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Welcome

Welcome to the 2024-25 NDRI Annual Report.

As you will see in the coming pages, by any measure NDRI has continued to deliver on its remit to conduct and disseminate high quality research that informs effective alcohol and other drug policy and practice to reduce and prevent harm from legal and illegal drug use.

Viewing NDRI's impact through a traditional research metrics prism, the Institute has published and presented widely on a spectrum of topics, attracted competitive funding and other high-level recognition, and advanced sector capacity by progressing the expertise of PhD scholars, Honours students and early career researchers.

Equally, NDRI has maintained a focus on ensuring research findings reach policy makers, the community and consumers via digestible easy-to-understand outputs. Such connection is the foundation of much of our success, and of particular note is the quantity and calibre of researchers and research centres we collaborate with at project level or through seminars and events ranging from the revamped webinar program, the NDRI one-day symposium or hosting international conferences.

This edition is the first time we have the pleasure of presenting the NDRI Annual Report in our respective roles as NDRI Director and Board Chair. To better align with our reporting requirements, NDRI's annual reports will now cover the financial rather than calendar year.

As we transition to this new arrangement, this report will span an 18-month period from 1 January 2024 until 30 June 2025.

And while detail on NDRI's activities and performance is still included, you may notice a slight change in format, with a more streamlined approach designed to better highlight the impact and achievements of NDRI and its researchers.

In closing, we acknowledge the support and input of many contributors, from alcohol and drug services and community-based organisations to people with lived experience, community members, and those who work in government at all levels, without whom our work would not be possible – and who ultimately NDRI activities are designed to serve.

And we honour the enormous and valuable contribution the entire NDRI team – Institute researchers and business support staff, the guidance of the Advisory Board and the support of our funders Curtin University and the Commonwealth Department of Health, Disability and Ageing – has made to the impacts and outputs included here, and we look forward to sharing more successes in future editions.

Prof. Paul Griffiths

Director

National Drug Research Institute

Adjunct Prof. Terry Slevin

Chair

NDRI Advisory Board

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, the National Centre for Youth Substance Use Research (NCYSUR) at the University of Queensland, and the National Centre for Clinical Research on Emerging Drugs (NCCRED).

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 and Australian Research Council.

Statement of Purpose

Conduct and disseminate research that supports evidence-informed policy and practice to prevent and minimise alcohol and other drug-related health, social, cultural and economic harms.

Key Result Areas

- Strengthen the evidence base to support policy and practice to prevent and minimise AOD-related health, social, cultural and economic harms.
- Engage with stakeholders to codesign, conduct and translate research to support effective AOD policy and practice; and
- Enhance national capacity for AOD research and build sector research literacy.

NDRI - By the Numbers

154

PUBLICATIONS

93

PRESENTATIONS

51

PROJECTS

\$3.2 MILLION

RESEARCH INCOME

55

PEOPLE

15

PhD/HONOURS STUDENTS

144

JOURNAL ARTICLES

1,000

WEBINAR REGISTRANTS

1,000

MEDIA MENTIONS

23 MILLION

MEDIA AUDIENCE



Highlights and Achievements

- Professor Paul Griffiths took up the role of NDRI Director in February 2025. Scientific Director at the European Union Drug Agency since 2010, Paul brings three decades of international experience in the alcohol and other drug (AOD) field.
- More than 100 people gathered in Fremantle/Walyalup for the 2025 NDRI research symposium, Challenges and Opportunities – Reducing AOD-related Harm in 2025 and Beyond. Attracting in-person delegates from across the sector, from health practitioners and police to treatment providers and policy makers, the symposium featured keynotes from global experts, an interactive panel on sector challenges and opportunities, and research presentations from NDRI academics with a strong focus on early career researchers.



- NDRI alcohol researcher William Gilmore won a highly competitive Australian Research Council Discovery Early Career Researcher Award (DECRA) for the Addressing Alcohol Use and Injury in Australia's ageing population research project, which will focus on the growing public health challenge of alcohol use in Australia's rapidly ageing population.
- Professor Steve Allsop was part of the Australian delegation attending the 68th session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs in Vienna as the technical advisor to the Australian Government.

- Professor Simon Lenton was invited to give evidence to the Australian Parliamentary Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee Inquiry into the Legalising Cannabis Bill 2023, highlighting the proposed Bill was consistent with the developing research evidence on the impact of cannabis legalisation schemes.

- Only the third Australian-based researcher to be elected to the role, internationally-respected NDRI researcher Michael Livingston was elected the next president of the international Kettil Bruun Society for Social and Epidemiological Research on Alcohol.



- Six successful webinars were held as part of the revamped NDRI webinar series, attracting more than 1,000 registrations from across Australia.
- NDRI researcher Shelley Walker's research was recognised with a university-wide award for research excellence, receiving the Award for Research Excellence – People (early career researcher) in the Curtin University 2024 Research and Engagement Awards, the second consecutive year an NDRI researcher won the award.
- NDRI Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (ATSI) Health Program Leader Jocelyn Jones gave expert evidence at the Coronial inquest into the death of Heather Calgaret, who died in custody in Victoria; the inquest examined Victoria's parole system and availability of mental health and other support for ATSI people.

IMPACT STUDY: Research helps prompt new nitrous oxide regulations to curb harm

NDRI's research identified emerging trends in nitrous oxide use and helped drive a major public health response, including education and new WA regulations aimed at reducing harm and the burden on the WA healthcare system.

There was a strong upward trend in nitrous oxide use in Australia in the 2010s. Despite its harmless reputation, there were also increasing reports of severe and potentially irreversible neurological harm associated with heavy use, particularly among young people, which also significantly burdens the healthcare system.

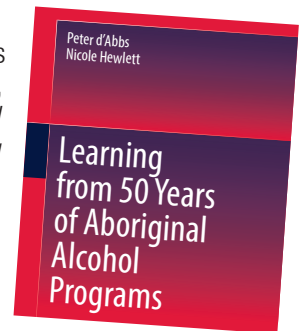
In 2020, NDRI researcher Jodie Grigg published a Drug Trends Bulletin as part of the national EDRS project highlighting a concerning rise in nitrous use and harms and recommending a public health response, including a review of regulations and new harm reduction initiatives.

Corroborated by Clinical Toxicologist at Royal Perth Hospital Jessamine Soderstrom, her findings led to the formation of an interagency government expert working group in late 2020 at the WA Mental Health Commission, including NDRI's Dr Grigg and Professor Simon Lenton. In partnership, they made submissions to the Therapeutic Goods Administration triangulating data on use and harms and planned a state health response, including education, clinician upskilling and new regulations.

Informed by the submissions, the TGA reclassified nitrous oxide from Schedule 4 to 6 mandating warning labels and age restrictions on sales and, informed by the expert group and NDRI's seminal work, new WA regulations restricted sales from October 2024 to registered food and beverage businesses and prohibited larger canisters, which had been linked with harm. New educational resources for clinicians, industry, and consumers were also developed.



- NDRI and the Mental Health Commission co-hosted the International Alcohol Policy Forum: Global Perspectives on Reducing Harm public forum in Perth, which attracted almost 100 attendees from government, non-government and community sectors and featured presentations by leading alcohol researchers from around the world (pictured above).
- The Mental Health Commission of WA invited NDRI researcher Jodie Grigg as a subject matter expert to contribute to developing an ecstasy/MDMA harm reduction eLearning resource for AOD and mental health workers and other human service providers.
- NDRI hosted the international Kettil Bruun Society Symposium, attracting delegates and alcohol policy research experts from across the globe. The first time in more than a decade the annual 5-day symposium had been hosted in Australia, highlights included 170 delegates from five continents and 23 countries, delivery of 112 papers, and a focus on building capacity with 44 students and delegates from low- and middle-income countries (LMICs).
- NDRI researchers in Perth and Melbourne supervised 15 PhD scholars and Honours students.
- NDRI Harm Reduction team researchers Jodie Grigg and Sophie Haywood presented key findings from the WA Illicit Drug Reporting System (IDRS) and the Ecstasy and Related Drugs Reporting System (EDRS) at the WA Drug Trends Seminar held at the State Library, followed by a panel discussion featuring community experts Paul Dessauer (PBHRWA) and Matt Ryan (WANADA) as well as NDRI Director Paul Griffiths.
- NDRI Associate Professor Michael Livingston was awarded Healthway funding for the Measuring Alcohol Risk, Information Needs and Pathways Using an AI Chatbot project exploring the potential of an AI chatbot to collect alcohol consumption data and provide information to people seeking help.
- NDRI Early Career Researcher Emma Vieira was awarded the Ole Jørgen Skog Early Career Researcher Award at the 2025 Kettil Bruun Society conference in Glasgow, a prize awarded each year for the best paper by an early career researcher. It is only the third time the award has been won by an Australian researcher in its 20-year history.
- NDRI is a designated World Health Organization (WHO) Research Collaborating Centre for the Prevention of Substance Use and Substance Use Disorders. During the reporting period, NDRI progressed two projects with the WHO, focused on preventing opioid overdose and minimising alcohol harms among adolescents, with findings from both projects presented at the 5th WHO forum on Alcohol, Drugs and Addictive Behaviours in Geneva.
- The www.alcoholharmtool.info online alcohol harm visualisation tool developed by NDRI researchers was updated to include the latest available data on alcohol harm trends in Australia.
- NDRI research and expertise was shared with the community via 1,000 media mentions, reaching an audience reach of 23 million and recording an ASR (the equivalent of media coverage in advertising value) of \$44 million. Traditional media was supported via NDRI's social media channels, with 3,300 followers and subscribers across multiple platforms.
- NDRI researchers Emma Vieira and Nic Taylor authored pieces for the Institute of Alcohol Studies blog answering questions around whether teenage alcohol-related harms are matching declines in consumption and why the minimum unit price was removed in the Northern Territory.
- NDRI research and researchers were widely referenced in the book, *Learning From 50 years of Aboriginal Alcohol Programs: Beating the Grog in Australia*, a comprehensive overview of many actions taken over the past 50 years to prevent and reduce alcohol harms among Aboriginal people.



- NDRI Senior Research Fellow William Gilmore received two early career researcher awards in two days, being named the Curtin University Faculty of Health Sciences Early Career Researcher of the Year 2024 and the enAble Institute 2024 Early Career Researcher on consecutive days.
- Associate Professor Michael Livingston provided evidence to support the Victorian Liquor Commission's successful objection to an alcohol retailer being established in the regional town of Daylesford.
- Professor Tanya Chikritzhs' interview with online science news outlet Howtown, explaining issues around apparent protective effects of moderate alcohol use on health for an episode entitled How Dangerous Could One Beer Be?, has been viewed 1.3 million times.
- Dr William Gilmore was recognised with a Future Health Research and Innovation Fund Emerging Leaders Award, a program designed to support early and mid-career researchers who narrowly missed out on highly-competitive NHMRC Investigator grants.

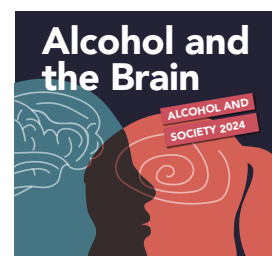
Highlights and Achievements



“The research and evaluation undertaken by NDRI has translated into practical outcomes, not only for the WA Police Force but for other Australian law enforcement agencies.”

(see ‘Impact Study’ below)

- NDRI hosted a delegation from Universiti Putra Malaysia, sharing AOD research and expertise across policy areas ranging from vaping, alcohol and minimum unit pricing, and hospitalisations among people who inject drugs to the impact of amphetamine type stimulants on mental health.
- NDRI made a substantial invited submission to the Australian Parliament’s House Standing Committee on Health, Aged Care and Sport Inquiry into the health impacts of alcohol and other drugs in Australia, resulting in the Institute and its research being cited eight times in the Committee’s Interim report. The wide-ranging submission addressed several topics based on NDRI research outputs including the costs of alcohol and other drug use to the Australian community; responding to alcohol-related harm; harm reduction, drug overdose and toxicity; prisons and people who inject drugs; legal options for ‘recreational’ or ‘non-medical’ cannabis; and, school alcohol and drug education programs.
- NDRI research was disseminated via 250 publications and presentations, supported by researchers sharing findings and expertise in The Conversation, which reached 620,000 readers via 14 articles, and the NDRI website, which had 2 million page views.
- Alcohol Policy Research Program Leader Professor Tanya Chikritzhs co-authored the international Alcohol and the Brain report, launched in the European Parliament, with medical and public health researchers from Canada, Sweden and the United States.
- NDRI expanded research and other collaborations during the reporting period, with the Institute now collaborating with 134 entities, including government, international and Aboriginal organisations as well as other research centres.



IMPACT STUDY: Evaluation of WA Police using naloxone to save lives leads nation

NDRI’s evaluation of the WA Police Naloxone Pilot showed police ability to recognise and respond to an opioid overdose was improved and their willingness to administer naloxone to save a life was also increased. This is good news for overdose victims but also for police who have to deal with this often-traumatic situation. It has been a game changer and resulted in police in other jurisdictions rolling out similar life-saving programs.

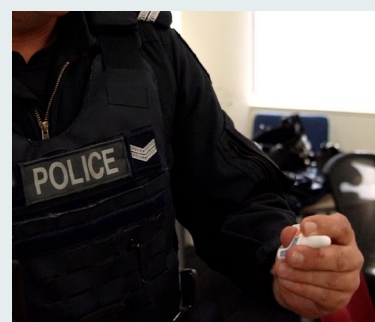
Over the past decade, both in Australia and internationally, deaths from heroin and other opioid overdoses have been increasing. Naloxone is a medicine that comes in a nasal spray and is highly effective in reversing an opioid overdose with no adverse effects. Police officers are often the first, and sometimes the only, emergency responders on the scene of an opioid overdose but have limited capacity to intervene.

In 2021-22, the WA Police Force ran the first naloxone pilot in the Southern Hemisphere, where 447 police officers were trained in overdose management and naloxone administration.

NDRI researchers Seraina Agramunt and Simon Lenton worked with WA Police and the WA Mental Health Commission to evaluate that pilot.

This showed that the program was well received, improved management of overdose, and saved lives. Police willingness to administer naloxone at an overdose increased from 66% pre-training to 99% post. During the 6 month follow up, 20% of police who were interviewed attended an overdose and 70% of these used naloxone to revive the person.

Naloxone kits and training were rolled out among police statewide and the evaluation has been used by police elsewhere in Australia to implement similar programs.



Dissemination

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 journal articles, 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. NDRI researchers published more than 150 outputs in the reporting period.

Presentations

Research findings are presented locally through the NDRI webinar 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. During the reporting period, NDRI researchers delivered almost 100 presentations.

Connections

Drug and Alcohol Research 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 national centres, with a focus on the translation of research into policy and practice. In addition to research news and updates, in the reporting period NDRI's contributions included 'Conversation With...' articles featuring new Director Professor Paul Griffiths and retiring Professor Steve Allsop and Research Focus pieces outlining NDRI's WHO projects on preventing opioid overdose and minimising alcohol harms among adolescents. *Connections* is online at connections.edu.au.

The Conversation

The Conversation is a respected outlet that aims to share academic research and the knowledge of subject experts on topical issues. Articles published on The Conversation website during the reporting period by NDRI researchers, on topics ranging from Aboriginal kinship care, nitazene contamination and drinking trends among Generation Z, were read by an audience of more than 620,000 readers across 14 articles.

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. Constant uploading of topical and useful content saw the NDRI website receive more than 2 million page views during the reporting period.

Media

Traditional and social media remain important conduits for NDRI research to reach the community and inform policy and practice. 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 traditional media, generating an audience reach of 23 million and an ASR (the equivalent of media coverage in advertising value) of \$44 million.

Subjects generating coverage during the reporting period ranged from nitrous oxide use and harms, contamination of nitazenes and alcohol-related liver disease to naloxone use, minimum unit pricing and Generation Z embracing moderation.

Traditional media was supported by NDRI continuing to increase its presence on social media as another means to disseminate research findings. Regular posting of relevant and useful content saw NDRI's following on LinkedIn, X 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 11,000 views.

APPENDIX 1

Research Projects

NDRI Research

The National Drug Research Institute 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 Project Listing shows all projects researchers led or contributed to during the reporting period. Further project information can be found on NDRI's website at ndri.curtin.edu.au.

NDRI 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
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health
- 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

PROJECT LISTING (ALPHABETICAL)

A co-designed multi-component alcohol intervention for youth sport clubs

A holistic view of substance abuse amongst neurodivergent individuals as guided by the ICF: A systematic review

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

A Phase III randomised placebo-controlled trial of mirtazapine as a pharmacotherapy for methamphetamine ("ice") dependence

A qualitative study of alcohol, other drug use, mental health and sexuality in party going regional youth in the WA

Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal women perpetrators of violence: a trial of a prison-based intervention (Beyond Violence)

Alcohol and ageing in Australia: Spatiotemporal epidemiological analysis of alcohol availability's impact on use and harm among our ageing population

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

Alcohol Use in pregnancy in rural Zambia

Australian parental supply of alcohol longitudinal study (APSALS)

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

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

Building global collaboration to advance the health and human rights for women

Commonwealth illicit drug education: Positive Choices maintenance

Community alcohol sales and related problems: Filling the critical research gap

Continuing dissemination of the School Health and Alcohol Harm Reduction Project

Criminal justice outcomes of injecting drug use and methamphetamine smoking

Determinants of prenatal alcohol exposure among Aboriginal women in the Pilbara. Developing a validated model of alcohol consumption during pregnancy for evidence-based prevention intervention development – PhD Project

Determining health needs and outcomes of key populations of people who use drugs

Drug Trends (IDRS & EDRS) – Perth arm

FASD teacher and educational setting resources 2023-2025

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

Impacts of Banned Drinkers Register re-introduction in Northern Territory

Improving HPV vaccine rates for Aboriginal young people through social media

International dissemination of the SHAHRP program

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

Linking for life: Enhancing pathways to wellbeing for all Australians

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

Measuring alcohol risk, information needs and pathways using an AI chatbot

National Alcohol Indicators Project (NAIP)

National Centre for Clinical Research on Emerging Drugs (NCCRED)

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

Online survey of small-scale domestic cannabis - Part of an international research collaboration

Paternal contribution to alcohol exposed pregnancies, and fetal and infant health

Police custody and young people: Informing human rights responses

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

Primary healthcare providers' attitudes towards their role in minimising harm associated with alcohol and medication interaction in the elderly in Australia

Representation of commercial and health interests in alcohol policy processes in Australia – PhD project

Safe nights precincts triennial review

Scoping an evaluation for the minimum unit (floor) price for Western Australia

The Healthy Lifestyles program: An innovative implementation model for online interventions to prevent common and emerging risk factors for chronic disease in young Australians

The impact of Medically Supervised Injecting Room (MSIR) utilisation on health outcomes in people who inject drugs – PhD project

The life-course implications of declining adolescent drinking

The power of parents: Co-designing health communications to reduce adolescent drinking

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

The sexual health and attitudes of Australian prisoners

Translating, modelling and evaluating cannabis policy reform in New Zealand

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

Understanding why high dropout rates exist amongst alcohol and other drug substance users during the critical first four weeks of a 12 month therapeutic community program in Western Australia – PhD Project

Violence perpetration: Profiling, prediction and prevention

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

APPENDIX 2

Research Outputs

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- Victorian Parliament's Legislative Council Legal and Social Issues Committee Inquiry into the Personal Adult Use of Cannabis Bill
- Inquiry into the Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Amendment (Regulation of Personal Adult Use of Cannabis) Bill 2023

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- Dietze, P. and Curtis, M. (2025) The relationship between opioid agonist therapy and cessation of injecting drug use: Preliminary evidence from a prospective cohort study of people who inject drugs. Presented at the 18th Annual ISSDP Conference, Manchester Metropolitan University, Manchester, UK, 11th-13th June 2025.
- Griffiths, P.N. (2025) New Synthetic Opioids and Other Emerging Drugs – The International Situation and Local Implications. Keynote presentation at the NDRI 2025 Symposium: Challenges and Opportunities: Reducing AOD-related Harm in 2025 and Beyond, Esplanade Hotel Fremantle, Fremantle, WA, Australia, 4th March 2025.
- Grigg, J. (2024) Nangs in Australia: Investigating nitrous oxide use among a sample who regularly use MDMA and/or other illicit stimulants. Invited presentation at the Lisbon Addictions Conference, Lisbon, Portugal, 23rd-25th October 2024.
- Grigg, J., Soderstrom, J. and Keen, N. (2025) Nitrous oxide: Update on EDRS trends, clinical presentations, and regulatory responses in WA. Invited presentation at the NDRI 2025 Symposium: Challenges and Opportunities: Reducing AOD-related Harm in 2025 and Beyond, Esplanade Hotel Fremantle, Fremantle, WA, Australia, 4th March 2025.
- Jones, J. (2024) 'Support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women with substance use concerns during and after pregnancy'. Presented at the 49th Annual Alcohol Epidemiology Symposium of the Kettil Bruun Society, Notre Dame University, Fremantle, WA, Australia, 27th-31st May 2024.
- Jones, J. and Tufuga, E. (2024) Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal women perpetrators of violence: a trial of a prison-based intervention (Beyond Violence). Invited presentation at The Academic and Health Policy Conference on Correctional Health, Marriott Phoenix Resort Tempe at The Buttes, Tempe, Arizona, USA, 10th-12th April 2024.
- Lenton, S. (2024) From little things big things grow' - Policy and practice diffusion and development in wider availability of naloxone in Australia 1999-2023. Presented at the 17th Annual ISSDP Conference, University of Montreal Health Centre, Montreal, PQ, Canada, 19th-21st June 2024.

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- Lenton, S. (2025) Benefits outweighing the barriers – Consumer co-design with people who use drugs in a drug policy study of new psychoactive substance (NPS) and poly substance use among young Australians. Presented at the 18th Annual ISSDP Conference, Manchester Metropolitan University, Manchester, UK, 11th-13th June 2025.
- Livingston, M. (2024) Alcohol-associated liver disease in the post-pandemic era. Invited presentation at the Gastroenterological Society of Australia meeting, Adelaide Convention Centre, 16th-18th November 2024.
- Livingston, M. (2024) Describing the alcohol harm paradox: twenty years of data from Victoria, Australia. Presented at the 49th Annual Alcohol Epidemiology Symposium of the Kettil Bruun Society, Notre Dame University, Fremantle, WA, Australia, 27th-31st May 2024.
- Livingston, M. (2024) Describing the alcohol harm paradox: twenty years of data from Victoria, Australia. Presented at the APSAD 2024 Conference, National Convention Centre Canberra, Canberra, ACT, Australia, 30th October-2nd November 2024.
- Livingston, M. (2025) An updated age-period-cohort model of alcohol consumption and risky drinking in Australia, 2001-2022. Presented at the Kettil Bruun Society Annual Symposium, University of Glasgow, Scotland, 9th-13th June 2025.
- McBride, N. (2024) Evidence-based recommendations for the measurement of male partners contribution to alcohol exposed pregnancies – improving research, practice and policy potential. Invited presentation at the 49th Annual Alcohol Epidemiology Symposium of the Kettil Bruun Society, Notre Dame University, Fremantle, WA, Australia, 27th-31st May 2024.
- McBride, N. (2025) Intimate partner violence during pregnancy: Pregnancy, fetal and infant health impacts and evidence-based intervention approaches. Presented at the NDRI 2025 Symposium: Challenges and Opportunities: Reducing AOD-related Harm in 2025 and Beyond, Esplanade Hotel Fremantle, Fremantle, WA, Australia, 4th March 2025.
- Stafford, J. (2024) Government stakeholder perspectives on the roles of vested interests in alcohol policy development. Presented at the 49th Annual Alcohol Epidemiology Symposium of the Kettil Bruun Society, Notre Dame University, Fremantle, WA, Australia, 27th-31st May 2024.
- Stafford, J. (2025) Stakeholder perspectives on the roles of vested interests in alcohol policy development. Presented at the NDRI 2025 Symposium: Challenges and Opportunities: Reducing AOD-related Harm in 2025 and Beyond, Esplanade Hotel Fremantle, Fremantle, WA, Australia, 4th March 2025.
- Symons, M. (2024) Estimating per litre alcohol prices needed to cover costs to society in Australia. Presented at the 49th Annual Alcohol Epidemiology Symposium of the Kettil Bruun Society, Notre Dame University, Fremantle, WA, Australia, 27th-31st May 2024.
- Taylor, N. (2024) Population drinking and pricing interventions: Comparing retail, wholesaler, survey, and online retailer data. Presented at the APSAD 2024 Conference, National Convention Centre Canberra, Canberra, ACT, Australia, 30th October-2nd November 2024.
- Taylor, N. (2024) Thou doth protest too much: How the minimum unit price influenced retailers (Poster). Presented at the APSAD 2024 Conference, National Convention Centre Canberra, Canberra, ACT, Australia, 30th October-2nd November 2024.
- Taylor, N. (2024) What's the risk; does underaged drinking influence employment outcomes for young adults? Presented at the Lisbon Addictions Conference, Lisbon, Portugal, 23rd-25th October 2024.
- Taylor, N. (2024) What's the risk; does underaged drinking influence employment outcomes for young adults? Presented at the 49th Annual Alcohol Epidemiology Symposium of the Kettil Bruun Society, Notre Dame University, Fremantle, WA, Australia, 27th-31st May 2024.
- Taylor, N. (2025) Australia's policy approach to alcohol retail sales data. Presented at the Kettil Bruun Society Annual Symposium, University of Glasgow, Scotland, 9th-13th June 2025.
- Taylor, N. (2025) Growing alcohol affordability in Australia and how this can be addressed through minimum unit pricing. Presented at the NDRI 2025 Symposium: Challenges and Opportunities: Reducing AOD-related Harm in 2025 and Beyond, Esplanade Hotel Fremantle, Fremantle, WA, Australia, 4th March 2025.
- Taylor, N. (2025) Impact of the alcohol floor price on death in Darwin. Presented at the Association of Alcohol and Other Drug Agencies NT Conference, George Brown Darwin Botanic Gardens, Darwin, NT, Australia, 13th-14th May 2025.
- Tufuga, E. (2024) Aboriginal women and self-determination: Stories of Aboriginal women and their families post-prison. Invited presentation at the 17th Reintegration Puzzle Conference, Sydney, NSW, Australia, 18th-20th June 2024.
- Tufuga, E. (2024) The unheard voices on Country: The voices of Aboriginal women accessing post-release services and supports in the Perth metropolitan area. Invited presentation at the 35th Annual Conference of the Australian and New Zealand Society of Criminology (ANZSOC): Navigating Variance: Intersectionality in

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Criminology, Christchurch, New Zealand, 4th-6th December 2024.

Tufuga, E. (2025) Aboriginal mothers' stories of accessing holistic supports and services post-release and the significant impact on their social and emotional well-being and the well-being of their children. Invited presentation at the 11th International Meeting on Indigenous Child Health Conference, Winnipeg, Canada, 28th-30th March 2025.

Tufuga, E. (2025) Experiences of Aboriginal women accessing post-release supports in Perth. Presented at the NDRI 2025 Symposium: Challenges and Opportunities: Reducing AOD-related Harm in 2025 and Beyond, Esplanade Hotel Fremantle, Fremantle, WA, Australia, 4th March 2025.

Vieira, E. (2024) Trends in adolescent alcohol related harms: A systematic review of harm trends in high income countries with declines in adolescent consumption. Presented at the 49th Annual Alcohol Epidemiology Symposium of the Kettil Bruun Society, Notre Dame University, Fremantle, WA, Australia, 27th-31st May 2024.

Vieira, E. (2024) Trends in adolescent alcohol-related harms: a systematic review of harm trends in high-income countries with declines in adolescent consumption. Presented at the APSAD 2024 Conference, National Convention Centre Canberra, Canberra, ACT, Australia, 30th October-2nd November 2024.

Vieira, E. (2025) Investigating Gender Convergence in Measures of Young Adult Drinking in Australia. Presented at the Kettil Bruun Society Annual Symposium, University of Glasgow, Scotland, 9th-13th June 2025.

Vieira, E. (2025) Trends and Gender Differences in Young People's Drinking in Australia. Invited presentation at the WA Alcohol and other Drug Conference 2025: Pathways, Systems, Strategies, Esplanade Hotel Fremantle, Perth, Australia, 5th-7th March 2025.

Vieira, E. (2025) Trends and Gender Differences in Young People's Drinking in Australia. Invited presentation at the NDRI 2025 Symposium: Challenges and Opportunities: Reducing AOD-related Harm in 2025 and Beyond, Esplanade Hotel Fremantle, Fremantle, WA, Australia, 4th March 2025.

Walker, S. (2024) "I don't understand why things like that aren't mandatory": People in prisons' views on universal opt-out and point-of-care testing in prison. Presented at the 14th Australasian Viral Hepatitis Conference, Darwin Convention Centre, Darwin, NT, Australia, 1st-3rd August 2024.

Walker, S. (2024) It felt like they were doing everything they could to find something": Policing experiences of people who use drugs during the COVID-19 pandemic. Presented at the APSAD 2024 Conference, National Convention Centre Canberra, Canberra,

ACT, Australia, 30th October-2nd November 2024.

Walker, S. (2024) Ongoing adverse impacts of COVID-19 policing on people who use drugs.

Walker, S. (2025) People who smoke methamphetamine and interactions with police. Presented at the NDRI 2025 Symposium: Challenges and Opportunities: Reducing AOD-related Harm in 2025 and Beyond, Esplanade Hotel Fremantle, Fremantle, WA, Australia, 4th March 2025.

Walker, S. (2025) Caregiver and healthcare professional perspectives on routine immunisation in East New. Presented at the Communicable Diseases and Immunisation Conference 2025, Adelaide Convention and exhibition Centre, Adelaide, SA, Australia, 10th-12th June 2025.

Walker, S. (2025) It's worse than prison: "Young mens experiences of Australian police custody detention". Presented at the Academic Consortium on Criminal Justice Health (ACCJH) Conference 2025, Austin, USA, 17th-19th March 2025.

Seminar, Workshop, Meeting and Forum Presentations

Allsop, S. (2024) Brief interventions for tobacco and other drugs. Presented at the UWA Masters Pharmacy, Australia, 17th June 2020.

Allsop, S. (2024) Responding to Gambling and AOD related harm. Presented at the Second Year Psychiatry post-graduate students, Graylands Hospital, Australia, 3rd September 2014.

Allsop, S. (2025) Commission on Narcotic Drugs Statement on Viral Hepatitis.

Allsop, S. (2025) Screening and brief interventions for Veterans - workshop for 60 health care professionals.

Allsop, S. (2025) Screening for alcohol and other drugs and brief interventions among older Australians - a series of 4x 8 hour workshops for aged care medical, nursing and care staff.

Colledge-Frisby, S. (2024) Liver disease among people who inject drugs: A prospective cohort study. Presented at the Commonwealth Department of Health and Aged Care, Canberra, ACT, Australia.

Colledge-Frisby, S. (2024) Experiences of going to hospital with an injecting-related invasive infection: findings from qualitative interviews. Presented at the Commonwealth Department of Health and Aged Care, Canberra, ACT, Australia.

Colledge-Frisby, S. (2024) Injecting-related injuries and diseases in prison. Presented at the Burnet Institute Seminar Series, Australia.

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- Colledge-Frisby, S. (2024) Liver disease among people who inject drugs: A prospective cohort study. Presented at the Department of Health and Aged Care, 1st November 2022.
- Curtis, M. (2024) Imprisonment among people who use methamphetamine: Preliminary results from a prospective cohort study. Presented at the 2024 NIDA International Forum, Fairmont The Queen Elizabeth, Montreal, Canada, 14th-15th June 2024.
- Curtis, M. (2024) Numbers with Impact: Leveraging quantitative methods in substance use research. Invited presentation at the Monash University Workshop, Master of Social Work (Qualifying), Monash University, Melbourne, Vic, Australia, 15th May 2024.
- Dietze, P. (2024) 'Project That Made Difference: S-O-S as a model of multisectoral partnership of communities, researchers and medical practitioners'. Keynote presentation at the Roundtable Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, 14th October 2024.
- Dietze, P. (2025) Developing a Monitoring and Evaluation Framework for Managing People who use Drugs in contact with the Criminal Justice System in Malaysia. Invited presentation at the Malaysian Government Workshop, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 16th-18th June 2025.
- Dietze, P. (2025) Emergency management of opioid overdose – a focus on low-and middle income countries. Invited presentation at the Lecture, Charite University Hospital, Charite University Hospital, Berlin, Germany, 6th June 2025.
- Dietze, P. (2025) Update on Overdose Prevention. Invited presentation at the Fifth WHO Forum on Alcohol, Drugs and Addictive Behaviours (FADAB) -Virtual, invitation only, Geneva, Switzerland, 24th-26th June 2025.
- Francis, C., Page, R., Broadbent, E., Curtis, B. and Tzanetis, S. (2024) Drug checking around Australia: A snapshot of services, recent findings, and insights for the festival season. Presented at the NDRI Webinar Series, Australia, 7th July 2021.
- Gilmore, W. (2024) Addressing alcohol use and injury in Australia's ageing population. Invited presentation at the PVC Health Sciences - Visit to enAble Institute, Curtin University, 1st October 2024.
- Gray, D. (2024) Applying anthropology to something: a career in applied anthropology. Invited presentation at the Meeting of the Anthropological Society of Western Australia, Albion Hotel, Cottesloe, WA, Australia, 25th June 2024.
- Griffiths, P.N. (2025) Global Developments in synthetic drug use with special focus on novel synthetic opioids. Invited presentation at the Queensland Police Service Drug Strategy Committee, Queensland Police Service Headquarters, Brisbane, Qld, Australia, 30th April 2025.
- Griffiths, P.N. (2025) Reflections on the developments of the EU's drug Early Warning Systems. Invited presentation at the Alcohol and Other Drugs Advisory Board - Mental Health Commission, Mental Health Commission WA, Perth, WA, Australia, 9th April 2025.
- Grigg, J. (2024) AOD sector educational resource film: Ecstasy/MDMA and harm reduction.
- Grigg, J. (2025) Nitrous oxide: An update on EDRS survey trends, clinical presentations, and regulatory responses in WA. Presented at the NDRI – DOH meeting, 7th-6th May 2025.
- Lenton, S. (2024) Invited verbal evidence to Australian Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee on Legalising Cannabis Bill 2023. Invited presentation at the Australian Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee on Legalising Cannabis Bill 2023, Parliament House (joined by webex), Canberra, 10th May 2024.
- Livingston, M. (2024) Have declines in adolescent drinking led to reductions in harm? Presented at the Commonwealth Department of Health and Aged Care, Canberra, ACT, Australia.
- Livingston, M., Dietze, P., Room, R. and Laslett, A.L. (2024) Scientific publishing in the alcohol and other drug field: how to get published and tips for the future. Presented at the APSAD 2024 Conference, National Convention Centre Canberra, Canberra, ACT, Australia, 30th October-2nd November 2024.
- McBride, N. (2024) Milestone 1 workshop for National Drug Research Institute Higher Degree by Research students.
- McBride, N. and Blackburn, L. (2024) An Australian school-based Randomised Controlled Trial to assess a classroom vaping prevention program. Invited presentation at the Commonwealth Department of Health and Aged Care Monthly Meetings, Australia.
- McBride, N. and Blackburn, L. (2024) An Australian school-based Randomised Controlled Trial to assess a classroom vaping prevention program for secondary school students. Presented at the Commonwealth Department of Health and Aged Care, Canberra, ACT, Australia.
- McBride, N., Farrington, F., East, J. and McBride, L. (2025) An evidence-based approach for developing school-based alcohol education for youth in low- and middle income countries. Invited presentation at the Fifth WHO Forum on Alcohol, Drugs and Addictive Behaviours (FADAB) -Virtual, invitation only, Geneva, Switzerland, 24th-26th June 2025.
- Stearne, A. (2024) First Nations Australians' right to self-determination in AOD policy: the process is important. Invited presentation at the National FASD Advisory Group meeting, 21st February 2024.
- Taylor, N. (2024) Challenges regulating, reducing, and measuring alcohol-related harm in the Northern Territory. Presented at the National Drug Research Institute (NDRI) Webinar series, 16th October 2024.

Taylor, N. (2024) Setting the floor: How minimum unit pricing impacts alcohol consumption. Presented at the Association of Alcohol and other Drug Agencies NT (AADNT) Webinar, 7th November 2024.

Taylor, N. (2024) The minimum unit price of alcohol: What we know and where to next. Australia Mental Health Commission (on-line). Presented at the Next Step Community Alcohol and Drug Service Education Series for the Western Australia Mental Health Commission, On-Line, 3rd April 2024.

Tufuga, E. (2024) Aboriginal & Non-Aboriginal Women Perpetrators of Violence: A Trial of a Prison-Based Intervention (Beyond Violence). Invited presentation at the 17th Academic Consortium on Criminal Justice Health (ACCJH), Phoenix, United States, 13th-14th April 2024.

Tufuga, E. (2024) Unheard Voices of Aboriginal Women: Exploring the experiences of Aboriginal women accessing support after prison. Invited presentation at the Wungening Aboriginal Corporation's Dabakarn Kadadjiny (slow steady learning) Research-to-Practice Seminar Series, Perth, WA, Australia, 26th July 2024.

Tzanetis, S., Francis, C., Page, R., Broadbent, E., Curtis, B. and Grigg, J. (2024) Drug checking around Australia: A snapshot of services, recent findings, and insights for the festival season. Presented at the NDRI Webinar Series, Australia, 7th July 2021.

Walker, S. (2024) Ethno-Epi methods. Presented at the National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre (NDARC) EMCR Webinar Series, Sydney.

Walker, S. (2024) Experiences of police custody for young men who inject drugs. Presented at the Commonwealth Department of Health and Aged Care, Canberra, ACT, Australia.

Walker, S. and Dietze, P. (2024) "It was full on . . . just harassment really!": COVID-19 policing and people who use drugs. Invited presentation at the UNSW Social Policy Research Centre Seminar Series.

Walker, S. and Dietze, P. (2024) Stop-Overdoes-Safely (SOS) Take Home Naloxone Project Evaluation. Invited presentation at the Charité University, Berlin MSc International Health course, On-line.

Walker, S., Rathnayake, K., Dietze, P., Higgs, P., Ward, B. and Maher, L. (2024) The impact of Covid-19 policing on people who use drugs in Victoria, Australia. Presented at the Australian Government Department of Health and Aged Care, Australia.

NDRI Webinar Series

NDRI hosts monthly events as part of its Webinar Event Series. NDRI hosted 6 webinars during the reporting period:

Injecting-related bacterial infections

NDRI Presenter/Facilitator:

Dr Sam Colledge-Frisby with various presenters

11/09/2024

Challenges regulating, reducing, and measuring alcohol-related harm in the NT

NDRI Presenter/Facilitator: Dr Nic Taylor

16/10/2024

Drug checking around Australia: A snapshot of services, recent findings, and insights for the festival season

NDRI Presenter/Facilitator: Dr Jodie Grigg, with various presenters

27/11/2024

Intersection of violence and drug use among women

NDRI Presenter/Facilitator: Dr Sam Colledge-Frisby

16/04/2025

Young people and vaping: The pervasiveness of social media marketing and prevention efforts

NDRI Presenter/Facilitator: Jazlen East

30/04/2025

Trends in harms from alcohol: The National Alcohol Indicators Project

NDRI Presenter/Facilitator:

Associate Professor Michael Livingston and Dr Nic Taylor

25/06/2025



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