and disease
NDRI staff: Wenbin Liang
Project leaders: Institute for Scientific Analysis, California, USA
Funded by: National Institutes of Health, USA

The effect of alcohol outlets and sales on alcohol-related injuries presenting at Emergency Departments in Perth, Australia from 2004 to 2009 (PhD project)
PhD scholar: Michelle Hobday
PhD supervisors: Tanya Chikritzhs, Wenbin Liang and Lynn Meuleners (Curtin University)
Funded by: NDRI

Completed Projects

Alcohol and other drug use at school leaver celebrations in Western Australia (PhD project)
PhD scholar: Tina Lam
PhD supervisors: Steve Allsop, Tanya Chikritzhs
Funded by: Office for Children and Youth

Australian alcohol aetiologic fractions for emergency department presentations (AAAFED)
NDRI staff: Tanya Chikritzhs, Steve Allsop
Funded by: AGDHA via DAO

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

Key Priority 2
INDIGENOUS AUSTRALIANS

NDRI’s Indigenous research program aims to prevent and reduce the burden of harm caused by alcohol and other drugs in Indigenous communities. Research has included evaluations of specific interventions, early identification of alcohol and other drug-related problems and intervention in primary health care settings, and the identification of gaps in service provision.

The program is based on partnerships with Indigenous community-controlled organisations and includes a focus on building Indigenous research capacity, including building the capacity of Indigenous organisations to conduct their own research. Team members are active on several national and state advisory committees, they work actively to disseminate the results of their research and have achieved a wide range of practical outcomes at the local, state/territory and national levels.

Ongoing Projects

A longitudinal study of influences on alcohol consumption and related harm in Central Australia, with a particular emphasis on the role of price
NDRI staff: Dennis Gray, Tanya Chikritzhs, Sherry Saggers, Mandy Wilson, Anna Stearne
Project partners: Central Australian Aboriginal Congress; Centre for Disease Control, Northern Territory Department of Health and Families
Funded by: FaHCSIA

Drinking in the suburbs: the experiences of Aboriginal young people
NDRI staff: Mandy Wilson, Julia Butt, Dennis Gray, Ted Wilkes, Anna Stearne
Funded by: Healthway

Enhancing the management of alcohol-related problems among Indigenous Australians - Stage 3
NDRI staff: Dennis Gray, Steve Allsop, Sherry Saggers, Ted Wilkes, Jennifer Low
Project partners: Queensland Alcohol and Drug Research Centre, University of Queensland
Funded by: AGDHA

Evaluation of the ‘Makin Tracks’ 3 project
NDRI staff: Dennis Gray, Anna Stearne
Project partners: Aboriginal Drug and Alcohol Council (SA)
Funded by: AGDHA and ADAC (SA)

From Broome to Berrima: building Australia-wide research capacity in Indigenous offender health and health care delivery
NDRI staff: Dennis Gray, Steve Allsop
Project partners: Kirby Institute; UNSW; National Centre for Indigenous Studies, Australian National University; Winnunga Nimmityjah Aboriginal Health Service, ACT
Funded by: NHMRC

Kava usage in Indigenous and Pacific Islander communities
NDRI staff: Julia Butt, Ted Wilkes, Dennis Gray
Funded by: AGDHA

National Cannabis Prevention and Information Centre (NCPIC)
NDRI staff: Steve Allsop, Dennis Gray, Simon Lenton
Project leaders: NDARC
Project partners: ORYGEN; AIC; Ted Noffs Foundation; Lifeline
Funded by: AGDHA

National Indigenous fetal alcohol spectrum disorders (FASD) resource project
NDRI staff: Sherry Saggers, Colleen O’Leary, Ted Wilkes, Dennis Gray, Nyanda McBride, Steve Allsop, Kate Frances, Lynn Roarty
Funded by: AGDHA

Randomised controlled trial of an intensive smoking cessation intervention in Kimberley Aboriginal PHC settings
NDRI staff: Dennis Gray
Project partners: Broome Regional Aboriginal Medical Service; Cairns Base Hospital; Rural Clinical School of WA (UWA); Derby Aboriginal Health Service; Kimberley Aboriginal Medical Service Council
Funded by: NHMRC

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Key Priority 2

INDIGENOUS AUSTRALIANS (CONTINUED)

Restor(y)ing Aboriginal parenting: development and evaluation of a culturally relevant program to support Aboriginal parents promoting their children’s behavioural and social competence and readiness for school learning
NDRI staff: Ted Wilkes
Project partners: Telethon Institute for Child Health Research
Funded by: NHMRC

Safe and Sober Support Service evaluation and data systems research project
NDRI staff: Dennis Gray, Ted Wilkes, Anna Stearne
Funded by: Central Australian Aboriginal Congress

The role of resiliency in responding to blood borne viral and sexually transmitted infections in Indigenous communities
NDRI staff: Ted Wilkes
Funded by: NHMRC

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

Key Priority 3

OFFENDER HEALTH

The link between drug use and offending behaviour is well established but has often been overlooked. Evidence-based interventions and treatments are needed to provide alternatives to incarceration and to enhance the outcomes of incarceration. NDRI has established a Justice Health research group that is committed to building capacity among Indigenous researchers with an interest in the criminal justice system. This is supported by an NHMRC capacity building grant. An additional NHMRC grant will investigate the use of a pharmacotherapy to treat impulsive violent offenders.

There are limited approaches to effectively manage alcohol-related problems in the criminal justice system and this remains a focus of work conducted by NDRI. Similarly, there is a need for effective tobacco interventions with 85% of prisoners smoking tobacco. To progress responses, NDRI aims to stimulate interventions and research in this area by initially implementing a national summit on tobacco smoking in prison. A further initiative will be to conduct the triennial National prison entrants bloodborne virus survey in 2010, one of only two nationally collaborated health projects in this area.

Ongoing Projects

Does traumatic brain injury lead to offending behaviour?
NDRI staff: Tony Butler, Eva Malacova
Project partners: Royal Rehabilitation Centre, Sydney; UWA
Funded by: NHMRC

Hepatitis C and its treatment in Australian custodial settings (PhD project)
PhD scholar: James Fetherston
PhD supervisors: Tony Butler, Susan Carruthers, David Wilson
(Kirby Institute, UNSW)
Funded by: NDRI

Hepatitis C, prisons and treatment opportunities (HePATO)
NDRI staff: Tony Butler, Susan Carruthers, Jocelyn Jones
Project partners: Royal Perth Hospital
Funded by: NHMRC

Social and cultural resilience of Aboriginal mothers in prison
NDRI staff: Tony Butler, Mandy Wilson, Jocelyn Jones
Project partners: The Perinatal and Reproductive Epidemiology Research Unit and the Kirby Institute, UNSW; Combined Universities Centre for Rural Health WA; University of Technology, Sydney; ANU Medical School
Funded by: NHMRC

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This area draws upon diverse theoretical and methodological approaches and incorporates understandings from many disciplines – anthropology, sociology, education, psychology and the creative arts – to explore successful models of leadership and development. The research builds on international work exploring the social and economic benefits of prevention and early intervention, particularly among marginalised populations, in terms of more equal health outcomes, reduced hazardous and harmful drug use, safer children and more cohesive communities.

New Projects

Commonwealth illicit school drug education project
NDRI staff: Nyanda McBride, Steve Allsop
Project leaders: NDARC, UNSW
Funded by: AGDHA

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: CNPq – Conselho Nacional de Desenvolvimento Científico e Tecnológico (National Council for Scientific and Technological Development), Brazil

Ongoing Projects

Cochrane collaboration review of workplace AOD programs
NDRI staff: Steve Allsop, Richard Midford, Rina Cercarelli
Project partners: NCETA
Funded by: NDRI

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

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Funded by: NDRI

Continuing dissemination of the School Health and Alcohol Harm Reduction Project (SHAHRP)
NDRI staff: Nyanda McBride
Funded by: NDRI
Culture, context and risk: socio-cultural influences on the sexual health of Indigenous young people
NDRI staff: Sherry Saggers
Funded by: ARC Linkage

Impact of parental substance use on infant development and family functioning
NDRI staff: Steve Allsop, Nyanda McBride, Susan Carruthers, Aurora Popescu, Lauren Bell
Funded by: NHMRC

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

Pandemic influenza containment strategies in Aboriginal communities
NDRI staff: Sherry Saggers
Funded by: NHMRC

Second stage local evaluation of East Kimberley Communities for Children initiative for children and their families
NDRI staff: Kate Frances, Sherry Saggers
Funded by: Save the Children Australia

Completed Projects

Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Disorder (FASD) knowledge and referral pathways in early childhood settings
NDRI staff: Kate Frances, Sherry Saggers, Nyanda McBride
Project partners: WAHD; PlaygroupWA; WA DET
Funded by: Healthway Starter Grant Scheme

Interventions to reduce alcohol use during pregnancy: systematic literature review
NDRI staff: Nyanda McBride
Funded by: NDRI

Mental disorders and physical illness in childhood and early adulthood: cause, prevention and treatments
NDRI staff: Tanya Chikritzhs, Wenbin Liang
Funded by: Curtin Fellowship

MY-Peer project (marginalised youth - participation, engagement and empowerment through research)
NDRI staff: Susan Carruthers, Bruce Maycock, Jonathan Hallett
Project partners: WA Centre for Health Promotion Research, School of Psychology, and Centre for Developmental Health, Curtin University
Funded by: Healthway

Northern Ireland SHAHRP Study
NDRI staff: Nyanda McBride
Project Partners: University of Liverpool, UK; Liverpool John Moores University, UK

SHAHRP refresh: updating the School Health and Alcohol Harm Reduction Project (SHAHRP)
NDRI staff: Nyanda McBride, Clare Stevens
Project partners: Notre Dame University
Funded by: Healthway

See Appendix 1 (page 34) for list of abbreviations
New Projects

Enacting heavy sessional drinking among young adults in outer Melbourne (PhD project)
PhD scholar: Aaron Hart
PhD supervisors: David Moore and Cameron Duff (NDRI)
Funded by: ARC Discovery Project Grant

Global drug survey and drugs meter project
NDRI staff: Monica Barratt
Project leaders: King’s College London

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

Ongoing Projects

‘Chaotic’, ‘erratic’ and ‘aggressive’ clients?
Exploring the limitations and possibilities of service provision for methamphetamine users
PhD scholar: Nicola Thomson
PhD supervisors: David Moore, Suzanne Fraser
Funded by: NHMRC

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 Alcohol and Drug Centre; University of Wollongong
Funded by: ARC Discovery Project

Khat use in Australia
NDRI staff: Steve Allsop, Dennis Gray, Julia Butt, Irene Ngune, Jesse Young, Anna Stearne, Jennifer Low
Funded by: AGDHA

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

Social inclusion through community embedded, socially supported university education
NDRI staff: Sherry Saggers
Funded by: ARC

Research Activities

Key Priority 5
SOCIAL CONTEXTS OF DRUG USE

NDRI’s ethnographic research program focuses on diverse topics – street-based injecting drug use, amphetamine-type stimulants (ATS), alcohol, service provision, and hepatitis C infection – with research being conducted in international and Australian jurisdictions. Staff and PhD scholars in the program employ a mix of research methods: ethnography and other qualitative approaches, ethno-epidemiology and agent-based modelling. Project findings are disseminated to research, policy, practice and community audiences through written and oral presentations, and are intended to inform policy and practice (e.g. the work of the Premier’s Drug Prevention Council, Drugs and Crime Prevention Committee, and the National Drug Strategy and associated strategies such as the National ATS Strategy).

Projects focus on improved access, engagement and retention of methamphetamine users in health services; the social and cultural politics of hepatitis C in Australia; the influence of social and physical contexts on drug-related harm and public health interventions in Vancouver; ATS use among young people; a mixed-methods study of alcohol use among young people in Melbourne; and a study of how addiction concepts influence public health policy and practice. These projects include collaborations with state, national and international colleagues (e.g. AER Centre for Alcohol Policy Research, Burnet Institute, Monash University, National Centre for Epidemiology and Population Health, British Columbia Centre for Excellence in HIV/AIDS).
The ethnography of recreational party drug use and related harm in Perth (PhD project)
PhD scholar: Rachael Green
PhD supervisors: David Moore, Lisa Maher (NCHECR, UNSW)
Funded by: NHMRC

Understanding and reducing alcohol-related harm among young adults in urban settings: opportunities for intervention
NDRI staff: David Moore
Project partners: Turning Point Alcohol and Drug Centre; VicHealth; Victorian Department of Human Services
Funded by: ARC Linkage Project

Understanding the barriers to improved access, engagement and retention of methamphetamine users in health services
NDRI staff: David Moore
Project partners: Centre for Population Health, Burnet Institute; National Centre in Epidemiology & Population Health, ANU; University of Wollongong
Funded by: NHMRC

Completed Projects

Analysing addiction concepts for improved public health outcomes: a Victorian pilot study
NDRI staff: David Moore
Project partners: Burnet Institute; VicHealth; Centre for Women’s Studies and Gender Research, Monash University
Funded by: Faculty of Medicine, Monash University

The harm associated with concurrent alcohol and party drug use amongst young people: risk environments and the implications for prevention (PhD project)
PhD scholar: Amy Pennay
PhD supervisors: David Moore, Simon Lenton
Funded by: AERF scholarship

Under construction: the social and cultural politics of hepatitis C in Australia
NDRI staff: David Moore
Project partners: Centre for Women’s Studies and Gender Research, Monash University; NCHSR, UNSW
Funded by: ARC Discovery

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Research Activities

Key Priority 6

PEOPLE WHO CONTINUE TO USE ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS

This research priority focuses on conducting research which informs policy and practice interventions that aim to reduce the harm to individuals, families, organisations and communities for people who continue to use alcohol and other drugs. The scope of the work is necessarily broad, and involves NDRI researchers from several discipline areas and research teams. The research work includes interventions from the most micro level, such as preventing harm for individual drug users and their peers, to the most macro level, such as contributing to the development of more effective drug treaties and international conventions. Historically, this work has focused on informing the development of better policy and regulatory systems with the capacity to improve the situation for thousands of people and create a macro context that supports the challenging work of treatment, harm reduction and other interventions that are implemented at an individual level.

Examples of research projects in this area include research contributing to the development of new cannabis laws in Western Australia and an evaluation of the impact of those changes; a study of repeat drink drivers to inform better countermeasures for this group of high risk offenders; studies to reduce hepatitis C transmission among people who inject drugs; research to understand and improve responses to alcohol use by older Australians; studies to improve responses to prevent fatal heroin-related overdoses, including the feasibility of improving access to naloxone (Narcan®) for peer administration; provision of research evidence leading to the inclusion of harm minimisation provisions in liquor licensing laws; informing strategies to reduce alcohol-related harm in the late-night entertainment environment; and development of a model to minimise harm associated with teenage drinking at major events.

New Projects

Alcohol norms and associated harms amongst adolescents
NDRI staff: Steve Allsop
Project leaders: Curtin University
Funded by: Healthway

Evaluation of a pilot overdose prevention program (NSW)
NDRI staff: Simon Lenton
Project partners: Kirby Institute, UNSW; Burnet Institute; South East Sydney Local Health District; Kirketon Road Centre; Langton Centre
Funded by: South East Sydney Local Health District

The social supply of cannabis among young people in Australia - Part of an international research collaboration
NDRI staff: Simon Lenton, Monica Barratt, Jodie Grigg
Project partners: University of New England, NSW
Funded by: NDLERF

Ongoing Projects

An examination of cannabis contamination and potency in Australia
NDRI staff: Steve Allsop
Project leaders: NDARC, UNSW
Funded by: NCPI

Data analysis reporting and dissemination of two substudies from the evaluation of the cannabis infringement notice scheme
NDRI staff: Simon Lenton
Funded by: DPMP at UNSW

Ecstasy and related Drugs Reporting System (EDRS) in WA
NDRI staff: Simon Lenton, Candice Rainsford, Jodie Grigg
Project partners: NDARC
Funded by: NDLERF via NDARC
Evaluation of the Western Australian peer Naloxone project
NDRI staff: Simon Lenton
Project partners: Drug and Alcohol Office, WA; Burnet Institute; Kirby Institute, UNSW

Hepatitis B vaccination programs targeting high risk groups: a systematic review
NDRI staff: Susan Carruthers, Clare Stevens
Funded by: AGDHA

Illicit Drug Reporting System (IDRS)
NDRI staff: Simon Lenton, James Fetherston
Project partners: NDARC
Funded by: AGDHA and NDLERF via NDARC

Independent evaluation of the ‘expanded Naloxone availability in the ACT (ENAACT)’ program 2011-2013
NDRI staff: Simon Lenton
Project partners: Burnet Institute; NCEPH
Funded by: ACT Health

Locating alcohol and drug prevention and treatment interventions within national healthcare reform: research for change (Patient Pathways)
NDRI staff: Steve Allsop, Julia Butt, Susan Carruthers, Tina Lam
Project leaders: Turning Point Alcohol & Drug Centre
Funded by: AGDHA

Multivariate analysis of Cannabis Infringement Notice data
NDRI staff: Simon Lenton, Tanya Chikritzhs
Funded by: NDRI

Safety impacts of alcohol and other drugs in construction
NDRI staff: Steve Allsop
Project leaders: Queensland University of Technology; Swinburne University of Technology
Funded by: University of Queensland

What the punters think: a consumer evaluation of needle and syringe vending machines located in rural WA
NDRI staff: Susan Carruthers
Funded by: AGDHA

Completed Projects
ADHD in dependent drug and alcohol users: prevalence, correlates, and implications for diagnosis and treatment
NDRI staff: Steve Allsop, Susan Carruthers
Funded by: Curtin University Strategic Grants Scheme

Determining the clinical and cost effectiveness of a brief intervention for reducing harmful alcohol use following traumatic injury
NDRI staff: Steve Allsop
Project partners: Next Step Specialist Drug and Alcohol Services; Royal Perth Hospital; University of Washington, Seattle, USA
Funded by: WA Department of Health

Link between ATS use and the transmission of HIV and other BBVs in the South East Asia region
NDRI staff: Steve Allsop, Susan Carruthers
Project leaders: Burnet Institute
Funded by: ANCD

Patterns of synthetic cannabis use in Australia: legislative impacts
NDRI staff: Monica Barratt, Simon Lenton
Project partners: University of Sydney
Funded by: NDRI

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Research Activities

Key Priority 8
NEW TECHNOLOGIES

Technological developments and the internet create opportunities for information dissemination, data collection and intervention delivery for the alcohol and other drug sector, drug users and the wider community. Drugs may be supplied, information sought and given, and interventions delivered over the internet and through other electronic media.

This is an emerging area that provides significant opportunities in the direct delivery of interventions. Most young Australian drug users now live in a context where internet use is embedded in their everyday lives and such access to vast amounts of drug-related information online changes the landscape of drug demand, supply and policy.

NDRI is building on its existing research in this area to further develop the evidence base to improve both understanding and responses to the intersection between drug use and information and the online environment. This will include examination of electronic based brief interventions to at-risk alcohol and other drug consumers.

New Projects
A pilot study investigating Silk Road, the anonymous online drug marketplace
NDRI staff: Monica Barratt, Simon Lenton
Project partners: Curtin University
Funded by: NDRI

Online survey of small-scale domestic cannabis - Part of an international research collaboration
NDRI staff: Monica Barratt
Funded by: NDRI

Ongoing Projects
‘CleanFits’: needle syringe program locator smartphone application
NDRI staff: Monica Barratt
Project partners: UnitingCare Moreland Hall

Completed Projects
Beyond internet as a tool: a mixed-methods study of online drug discussion (PhD project)
PhD scholar: Monica Barratt
PhD supervisors: Simon Lenton, Matthew Allen (Curtin University)
Funded by: NDRI scholarship
Research Activities

PhD PROGRAM

NDRI has an active PhD program and works to identify opportunities to fund more postgraduate students. PhD candidates are attracted through scholarships and through collaborative supervision with other schools and universities. The NDRI Tier 1 group has successfully supervised many international Masters and PhD scholars, with research projects engaging both students working within Australia and international students conducting projects ‘at home’.

New PhD Projects

Enacting heavy sessional drinking among young adults in outer Melbourne
PhD scholar: Aaron Hart
PhD supervisors: David Moore, Cameron Duff
Funded by: ARC Discovery Project Grant

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

Treatment for Hepatitis C among IDU - rural and urban differences in WA
PhD scholar: Aminah Rashidi
PhD supervisors: Susan Carruthers, Linda Selvey (Curtin)
Funded by: Self-funded

Completed PhD Projects

Alcohol and other drug use at school leaver celebrations in Western Australia
PhD scholar: Tina Lam
PhD supervisors: Steve Allsop, Tanya Chikritzhs
Funded by: Office for Youth

Beyond internet as a tool: A mixed-methods study of online drug discussion
PhD scholar: Monica Barratt
PhD supervisors: Simon Lenton, Matthew Allen (Curtin University)
Funded by: NDRI scholarship

The harms associated with concurrent alcohol and party drug use amongst young people: risk environments and the implications for prevention
PhD scholar: Amy Pennay
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Dissemination Overview

The National Drug Research Institute 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 the media, publications and presentations, 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.

CentreLines
Produced alternately by NDRI and its sister organisation, NDARC, this bi-monthly newsletter presents the latest NDRI research and provides a platform for debate on issues affecting drug and alcohol policy.

Research Bulletins
The findings of the National Alcohol Indicators Project (NAIP) are disseminated in four-page colour bulletins. This ‘user friendly’ approach has proven effective in broadening the reach of NDRI’s research beyond the academic sphere.

Website
Further information about NDRI’s research is available through its website at ndri.curtin.edu.au. The site is a popular way for the community, the media and other researchers to access NDRI’s work, registering more than 500,000 hits annually.

Media
Media are important conduits for NDRI’s research to reach the community. NDRI has built a reputation as a source of reliable scientific information on a range of issues concerned with the prevention of alcohol and drug-related harm.

NDRI received 816 mentions in the media during 2012, 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.

Topics that generated the most media interest included the effect of price and restrictions on alcohol consumption, cannabis law and cultivation, underage drinking and the legal drinking age, online purchasing of drugs, synthetic cannabis and other synthetic drugs, alcohol-related violence, drug education in schools, workplace substance use, and drug testing.
Published Articles, Chapters and Books


Dissemination Activities
Publications (continued)


Publications (continued) and Presentations


Conference Presentations


Dissemination Activities
Presentations (continued)


Symposium Presentations


Seminar Presentations


Allsop, S. and Matthews, S. (2012) Managing Alcohol and the Night Time Economy - A seminar for Local Governments who currently have an existing night time economy or could potentially have one in the future. Invited presentation at the Managing Alcohol and the Night Time Economy: A seminar for Local Governments who currently have an existing night time economy or could potentially have one in the future, Grace Vaungh House, Lecture Theatre, Perth, WA, 6th March 2012.


Fetherston, J. (2012) Illicit drugs, injecting and treatment in prisons. Presented at the Lecture to 3rd year addictions students at ECU, Joondalup.


**Workshop Presentations**


**Meeting Presentations**


**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.

The NDRI Seminar Series program is available on the NDRI website at ndri.curtin.edu.au.

NDRI Seminar Series

2 February 2012
A Farewell Seminar for Sherry Saggers
NDRI Seminar Room, NDRI, Perth
Sherry Saggers, NDRI

22 March 2012
Perth Drug Court Practice – a View from the Bench
NDRI Seminar Room, NDRI, Perth
Vicki Stewart, Magistrate, Perth Magistrates’ Courts

22 March 2012
WA Diversion Program: What is it and where is it headed?
NDRI Seminar Room, NDRI, Perth
Tabetha McCallum, WA Diversion Program Manager, Drug and Alcohol Office

28 March 2012
Community Experience of AOD Problems in Dublin
NDRI Seminar Room, NDRI, Perth
Hilda Loughran, School of Applied Social Science, University College Dublin

28 March 2012
Girls, Alcohol and Health Promotion - A Canadian Experience
NDRI Seminar Room, NDRI, Perth
Nancy Poole, British Columbia Centre of Excellence for Women’s Health, Vancouver

10 May 2012
Substance Use and Other Risk Factors for Vulnerable Populations in Sexual Services
NDRI Seminar Room, NDRI, Perth
Dr Usaneya Permporn, College of Public Health Sciences, Chulalongkorn University, Thailand

5 June 2012
Alcohol and Other Drug Interventions for Aboriginal Men in Australian Prisons
NDRI Seminar Room, NDRI, Perth
Michael Doyle, Justice Health Research Program, The Kirby Institute

7 August 2012
Developing Personal and Social Recovery Capital In and Out of Treatment
NDRI Seminar Room, NDRI, Perth
David Best, Turning Point Alcohol & Drug Centre/Monash University

7 August 2012
How Addictions Develop and Addicted People Recover: Stages of Change and Addiction Revisited
NDRI Seminar Room, NDRI, Perth
Carlo DiClemente, Department of Psychology, University of Maryland

9 August 2012
Machine Learning as an Adjunct to Clinical Decision Making in CBT for AUD
NDRI Seminar Room, NDRI, Perth
Martyn Symons, NDRI

16 August 2012
Adolescent Drug Use in Brazil: Implementing SHAHRP in an International Setting
NDRI Seminar Room, NDRI, Perth
Ana Regina Noto and Tatiana de Castro Amato, Universidade Federal de São Paulo, Brazil

20 September 2012
Drugs and Online/Offline Sociability: Understanding Anonymity in an Era of Media Convergence
NDRI Seminar Room, NDRI, Perth
Monica Barratt, NDRI

18 October 2012
Information Evening for 2013 Honours, Masters and PhD Students
NDRI Seminar Room, NDRI, Perth
Steve Allsop, Tina Lam and Jesse Young, NDRI

15 November 2012
Does ADHD Among Dependant Substance Users Increase Risk-Taking Behaviour?
NDRI Seminar Room, NDRI, Perth
Jesse Young, Centre for Health Services Research, UWA
## Finance Report

### National Drug Research Institute

#### Core Funding and Schedules - Income and Expenditure

**January to December 2012**

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Total: $6,665,193 $1,471,301 $1,845,198

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