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# “It fits the needs of the community”: Long term evaluation of the Norseman Voluntary Liquor Agreement

*Free public seminar with*  
**Richard Midford**

*Professor of Health in Education and NDRI Adjunct Professor*

**Thursday, 11 February 2016 @ 1.00pm**

National Drug Research Institute Seminar Room  
Curtin University Health Research Campus,  
Level 2, 10 Selby Street, Shenton Park, WA

*The town of Norseman, in WA's Goldfields region, introduced voluntary restrictions on the sale alcohol in 2008, with accompanying benefits in consumption and harm. This seminar presents findings of a mixed methods study that compared alcohol wholesale sales, presentations to the hospital's emergency department and alcohol related offences from before and after the introduction of the restrictions. The analysis found consumption of cask wine declined significantly in the short and long term; fortified wine consumption declined significantly in the long term; the decline in Indigenous presentations to the hospital's emergency department approached significance; and there was a significant decline in burglary and assault offences and in Indigenous domestic violence. Key informants and focus group participants indicated the behaviour of drinkers, the amount of alcohol consumed, alcohol related harms and community climate had all improved. These findings indicate that alcohol restrictions, fashioned by key stakeholders and backed by the community, can have a long term impact on local alcohol problems.*

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