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#### **About NDRI**

The National Drug Research Institute (NDRI) is one of the largest centres of alcohol and other drug research expertise in Australia.

NDRI is based at Curtin University in Perth, Western Australia. NDRI is an integral part of the national strategy aimed at minimising the harm associated with legal and illegal drug use in Australia.

Our role is to conduct and disseminate high quality research that contributes to effective policy, strategies and practice to prevent and reduce harmful alcohol and other drug use. Our research is complemented by the work of the National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre (NDARC) at the University of New South Wales, the National Centre for Education and Training on Addiction (NCETA) at Flinders University, and the National Centre for Youth Substance Use Research (NCYSUR) at the University of Queensland.

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

#### Mission

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

## **Key Result Areas**

Conduct research that contributes to the evidence base to support policy, strategies and practice to prevent and reduce alcohol and other drug-related health, social and economic harm.

Contribute to enhancing the national capacity for research and engage with key groups to translate research findings to policy, strategies and practice.





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## **Advisory Board**

The NDRI Advisory Board reflects our national scope, comprising members from around Australia. Members are drawn from stakeholders including Aboriginal Australians, law enforcement, non-government services, public health, the wider community, consumers, academia and research. The role of the Advisory Board is to support and advise the Director in the effective governance of the Institute.



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Director

National Drug Research Institute

## **Chair's Report**

Welcome to the National Drug Research Institute's Annual Report for 2023. The following pages provide a brief overview of the Institute's achievements during what was a successful and productive 12 months.

As you read through the report, it is clear that 2023 was very much a year of achievement for the Institute.

The upward trajectory of many early career researchers' careers were recognised, with competitive funding and university awards achieved throughout the year and NDRI-supervised PhD scholars recognised for the quality of their theses.

Elsewhere, the excellence of NDRI researchers' current or proposed work was confirmed with international, national and local grants to, for example, unlock the public health benefits of reducing alcohol-related harm or improving criminal justice outcomes.

And perhaps most importantly, given the Institute's remit from our core Commonwealth funders, NDRI researchers as a whole contributed their expertise to developing strong and effective alcohol and other drug policy at all levels, whether working with the World Health Organization at the international level or to improve the health outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People or people with disability across Australia.

I have had the privilege of witnessing firsthand since 2009, when I first joined the NDRI Board, the importance and impact of quality and insightful research evidence on decision making. It is part of the reason I have remained on the Board for such a long period, and why I agreed in 2019 to take over the role of chair of the Board vacated by Neil Guard, a committed and effective leader in the AOD sector.

Now it is my time to vacate the Chair, and in reflecting over the past 15 years, it is clear that all members of the NDRI Board over that period have taken their responsibilities very seriously and engaged with senior staff in exercising their duty to oversee the activities of NDRI and ensure an appropriate strategic direction.



Credit must also go to the leadership of the two Institute Directors that served during my time on the Board, current Director Professor Simon Lenton and his predecessor Professor Steve Allsop. I cannot thank them enough for their commitment to the work of NDRI and their support for me and for all of the Advisory Board members.

Thanks too to the whole NDRI team. NDRI is blessed with a dedicated and quality team of business support staff, whose capacity and professionalism frees academics from 'admin tasks' as much as possible to complete important research.

In closing, I warmly acknowledge and thank all those who have contributed to NDRI's success over both the past 12 months and the past 15 years — NDRI's Board and Executive members, its researchers and the business staff who support us all, and Curtin University — for their perseverance and commitment to achieving worthwhile results.

It has been a great honour to work with so many talented people dedicated to making the world a better and healthier place for all.

> Dr Michael Moore AM PhD Chair NDRI Advisory Board

## **Director's Report**

It's been a big year for NDRI. As usual, we have been very active doing the good work of conducting policy and practice relevant research on alcohol and other drug issues. This annual report documents the quality research and dissemination that our researchers have been undertaking in collaboration with academic and community stakeholders locally, nationally and internationally.

As a national research institute with considerable funding from the Australian Government, our remit is to deliver high quality nationally relevant research. Importantly, we conduct research at three levels. Internationally conducted research can inform Australian policy makers and practitioners about drug use trends and responses from elsewhere that can alert, inform and prepare understandings and responses in this country. We also carry out and participate in research at the national level that has obvious relevance to Australia. Thirdly, much research conducted at local community levels, often with community partners, can have relevance to communities elsewhere in Australia and can lead to diffusion of research and innovation, again, with obvious relevance for us as a nation. You will see examples of work conducted at all three levels throughout this annual report.

In mid-2023, the Faculty of Health Sciences and our host university, Curtin, successfully concluded its international search for a new Director for NDRI, which has been a long time coming and had been delayed due to the COVID pandemic and other factors.

With a new NDRI Director and Pro Vice Chancellor of Health Sciences (PVCHS) both scheduled to start in 2024, in September 2023 the current PVCHS informed us that there would be an external Review of NDRI undertaken, to be concluded by December 2023. It is of course appropriate that institutes like our own are regularly reviewed and, while this happens to some extent throughout the usual 2-3 year cycle of applications for core funding from the Australian Government Department of Health and Aged Care (AGDHAC,) our most recent formal external review was undertaken as far back as 2007.

A strong review panel was recruited, made up of: Professor Charles Parry, the Director of the Mental Health, Alcohol, Substance Use and Tobacco Research Unit of the South African Medical Research Council; Margaret Hamilton, Honorary Professor at the University of Melbourne; and Neil Guard, former Executive Officer of Drug and Alcohol Office WA. This group was well placed to review the organisational structure, relationships and breadth of NDRI's work over the previous five years and make recommendations for the future.



The process of being reviewed provided a great opportunity to reflect on our work and our processes, to showcase our achievements, to document some of the challenges, and to hear and respond to the Panel's analysis and suggestions. NDRI researchers and business support staff responded positively and, as always, worked as a team to embrace the Review. Undeterred by already full workloads and a short lead time, staff gathered evidence and documentation, prepared presentations, and coordinated interviews and testimonials from among their stakeholder networks for the face-to-face review sessions held on December 11 and 12.

We are particularly indebted to all of our stakeholders and key informants across the country who, at short notice, so readily agreed to be part of this process and to share their invaluable insights with the panel. Reflecting on our practice and engaging with the review team was a valuable process and the team looks forward to reflecting on the Review Panel's full report due in early 2024.

To conclude, I warmly acknowledge the incredible work done by the NDRI team and thank our research collaborators from research, academic, consumer, government and other organisations across the globe. Appreciation also goes to our major funders — the Australian Government Department of Health and Aged Care and Curtin University — along with the Chair and members of the NDRI Advisory Board, who contribute their keen interest in our work, provide sound advice and counsel, and bring a wealth of knowledge and connectedness from their own areas of expertise.

Professor Simon Lenton
Director
National Drug Research Institute

## **Highlights and Achievements 2023**

- NDRI was redesignated as a World Health Organisation (WHO) Collaborating Centre for the Prevention of Substance Use and Substance Use Disorders. The designation application included projects focused on naloxone and school drug education.
- Professor Tanya Chikritzhs and Dr William Gilmore were awarded a 5-year grant from United States competitive grant agency National Institutes of Health. The Community Alcohol Sales and Related Problems: Filling the Critical Research Gap project will be completed in collaboration with the Pacific Institute for Research and Evaluation.
- Professor Simon Lenton was invited by the London Drugs Commission to provide evidence regarding cannabis law in Australia and to provide recommendations regarding cannabis legislation internationally, while Professor Paul Dietze was invited to present on The impact of the WHO/UNODC S-O-S training package on opioid overdose response knowledge and attitudes in Geneva at the WHO forum on alcohol and other drugs.
- NDRI Alcohol Policy Research Program Leader Professor Tanya Chikritzhs co-authored a ground-breaking report on the link between alcohol, high blood pressure and cardiovascular disease. Alcohol and Blood Pressure summarises the best scientific research and provides a state-of-the-art overview of alcohol's substantial causal role in hypertension, the leading cause of heart disease, stroke, type 2 diabetes and dementia.
- Professor Steve Allsop attended the Commission on Narcotic Drugs UNODC as part of the Australian Government Delegation as the Technical Advisor.
- The first project of this type, Dr Martyn Symons completed an analysis showing there is no evidence that wide-area restrictions under Section 64 of the Liquor Act of WA had an adverse impact on tourism in remote areas of Western Australia.
- Dr Shelley Walker won a highly competitive Australian Research Council funding grant through the Discovery Early Career Researcher Award (DECRA) scheme. Based at NDRI in Melbourne, Shelley's Police custody and young people: Informing human rights responses research project will inform evidence-based solutions that protect human rights while young people are detained and help prevent future avoidable deaths in custody.
- Dr Jocelyn Jones is co-leading a successful \$450,000 lan Potter grant titled Reducing systemic inequity in health services in prisons for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. A key recommendation of the Royal Commission into Aboriginal deaths in custody in 1991, this pilot study is the first of its kind.
- Associate Professor Michael Livingston delivered a keynote at the 48th Annual Alcohol Epidemiology Symposium of the Kettil Bruun Society in Johannesburg, presenting work on liver disease, youth drinking and mental health and alcohol consumption among regular methamphetamine users. Dr Martyn Symons also presented at the event, which provided an opportunity to promote the annual symposium being held in Perth in 2024.

#### PhD scholars achieve excellence

Two NDRI researchers who completed Doctor of Philosophy degrees received a Curtin University Chancellor's Commendation for an exceptional Higher Degree by Research thesis.

NDRI Research Associate Annalee Stearne, a Nyungar women from WA, was awarded a Curtin University Chancellor's Commendation for an "exceptional" Higher Degree by Research thesis on Inclusion of Self-Determination by First Nations Australian Communities in Alcohol Related Policy Development in the Northern Territory.

NDRI Research Fellow Dr William Gilmore also received a Curtin University Chancellor's Commendation for his PhD research thesis, Associations between Government Regulation of Alcohol Availability, Alcohol Use and Health in Australia, which was also "highly praised by the examiners who agreed that the research was of an exceptionally high standard".

Dr Gilmore was supervised by NDRI Alcohol Policy Program Leader Professor Tanya Chikritzhs and Dr Stearne was supervised by NDRI Professor Steve Allsop.

- Dr Jocelyn Jones accepted an invitation to participate in the Attorney General's Department working party on the National Minimum Age of Criminal Responsibility. Dr Jones was also invited by the Office of the Inspector of Custodial Services in Western Australia to participate in an inspection of two juvenile justice detention centres to make recommendations for improvement in policy and operations from an Aboriginal expert perspective, and co-hosted the Juvenile Justice Summit, which discussed solutions to youth justice issues.
- Dr Sam College-Frisby won the Award for Research Excellence People ECR, recognising her outstanding research that makes a difference for people, at the Curtin Awards for Research Excellence.
- A key report, highlighting the impact of family violence on First Nations women and children with disability, was published by the Royal Commission into Violence, Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation of People with Disability. NDRI's Aboriginal Research Program Leader Jocelyn Jones was lead author on the research report, which was commissioned by the Disability Royal Commission.
- The Birdiya Maya Homelessness Research Project, a collaboration between NDRI and Wungening Aboriginal Corporation and supported by Lotterywest, received a major award as part of the 2023 Lowitja Institute International Indigenous Health and Wellbeing Conference. As part of the project, the John Curtin Gallery also hosted the report launch and second photovoice exhibition, which was attended by Minister for Homelessness John Carev.
- The revamped SHAHRP website, providing electronic versions of the SHAHRP intervention material, was launched.

- NDRI researchers are investigators on new MRFF- and NHMRC-funded projects that take innovative digital-based approaches to improving the health of young and Indigenous Australians including: Professor Tanya Chikritzhs and Research Associate Dr Annalee Stearne contributing to the Making it easier for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander primary health care services to screen for risky drinking and provide tailored feedback: adapting the Grog Survey App project; Professor Steve Allsop and Associate Professor Nyanda McBride are chief investigators on the \$1.8m MRFF grant A new scalable eHealth approach to prevent e-cigarette use among adolescents"; and, Dr Jocelyn Jones is a Chief Investigator on the Improving HPV vaccination rates for Aboriginal young people through social media project.
- Dr Sam College-Frisby authored two papers published in the Lancet Global Health focusing on major reviews of the global prevalence of injecting drug use and related harms plus relevant interventions.
- Dr Jodie Grigg gave several topical presentations based on her PhD research, including: internationally at the Club Health Conference in Liverpool, on Barriers to seeking help among Australian music festival attendees; nationally as part of the NDARC webinar series on Drug use at music festivals: Key findings and harm reduction recommendations attracting 300 registrations; and, as invited speaker at the WA Events Industry Conference.
- Professor Paul Dietze, Dr Sam College-Frisby and Dr Michael Curtis, from NDRI's Melbourne office, all presented at the 27th Harm Reduction International Conference.
- New research by Dr Nic Taylor showed minimum alcohol pricing had minimal cost impact on moderate drinkers, debunking industry arguments. Published in the Australian and New Zealand Journal of Public Health, the research was supported by a Public Health Association of Australia media release, which attracted significant media attention. Dr Nic Taylor also presented the research at the NSW Ministry of Health Alcohol Research showcase.
- Dr Jocelyn Jones was invited as an expert to present to the United Nations Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous People on the research findings of the NHMRC funded I-Care project during the UN visit to Australia to examine the contemporary removal of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children from their families and communities.
- Dr Anna Stearne presented a series of important papers, including First Nations Australians' right to exercise self-determination in alcohol policy development: a starting point at the Healing Our Spirit Worldwide the Ninth Gathering in Canada and presentations to the Aboriginal Alcohol and other Drug Worker Forum 2023: Time for Action: Speaking, Leading, Driving Change, and a Human Rights Theory and Philosophy guest lecture.
- Professor Paul Dietze and Dr Jocelyn Jones were successful in an NHMRC grant titled Determining health needs and outcomes of key populations of people who use drugs. The grant is led by Professor Dietze at Burnet Institute, which will allow continuation of work on the SuperMIX and VMAX cohorts study.

- Dr Jodie Grigg and Professor Simon Lenton are part of a new community stakeholder WA Nightlife/Harm Reduction Working Group that will identify and address gaps in reducing drug-related harm in nightlife and festival settings in Western Australia.
- Professor Simon Lenton accepted an invitation to join the Committee of Management for Peer-based Harm Reduction WA, the only peer based, not for profit, community-based harm reduction organisation representing people who use or have used drugs in WA.
- Professor Tanya Chikritzhs delivered a keynote address on Alcohol and injury: Where would we be without our favourite drug as part of the Injury Prevention Summit; Professor Chikritzhs also presented in the Preventing Harm from Alcohol session and participated in a Q&A panel.
- Leverhulme International Fellow Dr Rebecca Askew delivered the Researching lived experience, values and drug policy seminar. Dr Sam College-Frisby and Dr Seraina Agramunt's presentations Answering key questions on naloxone were another highlight of the NDRI seminar series.
- Dr William Gilmore was invited to present at the Mental Health Commission AOD Prevention Network, presenting on the newlyupdated Australian alcohol-attributable harm visualisation tool that is a part of the NAIP project.
- Professor Paul Dietze and Dr Sam College-Frisby published a paper titled Injection drug use frequency before and after takehome naloxone (THN) training, which examined data from the SuperMIX study, provides the highest-quality evidence to date of no effects of THN training on key risk behaviours for opioid overdose such as injection frequency, using drugs alone and benzodiazepine use. This paper has a significant impact as the findings suggest that concerns about risk compensation should not be a barrier to widespread implementation.
- Professor Steve Allsop was appointed to the Community Mental Health, Alcohol and Other Drugs Council, which aims to strengthen integration and accountability of mental health, alcohol and other drug services within the community sector.

#### Symposium celebrates NAIDOC Week

NDRI's Aboriginal Research Team hosted the inaugural Yarning about First Nations Research symposium as part of annual NAIDOC Week celebrations.

Held in collaboration with the Centre for Aboriginal Studies at Curtin University, the symposium featured presentations from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander researchers and students.

The event also included an opening address by Professor Fiona Stanley and yarning circles for all attendees, which focused on research, governance, consensus and community cohesion to highlight the important role Elders have in research practice, reflecting the 2023 NAIDOC theme For Our Elders.

The National Drug Research Institute (NDRI) is among the largest centres of alcohol and other drug research expertise in Australia. Since our inception in 1986, we have conducted novel, high quality, strategic research that aims to inform Australia's response to alcohol and other drug problems at local, state and national levels. NDRI focuses on research and other outputs that have policy and practice relevance and impact. We work in partnership and collaboration with Australian, state and local governments; with health, social and law enforcement services; and with communities. To ensure broad and enduring impact, capacity building is central to our work. Our researchers come from diverse backgrounds including psychology, epidemiology, biostatistics, sociology, anthropology, medicine and public health. A range of high level skills and a wealth of knowledge contribute to innovative, multi-disciplinary research approaches.

The following pages list new, ongoing and completed projects undertaken by NDRI researchers during 2023, organised by key research priorities (listed below). Further project information can be found on NDRI's website at ndri.curtin.edu.au.

### **Key Research Priorities**

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

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

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



#### ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG POLICY AND STRATEGIES

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

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

## **New Projects**

Translating, modelling and evaluating cannabis policy reform in New Zealand

NDRI staff: Simon Lenton

Project leaders: SHORE, Massey University, New Zealand Funded by: SHORE and Whariki Research Centre

Understanding socioeconomic inequalities in alcohol use, purchasing and harm in Victoria

NDRI staff: Michael Livingston, Nic Taylor

Project leaders: Centre for Alcohol Policy Research, La Trobe

University

Funded by: VicHealth

## **Ongoing Projects**

Alcohol policy and intervention effects in Western Australia: A joint initiative in demand-driven research

NDRI Staff: Tanya Chikritzhs and Martyn Symons Funded by: Mental Health Commission and AGDH

Community Alcohol Sales and Related Problems: Filling the Critical Research Gap

NDRI staff: Tanya Chikritzhs, William Gilmore Project leaders: Prevention Research Center, USA,

Funded by: National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism

COVID-19 and alcohol-related family violence in Western Australia

NDRI Staff: Tanya Chikritzhs and William Gilmore

Project Leaders: La Trobe University

Funded by: AGDH

Developing an interactive web based alcohol harm monitoring tool for Australia - Burden of disease analysis

NDRI staff: Tanya Chikritzhs and William Gilmore Project partners: CISUR, University of Victoria, Canada

Funded by: AGDH

#### Drug Trends (IDRS & EDRS) WA

NDRI staff: Simon Lenton, Jodie Grigg and Seraina Agramunt

Project leaders: NDARC, UNSW

Funded by: AGDH

#### Environmental Approaches to Prevention

NDRI staff: Tanya Chikritzhs and William Gilmore

Project leaders: Alcohol Research Programs, Pacific Institute for

Research and Evaluation, United States of America

Funded by: National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism

## Impacts of Banned Drinkers Register re-introduction in Northern Territory

NDRI staff: Tanya Chikritzhs Project leaders: Deakin University

Project partners: Charles Darwin University; La Trobe University; Northern Territory Government; Central Australian Aboriginal Congress Aboriginal Corporation; University of New South Wales; Northern Territory Primary Health Network; Charles Darwin University; Aboriginal Medical Services Alliance NT Aboriginal Corporation; South Australian Health and Medical Research Institute; Foundation for

Alcohol Research and Education; Monash University

Funded by: ARC Linkage

#### National Alcohol Indicators Project (NAIP)

NDRI staff: Tanya Chikritzhs and William Gilmore

Funded by: AGDH

# Old enough to drink - then what? Examining alcohol consumption in a cohort with historically low levels of drinking

NDRI staff: Michael Livingston

Project leaders: Karolinska Institute, Sweden

Funded by: Forte

## The life-course implications of declining adolescent drinking

NDRI staff: Michael Livingston Funded by: ARC Future Fellowship

#### ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG POLICY AND STRATEGIES (continued)

## **Completed Projects**

Alcohol and cannabis: Intervention research

NDRI staff: Tanya Chikritzhs

Project leaders: Karolinska Institute, Sweden

Project partners: Stockholm County Council; Stockholm Center for Dependency; MIC Lab AB; Boston University, USA; University of York, UK; Stockholm County Hospital; University

of Victoria Funded by: Forte Examining associations between alcohol outlet density and domestic and non-domestic assault in NSW

NDRI staff: Michael Livingston Project leaders: La Trobe University Project partners: NDRI, Curtin University

Funded by: NSW Government

Peer Naloxone Education - Emergency Departments and St Patrick's Crossroads Program - Follow-up

Interviews

NDRI staff: Simon Lenton and Seraina Agramunt Funded by: Mental Health Commission (WA)

#### **NEEDS OF ABORIGINAL AUSTRALIANS**

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

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

### **New Projects**

Improving HPV vaccination rates for Aboriginal young people through social media

NDRI staff: Jocelyn Jones

Project leaders: Edith Cowan University Funded by: NHMRC Ideas Grants

Best practice interventions and models of care for prevention and cessation of substance use in pregnancy and post-natal for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Women

NDRI staff: Annalee Stearne

Funded by: NDRI

## **Ongoing Projects**

Australian Indigenous Alcohol and other Drugs Knowledge Centre

NDRI staff: Julia Butt and Jocelyn Jones

Project leaders: Australian Indigenous HealthInfoNet, ECU Project partners: NDARC, UNSW; NCETA, Flinders University

Funded by: AGDH

Better data on methamphetamines and other drugs among Indigenous Australians to inform policy and practice

NDRI staff: Tanya Chikritzhs

Project leaders: University of Sydney

Funded by: NHMRC

#### **NEEDS OF ABORIGINAL AUSTRALIANS (continued)**

Improving coverage, confidence and knowledge about COVID-19 vaccination among Aboriginal Women of child-bearing age in Western Australia

NDRI staff: Martyn Symons Project leaders: Curtin University

Project partners: South West Aboriginal Medical Service; Telethon Kids Institute; The George Institute for Global Health; University of

Melbourne; University of Western Australia Funded by: MRFF Indigenous Health Research

## Linking for Life: Enhancing pathways to well-being for all Australians

NDRI staff: Jocelyn Jones

Project leaders: University of Western Australia

Project partners: Curtin Medical School, Curtin University; WA Department of Health; Murdoch University; Telethon Kids Institute;

WA Treasury Funded by: ARC

Predicting and preventing child removals and optimising the child protection system for Aboriginal children in partnership with Aboriginal communities and health services

NDRI staff: Jocelyn Jones

Project leaders: University of Melbourne Project partners: Telethon Kids Institute

Funded by: NHMRC

Review of cannabis use among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people

NDRI staff: Jocelyn Jones and Mandy Wilson

Funded by: Edith Cowan University

Treating co-occurring substance use disorder and mental illness among Indigenous people released from prison will increase life expectancy, reduce incarceration, and contribute to Closing the Gap

NDRI staff: Jocelyn Jones

Project leaders: NDRI, Curtin University

Project partners: Queensland Forensic Mental Health Service, Metro North Hospital and Health Service; University of Melbourne; School of Population and Global Health, University of Western Australia;

Justice Health Unit, Wungening Aboriginal Corporation

Funded by: Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission, Indigenous

Justice Research Program



Working together to reduce the harms from alcohol and other drug use in an Aboriginal community controlled primary care health context

NDRI staff: Jocelyn Jones, Mandy Wilson Project leaders: NDRI, Curtin University

Project partners: Palmerston Association; South West Aboriginal

Medical Service

Funded by: Healthway Promotion Intervention Research Grant

## **Completed Projects**

Centre for Research Excellence: Building Indigenous research capacity to find solutions to alcohol problems

NDRI staff: Anna Stearne

Project leaders: University of Sydney

Project partners: Aboriginal Drug and Alcohol Council (SA); University of NSW; Inala Indigenous Health Service; Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, Sydney; University of Wollongong; University of

Queensland; NSW Health Funded by: NHMRC

Supporting the most vulnerable - Homelessness Research

NDRI staff: Jocelyn Jones and Mandy Wilson Project leaders: Wungening Aboriginal Corporation

Funded by: Lotterywest

#### INNOVATION IN PREVENTION AND EARLY INTERVENTION

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

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

## **Ongoing Projects**

A novel text mining and data linkage approach to investigate the mental health needs of the population during the COVID-19 period

NDRI staff: Mandy Wilson Project leaders: UNSW

Project partners: University of Liverpool, United Kingdom; University

of Manchester, United Kingdom

Funded by: MRFF

A new scalable eHealth approach to prevent e-cigarette use among adolescents: The OurFutures Vaping program

NDRI staff: Steve Allsop, Nyanda McBride Project leaders: University of Sydney

Funded by: MRFF Maternal Health and Healthy Lifestyles

Australian Child Health and Development Atlas

NDRI staff: Jocelyn Jones

Proiect leaders: Telethon Kids Institute

Funded by: Australian Research Data Commons

Australian parental supply of alcohol longitudinal study

NDRI staff: Nyanda McBride Proiect leaders: NDARC, UNSW

Project partners: University of Newcastle; University of Tasmania

Funded by: Australian Rotary Health

Building Global Collaboration to Advance the Health and Human Rights for Women

NDRI staff: Mandy Wilson, Jocelyn Jones Project leaders: NDRI, Curtin University

Funded by: Susan and Richard Kiphart Center for Global Health and

Social Development

Fathers and sleep. Formative intervention research

NDRI staff: Nyanda McBride

Project leaders: NDRI, Curtin University

Project partners: Central Queensland University; Darling Downs Health Service; Tresillian Family Care Centre; University of Newcastle

Funded by: AGDH

First Nationwide Active Case Ascertainment Study of FASD in Australia

NDRI staff: Martyn Symons

Project leaders: NDRI, Curtin University

Funded by: AGDH and MHC

Healthy, wealthy and wise: The long-term effectiveness of an online universal program to prevent substance use and mental health problems

among Australian youth

NDRI staff: Nyanda McBride and Steve Allsop

Project leaders: NDARC, UNSW

Project partners: Queensland University of Technology; Deakin

University

Funded by: NHMRC

Continuing dissemination of the School Health and Alcohol Harm Reduction Project (SHAHRP)

NDRI staff: Nyanda McBride

Funded by: AGDH

International dissemination of the School Health and

Alcohol Harm Reduction Project (SHAHRP)

NDRI staff: Nyanda McBride

Funded by: AGDH

Nurturing Families: Evaluation of the Parent-Child

Assistance Program (PCAP) in Australia

NDRI staff: Martyn Symons Funded by: AGDH and MHC

Positive Choices drug and alcohol information portal

NDRI staff: Steve Allsop and Nyanda McBride

Project leaders: NDARC, UNSW

Funded by: AGDH

Paternal contribution to alcohol exposed pregnancies and fetal and infant health

and retai and infant nearti

NDRI staff: Nyanda McBride

Funded by: AGDH

#### INNOVATION IN PREVENTION AND EARLY INTERVENTION (continued)

Pharmacy Interventions for Naloxone Scale-Up (PINS)

NDRI staff: Simon Lenton Project leaders: Curtin University

Funded by: NHMRC

RADAR project: Identifying early warning signals on the pathways to alcohol use disorder

NDRI staff: Nyanda McBride Project leaders: NDARC, UNSW

Project partners: University of Newcastle; Washington University;

Universities of Melbourne, Queensland and Tasmania

Funded by: NHMRC

School based program for alcohol misuse prevention: A study about the school context and an adapted version of SHAHRP to the Brazilian reality

NDRI staff: Nyanda McBride

Project leaders: Universidade Federal de São Paulo, Brazil Funded by: National Council for Scientific and Technological

Development, Brazil

The FO-CO program: development of contemplative practices and scientific assessment plan

NDRI staff: Nyanda McBride

Project leaders: Universidade Federal de São Paulo Funded by: Mind & Life Europe Verela Research Awards The Healthy Lifestyles program: An innovative implementation model for online interventions to prevent common and emerging risk factors for chronic disease in young Australians

NDRI staff: Steve Allsop and Nyanda McBride

Project leaders: NDARC, UNSW

Project partners: University of Newcastle; University of Queensland; Northwestern University; Queensland University of Technology

Funded by: Paul Ramsay Foundation

Understanding FASD in schools: Capacity building

for educators

NDRI staff: Steve Allsop

Project leaders: University of Sydney

Funded by: AGDH

Young People and COVID-19: a reflective study of alcohol, other drug and mental health experiences

of year 12s during 2020/21

NDRI staff: Nyanda McBride and Lily Palmer Project leaders: NDRI, Curtin University

Funded by: NDRI

#### INNOVATION IN THE MANAGEMENT OF ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG PROBLEMS

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

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

### **Ongoing Projects**

National Centre for Clinical Research on Emerging Drugs (NCCRED)

NDRI staff: Simon Lenton Project leaders: NDARC, UNSW

Project partners: St Vincent's Health Australia; NCETA,

Flinders University Funded by: AGDH

Understanding perspectives of people who are hospitalised with an injecting-related infection

NDRI staff: Sam Colledge-Frisby Project leaders: NDRI, Curtin University

Funded by: NDRI Projects EOI

Intranasal naloxone for the reversal of opioid overdose: A double-blinded, double-dummy controlled non-inferiority trial in Sydney's Medically Supervised Injecting Centre

NDRI staff: Simon Lenton and Paul Dietze

Project leaders: Burnet Institute

Project partners: Uniting Medically Supervised Injecting Centre Sydney; King's College London; Deakin University; Cancer

Council NSW Funded by: NHMRC

#### REDUCING HARM AMONG PEOPLE WHO USE ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS

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

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

## **New Projects**

Evaluation of the St John WA (SJWA) Take Home Naloxone Distribution Pilot

NDRI staff: Simon Lenton, Seraina Agramunt Funded by: Mental Health Commission

## **Ongoing Projects**

Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal women perpetrators of violence: A trial of a prison-based intervention

NDRI staff: Mandy Wilson

Project leaders: Kirby Institute, UNSW

Project partners: Michigan State University; University of Newcastle;

University of Sydney Funded by: NHMRC

Online survey of small-scale domestic cannabis cultivation - International research collaboration

NDRI staff: Simon Lenton

Project partners: Global Cannabis Cultivation Research Consortium

Funded by: NDRI

Health, social and economic implications of risktaking in adolescence over the life-course: a data linkage study of the Raine cohort

NDRI staff: Robert Tait

Project leaders: University of Sydney

Project partners: University of Melbourne; UWA; University of

Technology, Sydney Funded by: NHMRC

Reducing the key alcohol and other drug related

harms in Australia NDRI staff: Paul Dietze

Project leaders: Burnet Institute and NDRI

Funded by: NHMRC

The sexual health and attitudes of Australian prisoners

NDRI staff: Jocelyn Jones and Mandy Wilson Project leaders: Kirby Institute, UNSW Project partners: Western Sydney University

Funded by: NHMRC

#### SOCIAL CONTEXTS OF ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG USE

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

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

## **Ongoing Projects**

Criminal justice outcomes of injecting drug use and methamphetamine smoking

NDRI staff: Paul Dietze, Michael Livingston Project leaders: NDRI, Curtin University

Project partners: Burnet Institute; La Trobe University; Monash University; University of Bristol, UK; University of New South Wales

Funded by: ARC

The health and social outcomes of injecting drug use in Melbourne: a record linkage study (SuperMIX)

NDRI staff: Sam Colledge-Frisby Project leaders: NDRI, Curtin University

Funded by: NHMRC

#### POSTGRADUATE PROGRAM

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

## Ongoing PhD Projects

Determinants of prenatal alcohol exposure among Aboriginal women in the Pilbara: Developing a statistically validated model of prenatal alcohol consumption for evidence based intervention development

PhD scholar: David Tucker

PhD supervisors: Nyanda McBride, Martyn Symons and Roz Walker

(Telethon Kids)

Funded by: Research Training Program Scholarship

Factors in determining development of problem gambling and motivation to change of offenders

PhD scholar: Bernard (Wai Shing) Fan PhD supervisors: Steve Allsop

Funded by: Research Training Program Scholarship

Representation of commercial and health interests in alcohol policy processes in Australia

PhD scholar: Julia Stafford

PhD supervisors: Tanya Chikritzhs, Simone Pettigrew (Curtin) and

Kypros Kypri (University of Newcastle)

Funded by: Research Training Program Scholarship

The impact of medically supervised injecting room (MSIR) utilisation on health outcomes in people who inject drugs

PhD scholar: Shady Abdelsalam

PhD supervisors: Paul Dietze and Michael Livingston

Funded by: Curtin University

Understanding why high dropout rates exist amongst alcohol and other drug (AOD) substance users during the critical first four weeks of a twelve-month therapeutic community (TC) program in Western Australia

PhD scholar: Susan Stevens

PhD supervisors: Steve Allsop and Robert Tait Funded by: Research Training Program Scholarship

## Completed PhD Projects

Alcohol policy and regulating availability: Impacts on population-level alcohol use and related disorders and diseases in Australia

PhD scholar: William Gilmore

PhD supervisors: Tanya Chikritzhs and Wenbin Liang Funded by: Research Training Program Scholarship

Inclusion of self-determination by First Nations Australian communities in alcohol related policy development in the Northern Territory

PhD scholar: Annalee Stearne

PhD supervisors: Steve Allsop, Anthony Shakeshaft (NDARC,

UNSW) and Michael Wright (Curtin)

Funded by: NHMRC CRE

NDRI widely disseminates its research findings to increase awareness of drug related harm and effective prevention strategies, and to inform community debate and public health policy and practice. Research is disseminated through various means, including publications, presentations and the media, to policy makers, practitioners, public health professionals, other researchers, interest groups and the community.

#### **Publications**

NDRI research findings are published widely, including via refereed journals, reports and bulletins, which are widely circulated throughout Australia and internationally. The publication of NDRI's research findings and sharing of research expertise has played a significant role in research translating into policy and practice. NDRI also directly influences policy through frequent submissions to national and state policy bodies. In 2023, NDRI researchers published almost 150 outputs.

#### **Presentations**

Research findings are presented locally through the NDRI web/seminar series, and nationally and internationally through presentations at conferences, symposia, workshops and seminars. In addition, the NDRI annual symposium, held during the reporting period, highlighted NDRI research through several high-quality presentations. In 2023, NDRI researchers delivered more than 60 presentations.

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## Dissemination

#### Connections

*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, the National Centre for Education and Training on Addiction, and the National Centre for Youth Substance Use Research. *Connections* covers the latest on research and publications, news and events from the four national centres, with a focus on the translation of research into policy and practice.

In addition to regular news and research updates, in 2023 NDRI's contributions included 'Conversation With...' articles featuring Michael Livingston and Jodie Grigg and Opinion and Research Focus pieces examining minimum unit pricing, take-home naloxone and WA Police's naloxone pilot, and the Birdiya Maya Homelessness Research Project. *Connections* is online at connections.edu.au.

#### Social Media

Recognising changes in communication in recent years, and the growing reliance of many segments of NDRI's target audience on social media to stay informed, NDRI has progressively increased its presence on social media as another means to disseminate research findings.

In 2023, the regular posting of relevant and useful content saw NDRI's following on X/Twitter, LinkedIn and Facebook grow to more than 3,300. In addition, NDRI webinar recordings are posted on the Institute's YouTube channel, with NDRI's webinar content having received almost 9,000 views.

### The Conversation

The Conversation is a respected outlet that aims to share academic research and the knowledge of subject experts on topical issues. In 2023, articles published on The Conversation website by NDRI researchers, on topics ranging from vaping, methadone use and 'sobering up centres' to needle spiking and workplace drug testing, were read by an audience of more than 250,000 readers in more than 10 countries across the globe.

#### Website

NDRI views its website, at ndri.curtin.edu.au, as the Institute's 'public face', playing a critical role in sharing research news and disseminating research findings to raise its profile and reputation and assist in putting relevant research findings in front of policy makers and practitioners.

In addition, the NDRI website is the central information source for employment opportunities at the Institute as well as recruitment of participants to take part in NDRI research projects. In 2023, continual updating of topical and useful content saw the NDRI website receive more than 20,000 visitors.

#### Media

Traditional and online media remain important conduits for NDRI 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 almost 1,000 mentions in the media during 2023, 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: vaping regulation, minimum unit pricing, take-home naloxone, drug decriminilsation and policy, young people's drinking, nitrous oxide, alcohol home delivery, drug use at music festivals and the Birdiya Maya Homelessness Research Project.



# Conference and Symposium Presentations

- Chikritzhs, T.N. (2023) Alcohol and Injury: Where would we be without our favourite drug? Keynote presentation at the Alcohol and Injury Prevention Summit, Perth, WA, Australia, 11th May 2023.
- Colledge-Frisby, S. (2023) Global coverage of harm reduction services. Presented at the Harm Reduction International Conference, 16th-19th April 2023.
- Colledge-Frisby, S. (2023) Injecting-related injuries and diseases in prison. Presented at the INHSU 2023 Conference, International Convention Centre, Geneva, Switzerland, 17th-20th October 2023.
- Colledge-Frisby, S. (2023) Injecting-related injuries and diseases in prison. Presented at the APSAD 2023 Conference, Adelaide Convention Centre, Adelaide, SA, Australia, 12th-15th November 2023.
- Colledge-Frisby, S. (2023) Suicide and self-harm among people prescribed opioid agonist treatment. Presented at the INHSU 2023 Conference, International Convention Centre, Geneva, Switzerland, 17th-20th October 2023.
- Colledge-Frisby, S. (2023) TBI among people who inject drugs. Presented at the INHSU 2023 Conference, International Convention Centre, Geneva, Switzerland, 17th-20th October 2023.
- Colledge-Frisby, S. (2023) The global coverage of harm reduction services. Invited presentation at the International HIV Coinfection and Viral Hepatitis Conference, Sofitel, Brisbane, Qld, Australia, 21st-22nd July 2023.
- Curtis, M. (2023) Impacts of incarceration on drug use and health outcomes among a cohort of people who inject drugs in Australia. Presented at the Harm Reduction International Conference, 16th-19th April 2023.
- Curtis, M. (2023) Imprisonment Among People Who Use Methamphetamine: Preliminary Results from a Prospective Cohort Study. Presented at the APSAD 2023 Conference, Adelaide Convention Centre, Adelaide, SA, Australia, 12th-15th November 2023.
- Curtis, M. (2023) Trends and correlates of arrest among people who inject drugs in Melbourne, Australia: A preliminary analysis. Presented at the APSAD 2023 Conference, Adelaide Convention Centre, Adelaide, SA, Australia, 12th-15th November 2023.

- Dietze, P. (2023) Alcohol consumption in a cohort of people who use methamphetamine. Presented at the 48th Annual Alcohol Epidemiology Symposium of the Kettil Bruun Society, Johannesburg, South Africa, 5th-10th June 2023.
- Dietze, P. (2023) Alison Ritter Workshop: Scientific publishing in the alcohol and other drug field: How to get published and tips for the future. Presented at the APSAD 2023 Conference, Adelaide Convention Centre, Adelaide, SA, Australia, 12th-15th November 2023.
- Dietze, P. (2023) Gender-based violence and drug overdose: Effective synergy between prevention models. Presented at the APSAD 2023 Conference, Adelaide Convention Centre, Adelaide, SA, Australia, 12th-15th November 2023.
- Grigg, J. (2023) Barriers to seeking help among Australian music festival attendees. Invited presentation at the Club Health 2023, Spine building, Liverpool, United Kingdom, 1st-3rd November 2023.
- Grigg, J. (2023) Drug use, help seeking and harm reduction at music festivals. Invited presentation at the WA Events Industry Conference 2023, Frasers Suites Perth, Perth, WA, Australia, 24th August 2023.
- Imprisonment among people who use methamphetamine: Preliminary results from a prospective cohort study. (2023) Presented at the INHSU 2023 Conference, International Convention Centre, Geneva, Switzerland, 17th-20th October 2023.
- Jones, J. (2023) Aboriginal children and their experiences of family and domestic violence. Invited presentation at the International Indigenous Disability Research Symposium, University of Sydney, Sydney, Australia, 22nd-23rd November 2023.
- Jones, J. (2023) Examining the Voices of Kinship Carers, ICAREWA. Plenary presentation at the Lowitja Institute 3rd International Indigenous Health & Wellbeing Conference, Cairns Convention Centre, Cairns, Qld, Australia, 14th-16th June 2023.
- Jones, J. and Bagshaw, D. (2023) Stories of Aboriginal Homelessness, as heard through Photovoice. Plenary presentation at the Lowitja Institute 3rd International Indigenous Health & Wellbeing Conference, Cairns Convention Centre, Cairns, Qld, Australia, 14th-16th June 2023.

#### **WORKSHOPS, MEETINGS AND FORUMS**

- Lenton, S. (2023) Reductions in self-reported use of chemical fertilisers by web-samples of mostly small-scale cannabis growers 2012-2020. Presented at the APSAD 2023 Conference, Adelaide Convention Centre, Adelaide, SA, Australia, 12th-15th November 2023.
- Livingston, M. (2023) Unpacking recent trends in Australian alcoholic liver disease morbidity. Presented at the 48th Annual Alcohol Epidemiology Symposium of the Kettil Bruun Society, Johannesburg, South Africa, 5th-10th June 2023.
- Moodie, S. (2023) "Our babies is our gold" A Collaborative yarn to Strengthen the System and Improve Support for Kinship Carers and Children in Care. Invited presentation at the SNAICC National Conference, Darwin Convention Centre, Australia, 5th-7th Sept 2023.
- Opioid overdose after release from prison among men who regularly injected drugs pre-imprisonment (2023). Presented at the Harm Reduction International Conference, 16th-19th April 2023.
- Shrestha, L.B. (2023) Understanding availability and barriers to scaleup of prison-based hepatitis C services and perceived advocacy needs globally to inform a prison-based advocacy toolkit: The INHSU. Presented at the INHSU 2023 Conference, International Convention Centre, Geneva, Switzerland, 17th-20th October 2023.
- Stearne, A. (2023) Aboriginal alcohol and other drug sector leadership project: 'Nothing about us without us'. Invited presentation at Aboriginal Alcohol and other Drug Worker Forum: Time for Action: Speaking, Leading, Driving Change, The Westin, 18th-19th May 2023.
- Stearne, A. (2023) First Nations Australians' right to exercise self-determination in alcohol policy development: a starting point. Presented at the Healing Our Spirit Worldwide the Ninth Gathering, Vancouver, BC, Canada, 11th-15th September 2023.
- Symons, M. (2023) The Impacts of Large-Area Alcohol Restrictions on Tourism in Western Australia. Presented at the 48th Annual Alcohol Epidemiology Symposium of the Kettil Bruun Society, Johannesburg, South Africa, 5th-10th June 2023.
- Taylor, N. (2023) Distress, dissatisfaction, and drinking: the psychological influences on Australian adolescents' alcohol consumption. Presented at the APSAD 2023 Conference, Adelaide Convention Centre, Adelaide, SA, Australia, 12th-15th November 2023.
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- Walker, S. (2023) Australian police custody and people who use drugs: Gaps and opportunities. Presented at the INHSU 2023 Conference, International Convention Centre, Geneva, Switzerland, 17th-20th October 2023.

#### **Seminar Presentations**

- Agramunt, S. (2023) Evaluation of the St John WA 'Leave Behind' Take Home Naloxone Dispensing/Distribution Pilot: is it effective? Presented at the APSAD 2023 Conference, Adelaide Convention Centre, Adelaide, SA, Australia, 12th-15th November 2023.
- Agramunt, S. (2023) Western Australia Police Force Naloxone Rollout: Pilot Results and Frontline Perspective. Invited presentation at the Penington Institute, 9th October 2023.
- Colledge-Frisby, S. (2023) Injecting-related injuries and diseases. Presented at the Victorian Substance Use Research Forum (VSURF), Melbourne, Vic, Australia.
- Colledge-Frisby, S. (2023) Injecting-related injuries and diseases in prison. Presented at the Department of Health and Aged Care, 1st Nov 2023.
- Colledge-Frisby, S. (2023) Injecting-related injuries and diseases in prison. Presented at the NDARC Webinar, Australia, 10th Sept 2023.
- Curtis, M. (2023) The impact of retention in opioid agonist treatment following release from prison among men with recent histories of injecting drug use. Presented at the Commonwealth Department of Health and Aged Care, Canberra, ACT, Australia.
- Curtis, M. and Dietze, P. (2023) Impacts of incarceration on drug use and health outcomes among a cohort of people who inject drugs in Australia. Presented at the Commonwealth Department of Health and Aged Care, Canberra, ACT, Australia.
- Gilmore, W. (2023) Alcohol's impact on our communities. Invited presentation at the Cultivating Change: The Role of Local Government in Alcohol a seminar presented by WA East Metropolitan Health Service, Perth, WA, Australia, 5th December 2023.
- Gilmore, W. (2023) The Australian alcohol-attributable harm visualisation tool. Invited presentation at the Mental Health Commission AOD Prevention Network, Australia, 17th October 2023.
- Grigg, J. (2023) Drug use at music festivals: Key findings and harm reduction recommendations. Invited presentation at the NDARC Seminar, Australia.
- Taylor, N. (2023) The impact of minimum alcohol pricing in the Northern Territory, an examination of the current evidence base. Presented at the Alcohol Research Showcase for the Centre for Alcohol and Other Drugs, NSW Ministry of Health, Sydney, NSW Ministry of Health, Sydney, NSW, Australia, 15th August 2023.

#### SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS AND WEBINAR SERIES

# Workshops, Meetings and Forums

- Agramunt, S. (2023) Evaluation of the St John WA 'Leave Behind' Take Home Naloxone Dispensing/Distribution Pilot: a summary of the main findings. Invited presentation at the Australian Government Department of Health and Aged Care, Australia.
- Allsop, S. (2023) Alcohol and Public Health. Presented at Master of Public health and Doctor of Philosophy in Public Health Program in 5300546: Addictive Behavior, Chulalongkorn University, 15th February 2023.
- Allsop, S. (2023) Community based prevention and the role of sporting clubs. Presented at the Country Football WA, Australia, 7th July 2023.
- Allsop, S. (2023) Workshop brief interventions for AOD related harm, 2nd year Pharmacy Masters Students. Invited presentation at the Workshop brief interventions for AOD related harm, University of Western Australia, Perth, Australia, 7th November 2023.
- Allsop, S. (2023) Workshop on responding to gambling and other problems of dependence 2nd year Psychiatry Students. Invited presentation at the Workshop for 2nd year Psychiatry Students, University of Western Australia, Perth, WA, Australia, 6th December 2023.
- Chikritzhs, T.N. (2023) Alcohol and Injury: Where would we be without our favourite drug? Presented at the Commonwealth Department of Health and Aged Care, Canberra, ACT, Australia.
- Dietze, P. (2023) Evaluating Supervised Injecting Facilities in Melbourne. Invited presentation at the Presentation to Public Health Scotland, Glasgow Caledonian University, 30th June 2023.
- Dietze, P. (2023) The impact of the WHO/UNODC S-O-S training package on opioid overdose response knowledge and attitudes. Invited presentation at the WHO forum on Alcohol and Other Drugs, WHO, Geneva, Geneva, Switzerland, 27th-30th June 2023.
- Grigg, J. (2023) Barriers to seeking help among Australian music festival attendees. Invited presentation at United Kingdom National Intelligence Network (NIN) Meeting, Teams, United Kingdom, 1st December 2023.
- Grigg, J. (2023) Drug use at music festivals key findings from a mixed methods study. Presented at the Department of Health and NDRI Meeting, Online, Australia, 4th April 2023.
- Grigg, J. (2023) Real or fake? Sourcing and marketing of non-prescribed benzodiazepines amongst two samples of people who regularly use illicit drugs in Australia. Presented at the Commonwealth Department of Health and Aged Care, Canberra, ACT, Australia.
- Jones, J. (2023) Beyond Violence project. Invited presentation at the Meeting with the Senior Executives and Program Staff from the Department of Corrective Services, Department of Corrective Services, Perth, Australia, 10th November 2023.

#### NDRI Web/Seminar Series

NDRI hosts regular events as part of its Web/Seminar Series: providing NDRI staff with an avenue to disseminate research findings; helping build the presentation skills of early career researchers; and providing a forum for NDRI staff and others in the alcohol and drug field to hear from visiting researchers.

All NDRI webinars are recorded and posted on the Institute's YouTube channel.

Agramunt, S and Colledge-Frisby, S. (2023) *Answering key questions on naloxone* 

Askew, R. Researching lived experience, values and drug policy

- Jones, J. (2023) Our babies is our Gold: Aboriginal Kinship Carer & Primary Health Care workers views on Disability. Invited presentation at the Noongar Family Safety and Wellbeing Council meeting with the United Nations Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous People, The Hub, Perth, WA, Australia, 1st-10th October 2023.
- Jones, J. (2023) Our babies is our Gold: Aboriginal Kinship Carer & Primary Health Care workers views on Disability. Invited presentation at the United Nations Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous People (EMRIP), National Drug Research Institute, Bentley, Australia, 19th October 2023.
- Jones, J. (2023) Substance use concerns in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women during the antenatal and postnatal period. Invited, Keynote presentation at the 10th International Meeting on Indigenous Child Health, Hyatt Regency Tulsa, Tulsa, OK, United States, 24th-26th March 2023.
- Lenton, S. (2023) Invited verbal evidence re cannabis law in Australia and evidence and recommendations re cannabis legalisation internationally. Invited presentation at the London Drugs Commission Evidence Session with Australian Health Academics, Online, London, United Kingdom, 31st July-31st August 2023.
- Stearne, A. (2023) First Nations Australians' health and self-determination. Invited presentation at the Human Rights Theory & Philosophy (Guest Lecture), 9th May 2023.
- Walker, S. (2023) Extending your research impact as an EMCR: The intersections of academia, policy and implementation. Presented at the INHSU 2023 Conference, International Convention Centre, Geneva, Switzerland, 17th-20th October 2023.
- Walker, S. (2023) INHSU Prisons HCV Advocacy Toolkit: Snapshot of interview data to inform the development of the Toolkit. Invited presentation at the INHSU 2023 Conference, International Convention Centre, Geneva, Switzerland, 17th-20th October 2023.
- Walker, S. (2023) Transcribing in Qualitative Research. Invited presentation at the Burnet Qualitative Special Interest Group, Burnet Institute, Melbourne, Vic, Australia, 18th July 2023.

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