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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 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.

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### 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 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
Board of Management

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Public Health Physician, Northern Territory Department of Health and Families
NDRI has maintained its very active role in conducting quality research, building research collaborations and ensuring our work has policy and practice relevance. Research impact and capacity building are central to our work.

In July we hosted a week-long intensive program on Drugs, Policy and Public Health aimed at improving the integration of research into drug policy formulation at local, state, national and international levels. Organised by Professor Simon Lenton and Dr Robert Tait, with strong support from NDRI’s Business Services and Communications teams, the program was conducted as professional development for those currently or planning to work in the alcohol and other drugs sector, and as a postgraduate unit for students enrolled in higher degrees, attracting participants from across the country. A highlight of the week was a panel discussion on the interface between politics, research and public health which involved excellent presentations and insights from former senior Federal and State/Territory politicians representing diverse political platforms.

In September, Professors David Moore and Suzanne Fraser co-hosted (with the journal Contemporary Drug Problems, the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction, the Burnet Institute, Aarhus University and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute) a successful international research conference held in Lisbon, Portugal. The Third Contemporary Drug Problems Conference, Encountering alcohol and other drugs, brought together leading researchers in drug use and addiction studies, and featured 80 presenters from 17 countries. The event provided a significant international platform for NDRI’s work, with presentations by Professor David Moore, Dr Dean Murphy and PhD scholars Aaron Hart, Renae Forniatti and James Wilson from the Social Contexts of Drug Use research program, and Professor Suzanne Fraser, Dr Kiran Plenaar and Dr Robyn Dwyer from the Social Studies of Addiction Concepts research program.

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Research conducted by NDRI alcohol policy researchers Professor Tanya Chikritzhs, Mr William Gilmore, Dr Wenbin Liang, Ms Eveline Lensvelt and others for the National Drug Law Enforcement Research Fund (NDLERF) was released at the 7th Australasian Drugs and Alcohol Strategy Conference in Brisbane. Off-site outlets and alcohol-related harm investigated the relationship between rates of reported assault, alcohol sales and numbers of licensed outlets in Queensland and Western Australia, concluding that offsite alcohol sales and total volume of alcohol sales within a region are important predictors of assault.

Led by Dr Nyanda McBride, NDRI’s School Health and Alcohol Harm Reduction Program (SHAHRP) continued to be widely adopted by organisations nationally and internationally. In Australia, eleven universities now include the program in their pre-service teacher training and Queensland Health uses resources as part of its pastoral care program with young people. Internationally, in addition to previously reported activity in Brazil, Ireland and the UK, the program has been taken up in Mexico, The Netherlands, and Canada where it is used by Canadian Alcohol and Drug Services for grade 8 and 9 school-based drug education programs. NDRI also made a significant contribution to the development of safeconstruction.org.au, a new website designed to guide and educate industry about how alcohol and other drug consumption can impact performance and safety on the construction site.

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for more effective treatment services provision. Professor Dennis Gray, Associate Professor Ted Wilkes and Ms Anna Stearne commenced two new collaborative projects funded by NHMRC – the first a project looking at the health and wellbeing of Aboriginal adolescents and young people and the second looking at enhanced methods to collect self-report data on alcohol use and related behaviours from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Dr Mandy Wilson and Ms Jocelyn Jones continued their research with Aboriginal women in the justice system and Dr Wilson was appointed to the Western Australian Department of Corrective Services Women’s Estate Reference Committee helping to address issues for women in custody.

Professors Suzanne Fraser and David Moore and Dr Dean Murphy from NDRI’s Melbourne office collaborated with former NDRI researcher and current adjunct Dr Kate Seear of Monash University on a national consultation of illicit steroid use in Australia, and published a report highlighting concern about the risk of increases in HIV and hepatitis C transmission as rates of illicit steroid injecting rise.

NDRI continued to build international collaborations. Dr Susan Carruthers and others worked with colleagues at NDARC to publish research with the International Collaboration on ADHD and Substance Abuse (ICASA) which, in Australia, was funded by Curtin University’s Faculty of Health Sciences. Dr Wenbin Liang and I continued to teach on courses offered by the School of Public Health at Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok, Thailand. New international links were formed with the arrival from Delhi, India, of NDRI PhD scholar Himanshu Gupta, one of the first recipients of a Curtin University Faculty of Health Sciences International Research Scholarship. Himanshu’s PhD will compare the impact of social media and the use of the internet as a marketing tool on alcohol consumption in India and Australia.

NDRI hosted a number of international visitors. These included Dr Fiona Lander, an international human rights law expert completing her Masters of Public Health at Harvard University. During her 3-week visit, Dr Lander worked with Professor Dennis Gray and Associate Professor Ted Wilkes on a review of the Northern Territory’s Alcohol Mandatory Treatment laws, which was subsequently published in the Medical Journal of Australia. NDRI also hosted a four-week research visit by Professor Veerle Soyez from the Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB) in Belgium. During her visit Professor Soyez presented a seminar on her research into substance use by adolescents in residential youth care institutions and met with a range of service providers. Staff at the Melbourne Office hosted a month-long academic visit by Josefin Månsson, a PhD scholar at the Centre for Social Research on Alcohol and Drugs (SoRAD) at Stockholm University whose research is focussing on cannabis use.

Ms Nicola Thomson completed her Curtin University PhD at NDRI’s Melbourne Office in April under the supervision of Professors David Moore and Suzanne Fraser. Her PhD thesis, *Making Methamphetamine: Enacting a Drug and its Consumers in Scientific Accounts, Personal Narratives and Service Provision*, received an ‘A’ from both examiners. Nicola analysed in depth interviews with methamphetamine users and service providers, exploring the ways in which methamphetamine use is shaped by mainstream understandings of this drug as well as access to resources such as education, housing and employment.

We continue to have success in externally funded research fellows, recruiting two new staff this year. Having been awarded an NHMRC Early Career Fellowship in late 2014, Dr Anne-Marie Laslett commenced at our Melbourne Office in May. Her research program aims to build knowledge of alcohol’s role in harm to children and develop an evidence base for the role of alcohol policy in reducing harms to children. Brining significant national and international expertise in methamphetamine research, Associate Professor Rebecca McKetin, previously from the Australian National University, was granted a 4-year Curtin University Research Fellowship and joins NDRI in early 2016 to lead a program of research on ‘ice’. Associate Professor Nicole Lee was reappointed as an NDRI adjunct and is liaising with NDRI in the development of research into methamphetamine.

We also farewelled some colleagues. In particular, I want to single out the excellent service of Dr Susan Carruthers. Dr Carruthers retired from NDRI in December after a 30-year contribution to the alcohol and other drugs field focusing on preventing and responding to blood borne viruses among injecting drug users. However, she has been appointed as an adjunct member of NDRI and continues to supervise/co-supervise three PhD students.

It is a privilege to work with such a productive team and to have the support of our excellent Business Services staff. None of our work would be possible without the support of the Australian Government Department of Health, and the Curtin University Faculty of Health Sciences and Office of Research and Development. We aim to contribute to those we serve – the Australian community and those affected by drug use. I thank all my colleagues for their commitment to this aim.

Professor Steve Allsop
Director
Curtin University Vice Chancellor Professor Deborah Terry visited NDRI in June, presenting an opportunity for researchers to showcase the extensive range of work being conducted at the Institute.

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Professor Steve Allsop was the recipient of an APSAD Award for Excellence in Science, Research and Practice, presented as part of the annual APSAD conference. Professor Allsop received the Senior Scientist Award in recognition of his outstanding contribution to the field of substance use and misuse.

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Professor Steve Allsop attended the 58th Session of the United Nations Commission on Narcotic Drugs in Vienna in March as part of the Australian Government delegation.


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NAIP research on alcohol-related ED presentations gives cause for concern

The fourteenth National Alcohol Indicators Project (NAIP) bulletin, released by NDRI in June 2015, was the first Australian publication to document nationwide trends over time in alcohol-related emergency department (ED) presentations.

NAIP bulletin 14 documents estimated trends in alcohol-related ED presentations based on presentations with an ‘injury’ related primary diagnosis on weekend nights for each Australian state (except Tasmania) over a recent 7-year period.

Presentation rates were higher among males than females across all jurisdictions, however the rate that Australian women presented at EDs on weekends for alcohol-related injuries increased faster than for males. Rates of teenage presentations were higher than any of the other age groups, likely indicating higher prevalence of alcohol-related night time weekend ED presentations for teenagers.

While the high frequency of ED presentations makes the data a strong indicator of alcohol-related harm, researchers believe the figures are an under-estimation.

NDRI’s Professor Tanya Chikritzhs, who leads NAIP research said, “This research is a reminder of the significant burden created by alcohol-related injury and premature death in Australia.”

“Young people are particularly susceptible to alcohol-related injury and nationally increasing trends confirm that this is no time for complacency. It also appears that the gender gap may be closing with the rate of harm among young women accelerating faster than for males.”

All NAIP bulletins are on the NDRI website.

Good research, informing policy

A high-level panel discussion on drugs, policy and politics, featuring former high-ranking politicians with intimate knowledge of the decision making process, was a fitting culmination to NDRI’s Drugs, Policy and Public Health intensive program held in July.

The week-long professional development course and postgraduate unit aimed to give participants a framework to improve integration of research into drug policy formulation.

The program concluded with an absorbing panel discussion featuring Professor Carmen Lawrence, Australia’s first woman State Premier and former Federal Health Minister; Former Federal Minister Judi Moylan, who was the Member for Pearce for 20 years, and Michael Moore, Public Health Association of Australia CEO and former ACT Health Minister.

The panel, chaired by Professor of Public Health and former WA Director General of Health Mike Daube, provided insights about the intersection between policy and politics and practical tips on how to influence decision makers.

The wide-ranging discussion outlined some of the factors that influence the policy agenda and the content of policy, including ideology, political manoeuvring for short term advantage, special interest groups, the media and community attitudes.
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 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 research approaches.

NDRI works closely with a diverse range of stakeholders, and a culture of collaboration ensures that much of its work is further strengthened through partnerships 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 2015, 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 is organised into nine key research priority areas:

- Alcohol policy and strategies
- Needs of Aboriginal Australians
- Justice health
- Enhancing primary prevention and early intervention
- Reducing harm among people who continue to use alcohol and other drugs
- Understanding social contexts of drug use
- Social studies of addiction concepts
- The role of new technologies in drug use and interventions
- Contributing to tobacco interventions among disadvantaged populations
Research Activities

ALCOHOL POLICY AND STRATEGIES

Alcohol policy and strategies research is aimed at reducing access to alcohol when availability increases harm, developing information and systems to identify and respond to risky alcohol use, reducing risky drinking, and investigating alcohol-related disease and injury.

New Projects

Alcohol-related harm in Western Australia reduced through cost-effective initiatives
NDRI staff: Tanya Chikritzhs
Project leader: Centre for Population Health, Curtin University
Project partners: School of Public Health, Curtin University; Pacific Institute of Research and Evaluation; WA Health Department; Centre for Data Linkage, Curtin University; Public Health Advocacy Institute, Curtin University; Injury Control Council of WA
Funded by: Healthway

Consumption and purchasing patterns in Western Australia, Australia and the World: The international alcohol control study
NDRI staff: Tanya Chikritzhs
Project leader: La Trobe University
Project partners: Centre for Population Health, Burnet Institute; Centre for Alcohol Policy Research, Turning Point
Funded by: Healthway

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

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

Minimum pricing for alcohol: What does the WA public think
NDRI staff: Tanya Chikritzhs
Project leaders: School of Psychology, Curtin University
Funded by: Healthway

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

Pub extended trading hours: Effects on drunkenness and alcohol-related harm
NDRI staff: Tanya Chikritzhs, Wenbin Liang, William Gilmore, Elise Gordon, 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

Understanding recent Australian trends in alcohol consumption and harms
NDRI staff: Tanya Chikritzhs
Project leaders: Centre for Alcohol Policy Research
Project partners: Turning Point Alcohol and Drug Centre; Centre for Population Health, Burnet Institute
Funded by: ARC

Ongoing Projects

Alcohol: Monitoring and policy evaluation
NDRI staff: Tanya Chikritzhs
Funded by: NHMRC Early Career Development Fellowship

Burden of disease analysis
NDRI staff: Tanya Chikritzhs, Tim Stockwell (Adjunct)
Project partners: Centre for Addictions Research of BC, University of Victoria, Canada
Funded by: NDRI

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

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

Effective health promotion with young risky drinkers
NDRI staff: Tina Lam, Steve Allsop
Funded by: Healthway
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

Investigating the impact of liquor superstores in Western Australia

NDRI staff: Tanya Chikritzhs, Michelle Hobday, Wenbin Liang, William Gilmore
Funded by: Mental Health Commission

Investigating the relationships between alcohol and other drug use, mental health, early-life factors and life-course outcomes: Integrative analyses of data from four Australasian cohort studies

NDRI staff: Steve Allsop, Robert Tait
Project leaders: NDARC
Funded by: NHMRC

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, Elise Gordon
Funded by: Healthway

National alcohol indicators project (NAIP)

NDRI staff: Tanya Chikritzhs, William Gilmore, Eveline Lensvelt
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

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

Completed Projects

A review and synthesis of supply and demand reduction measures for alcohol

NDRI staff: Tanya Chikritzhs, Steve Allsop
Project leaders: Deakin University
Project partners: Centre for Adolescent Health, Murdoch Children’s Research Institute
Funded by: NDLERF, AIC

Long term evaluation of the Norseman voluntary liquor agreement

NDRI staff: Richard Midford (Adjunct), Steve Allsop
Project partners: Menzies School of Health Research; Charles Darwin University
Funded by: NDRI and FARE

Meta-analysis of 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

National alcohol sales data project (stage 4)

NDRI staff: Tanya Chikritzhs, Steve Allsop, Wendy Loxley, Paul Catalano, William Gilmore
Funded by: AGDH

Older Australians: What are their beliefs about alcohol?

NDRI staff: Celia Wilkinson (Adjunct), Steve Allsop
Project leaders: Edith Cowan University
Funded by: Edith Cowan University

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, Tinal Lam, William Gilmore
Project partners: NDARC; Turning Point Alcohol and Drug Centre
Funded by: ANPHA

See Appendix (page 35) for list of abbreviations
Research Activities
NEEDS OF ABORIGINAL AUSTRALIANS

Needs of Aboriginal Australians research aims to prevent and reduce alcohol and other drug-related harm in Aboriginal communities through partnerships with Aboriginal community-controlled organisations and by building Aboriginal research capacity.

New Projects
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

Evaluation of the ‘Makin Tracks’ 4 project
NDRI staff: Dennis Gray, Anna Stearne
Project partners: Aboriginal Drug and Alcohol Council (SA)
Funded by: AGDH and ADAC (SA)

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

Lowitja Institute Cooperative Research Centres Program
NDRI staff: Ted Wilkes

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

Ongoing Projects
Australian Indigenous Alcohol and other Drugs Knowledge Centre
NDRI staff: Dennis Gray, Anna Stearne, Ted Wilkes
Project leaders: Australian Indigenous HealthInfoNet, ECU
Project partners: NDARC and NCETA
Funded by: AGDH

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

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

Identifying opportunities for the prevention of harmful use of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs among young Noongar (Aboriginal) people in the south-west of Western Australia
NDRI staff: Dennis Gray, Ted Wilkes, Anna Stearne, Julia Butt, Mandy Wilson
Project partners: Southern Aboriginal Corporation
Funded by: ANPHA

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

Justice health research focuses on the link between drug use and offending behaviour, in particular the development of evidence-based interventions and treatments as both alternatives to incarceration and to enhance the outcomes of incarceration.

New Projects
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

Ongoing Projects
Hepatitis C, prisons and treatment opportunities (HePATO)
NDRI staff: Susan Carruthers, Jocelyn Jones
Project leaders: Kirby Institute, UNSW
Project partners: Royal Perth Hospital
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

See Appendix (page 35) for list of abbreviations
Research Activities

ENHANCING PRIMARY PREVENTION AND EARLY INTERVENTION

New Projects

Impacts of parental supply of alcohol on late-adolescent alcohol outcomes
NDRI staff: Nyanda McBride
Project leaders: NDARC, UNSW
Project partners: University of Newcastle; University of Tasmania
Funded by: Australian Rotary Health

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

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

Ongoing Projects

Adolescent alcohol use: Determining priorities for parent interventions
NDRI staff: Nyanda McBride
Project leaders: Edith Cowan University
Project partners: Newcastle University; Drug and Alcohol Office WA
Funded by: Healthway

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

Internet-based universal prevention for anxiety, depression and substance use in young Australians (CSC Study)
NDRI staff: Steve Allsop, Nyanda McBride, Nina Te Pas
Project leaders: NDARC

Completed Projects

Impact of parental substance use on infant development and family functioning
NDRI staff: Steve Allsop, Aurora Popescu, Lauren Bell
Project leaders: NDARC
Funded by: NHMRC

Teacher and parent illicit drug resource development (phases 2 and 3)
NDRI staff: Nyanda McBride, Steve Allsop, Nina Te Pas
Project leaders: NDARC
Funded by: AGDoH

Enhancing primary prevention and early intervention research explores factors that influence and prevent the early uptake and problematic use of alcohol and other drugs, particularly during childhood and adolescence, and including a focus on disadvantaged populations.

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

REDCING HARM AMONG PEOPLE WHO CONTINUE TO USE ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS

Reducing harm among people who continue to use alcohol and other drugs research aims to inform policy and practice interventions that will reduce the harm to individuals, families, organisations and communities for people who continue to use alcohol and other drugs.

New 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
Project partners: NDARC, UNSW; South Australian Centre for Economic Studies; Australian National University
Funded by: AGDH

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

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

Ongoing Projects

Ecstasy and related Drugs Reporting System (EDRS)
NDRI staff: Simon Lenton, Candice Rainsford, Jodie Grigg
Project partners: NDARC
Funded by: NDLERF via NDARC

Evaluation of the Sydney overdose prevention education and Narcan (OPEN) project
NDRI staff: Simon Lenton
Funded by: NDRI

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

Evaluation of the WA peer naloxone project
NDRI staff: Simon Lenton
Project partners: Drug and Alcohol Office, WA; Burnet Institute; Kirby Institute, UNSW

Completed Projects

The development of a quality framework for Australian Government funded drug and alcohol treatment
NDRI staff: Steve Allsop
Project leaders: Turning Point
Project partners: Drug and Alcohol Office, WA; Odyssey House; University of Queensland; University of Canberra
Funded by: AGDH

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

Understanding hepatitis C direct acting anti-virals in a cohort of PWID
NDRI staff: Peter Higgs
Funded by: Gilead Sciences

See Appendix (page 35) for list of abbreviations
Research Activities
UNDERSTANDING SOCIAL CONTEXTS OF DRUG USE

Understanding social contexts of drug use research examines the social, cultural, economic, physical and political environments of alcohol and other drug use and related harm, with a view to removing or decreasing barriers to harm-reduction through changes to policy and practice.

New Projects

The treatment and prevention (TAP) study
NDRI staff: Peter Higgs
Project leaders: Centre for Population Health, Burnet Institute; St Vincent’s Hospital, Melbourne
Project partners: University of Melbourne
Funded by: Gilead Sciences

Ongoing Projects

An evaluation of the effectiveness of Holyoake’s core programs
NDRI staff: Robert Tait, Marina Nelson
Funded by: Holyoake

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

Documenting and better understanding the life trajectories of people who inject drugs
NDRI staff: Peter Higgs
Funded by: NHMRC

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 Alcohol and Drug Centre; National Centre in HIV Epidemiology and Clinical Research; NDARC; University of Queensland
Funded by: NHMRC Centre for Research Excellence

Understanding and responding to public alcohol and other drug use and impacts in Melbourne’s western region
NDRI staff: Robyn Dwyer
Project leaders: Centre for Cultural Diversity and Wellbeing, Victoria University
Funded by: Victoria University

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
Research Activities
SOCIAL STUDIES OF ADDICTION CONCEPTS

Social studies of addiction concepts research examines assumptions about the origins, nature and meaning of drug use and addiction with the aim of better informing policy and developing clearer concepts and more productive approaches for improving alcohol and other drug-related health and social outcomes.

Ongoing 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

Concepts of addiction and social inclusion in Swedish and Australian drug policy
NDRI staff: Suzanne Fraser, David Moore
Project partners: SoRAD, Stockholm University, Sweden
Funded by: Swedish Research Grant Council

Drugs and addiction in sport:
A qualitative pilot study
NDRI staff: Kate Seear (Adjunct), Suzanne Fraser
Funded by: Addiction Concepts Startup Fund

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)

Regulating addictions: A pilot study exploring the role of the law in the identification and management of addictions
NDRI staff: Kate Seear (Adjunct), Suzanne Fraser
Funded by: Addiction Concepts Startup Fund

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

See Appendix (page 35) for list of abbreviations
Research Activities
THE ROLE OF NEW TECHNOLOGIES IN DRUG USE AND INTERVENTIONS

The role of new technologies in drug use and interventions research is developing the evidence base around the intersection between drug use and information and the online environment, including online interventions for at-risk alcohol and other drug users.

New Projects

An adaptation of “SnowControl”, an internet delivered intervention for problematic cocaine use, to an intervention for problematic methamphetamine use

NDRI staff: Robert Tait
Funded by: Curtin University Research Fellowship

Ongoing Projects

10-Year outcomes of an emergency department delivered brief intervention with adolescent alcohol and other substance users

NDRI staff: Robert Tait
Project leader: University of Western Australia
Funded by: WA Department of Health

A pilot study investigating Silk Road, the anonymous online drug marketplace

NDRI staff: Monica Barratt (adjunct), Simon Lenton, Alexia Maddox
Project partners: NDARC, UNSW; Deakin University
Funded by: NDRI

Evaluating social media communications in prosocial and antisocial behaviours associated with alcohol misuse in young people

NDRI staff: Tanya Chikritzhs
Project partners: Australian Drug Foundation
Funded by: Curtin University

Experiences of addiction, treatment and recovery: An online resource for members of the public, health professionals and policymakers

NDRI staff: Suzanne Fraser, David Moore, Kiran Pienaar
Project partners: Monash University; Centre for Social Research in Health, University of New South Wales; Hunter New England Area Health Service
Funded by: Australian Research Council

Internet interventions for substance use problems: Can the ideal of universal care be fulfilled?

NDRI staff: Robert Tait
Funded by: Curtin University Research Fellowship

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

The role of new technologies in drug use and interventions research is developing the evidence base around the intersection between drug use and information and the online environment, including online interventions for at-risk alcohol and other drug users.
Research Activities

POSTGRADUATE 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.

New PhD Projects

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 and Simone Pettigrew (Curtin School of Psychology)
Funded by: Curtin University Faculty of Health Sciences International Research Scholarship

New Masters Projects

How has the implementation and evolution of a commercial marijuana market in Colorado been portrayed in samples of media stories?
Masters scholar: Todd Subritzky
Masters supervisor: Simon Lenton and Simone Pettigrew (Curtin School of Psychology)
Funded by: RTS

When does personal use become commercial?
Masters scholar: Scott Moon
Masters supervisor: Tina Lam and Steve Allsop
Funded by: RTS

Ongoing PhD Projects

A critical study of ‘recovery’
PhD scholar: Renae Fomiatti
PhD supervisor: David Moore
Funded by: NHMRC

Barriers to use of screening and brief intervention and referral to treatment in NSW hospital emergency departments
PhD scholar: Rashid Flewellen
PhD supervisors: Steve Allsop, Susan Carruthers, Tina Lam
Funded by: NDRI

Drug use at outdoor music festivals in two Australian cities: Policies and practices for reducing drug related harms
PhD scholar: Jodie Grigg
PhD supervisor: Simon Lenton
Funded by: NDRI

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

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: NDRI

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

See Appendix (page 35) for list of abbreviations
Post release trajectories of young adult prisoners with a history of injecting drug use  
PhD scholar: Shelley Walker  
PhD supervisor: Peter Higgs  
Funded by: APA (Curtin) Scholarship  

The determinants of harm reduction policy implementation for the prevention of HIV in Thailand  
PhD scholar: Michael Cole  
PhD supervisors: Steve Allsop, Susan Carruthers  
Funded by: NDRI  

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  

Young men, MDMA and drug education  
PhD scholar: Adrian Farrugia  
PhD supervisors: Suzanne Fraser, David Moore  
Funded by: NDRI  

Young people, addiction and the criminal justice system  
PhD scholar: Eliana Sarmiento Guerra  
PhD supervisors: Suzanne Fraser, Kate Seear (Adjunct)  
Funded by: ORD Scholarship  

Young people and addiction  
PhD scholar: Elizabeth Normand  
PhD supervisors: Suzanne Fraser, Robyn Dwyer  
Funded by: ORD Scholarship  


Completed PhD Projects  
Making methamphetamine: Enacting a drug and its consumers in scientific accounts, personal narratives and service provision  
PhD scholar: Nicola Thomson  
PhD supervisors: David Moore, Suzanne Fraser  
Funded by: NHMRC  

Ongoing Masters Projects  
Drug treatment and addiction in China  
Masters scholar: Judy Chang  
Masters supervisor: Suzanne Fraser  
Funded by: RTS  

Project information available at ndri.curtin.edu.au
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Robert Tait

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James Fetherston
Rashid Flewellyn
Renae Forriatti
Himanshu Gupta

Aaron Hart
Michelle Hobday
Elizabeth Normand
Amineh Rashidi
Eliana Sarmiento Guerra
Sarah Smith
Nicola Thomson
Shelley Walker
James Wilson

Masters Scholars
Judy Chang
Scott Moon
Todd Subritzky

Adjunct Appointments
David Hawks, Emeritus Professor
Tony Butler, Professor
Sir Ian Gilmore, Professor
Kate Graham, Professor
Richard Midford, Professor
Moira Plant, Professor
Sherry Saggers, Professor
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John Boffa, Associate Professor
Diana Egerton-Warburton, Associate Professor
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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 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](http://www.connections.edu.au).

**Website**

Further information about NDRI’s research is available through its website at [ndri.curtin.edu.au](http://ndri.curtin.edu.au). The site is a popular way for the community, the media and other researchers to access NDRI’s work.

**Media**

Traditional, online and social media are important conduits for NDRI’s 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 610 mentions in the media during 2015, with the provision of expert comment and evidence based research further enhancing the Institute’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 900 Twitter followers or Facebook likes.

Topics that generated the most media interest included methamphetamine use and harms, particularly ice; alcohol consumption, trading hours, and alcohol-fuelled violence, particularly its impact on emergency department presentations; drinking and health; provision of take-home naloxone to reverse opioid overdoses; synthetic and medicinal cannabis; drug and alcohol use by Aboriginal Australians; and drug supply.
Dissemination Activities

PUBLICATIONS

Monographs and Technical Reports


Books and Book Chapters


Journal Articles


Dissemination Activities

PUBLICATIONS (CONTINUED)


Dissemination Activities

PUBLICATIONS (CONTINUED)


Conference Presentations


Dissemination Activities
PRESENTATIONS (CONTINUED)

Symposium Presentations


Workshop Presentations


Seminar Presentations


Meeting Presentations


Tait, R.J. (2015) Alcohol and other drug use in Australia. Presented at the Master’s of Physiotherapy (Curtin University) seminar program, Curtin University, Bentley, 22nd May 2015.


Wilkes, E.T. (2015) Invited participant in the Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Ice Roundtable proposal discussion, Brisbane, 11th September 2015


Wilkes, E.T. (2015) Owning and building the Pathways - ‘walk together and work together to secure the ways to move forward’. Keynote presentation at the Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs Aboriginal Workers Forum, Mt Lofty House, Mt Lofty, SA, 18th-19th August 2015.


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.

14 May 2015
A feasibility study of screening, diagnosis and workforce development to improve the management of youth with fetal alcohol spectrum disorder in the justice system
NDRI Seminar Room, NDRI, Perth
Jacinta Freeman and Candice Rainsford, Telethon Kids Institute

9 September 2015
Substance use by adolescents in residential youth care institutions
NDRI Seminar Room, NDRI, Perth
Professor Veerle Soyez, Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB), Belgium

15 October 2015
Economic drivers of alcohol and illicit drug use
NDRI Seminar Room, NDRI, Perth
Professor Frank Chaloupka, University of Illinois and 2015 Healthway Visiting Fellow

12 November 2015
Expectations and experiences of Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal men who undertake a prison based AoD treatment program in a NSW prison
NDRI Seminar Room, NDRI, Perth
Michael Doyle, Kirby Institute, UNSW

7 December 2015
“Take the grog away, and then we will have mum and dad back”: Effects of others’ drinking on children – a spectrum of harm and solutions.
NDRI Seminar Room, NDRI, Perth
Dr Anne Marie Laslett, NDRI
## NDRI Funding

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Appendix

LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

ADAC (SA)  Aboriginal Drug and Alcohol Council (South Australia)
AGDH  Australian Government Department of Health
AIC  Australian Institute of Criminology
ANPHA  Australian National Preventative Health Agency
ANU  Australian National University
ARC  Australian Research Council
CAAC  Central Australian Aboriginal Congress
DAS SA  Drug and Alcohol Services, SA
ECU  Edith Cowan University
FaHCSIA  Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs, NT
FARE  Foundation for Alcohol Research and Education
Healthway  Western Australian Health Promotion Foundation
MHC  Mental Health Commission (Western Australia)
NCETA  National Centre for Education and Training on Addiction
NCPIC  National Cannabis Prevention and Information Centre
NDARC  National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre, UNSW
NDLERF  National Drug Law Enforcement Research Fund
NDRI  National Drug Research Institute
NHMRC  National Health and Medical Research Council
NIH  National Institutes of Health (USA)
SHAHRP  School Health and Alcohol Harm Reduction Project
SoRAD  Centre for Social Research on Alcohol and Drugs at Stockholm University
Turning Point  Turning Point Drug and Alcohol Centre, Inc
UNSW  University of New South Wales
UWA  University of Western Australia
WAHD  Western Australian Health Department
WANADA  Western Australian Network Alcohol and Drug Agencies
WHO  World Health Organization