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EMERGING PROBLEMS

Current Issues & Future Solutions

National Drug Er Alcohol Research Centre

Annual Research Symposium 2015



TUESDAY 15 SEPTEMBER 2015

VENUE: JOHN NILAND SCIENTIA BUILDING, UNIVERSITY OF NEW SOUTH WALES

8:30-9:00am	Registration
9:00-9:05am	Acknowledgement of Country
9:05-9:10am	Welcome Professor Michael Farrell
9:10-10.00am	Keynote Address: Opportunities for intervention for methamphetamine Angela Hawken Associate Professor for Public Policy, Pepperdine University
SESSION ONE	Shaping new interventions to evolving problems of Ice use
10:00-10:15am	Current trends in methamphetamine use Professor Michael Farrell
10:15-10:30am	Addressing the treatment gap: Lessons from an inner-city stimulant treatment program Dr Nadine Ezard
10.30-10.45am	Missed opportunities for early intervention in first episode psychosis in methamphetamine users Dr Julia Lappin
10:45-11:15am	MORNING TEA
SESSION TWO	Alcohol use from pregnancy to adolescence: patterns and harms
11:15-11:30am	The Triple B Pregnancy Cohort Study: Alcohol use during pregnancy and developmental outcomes in infants at 12-months of age Dr Delyse Hutchinson
11:30-11:45am	Social networks and the spread of alcohol use attitudes and behaviours among adolescents? Associate Professor Tim Slade
11:45-12:00pm	Healthier Drinking Choices: A randomised controlled trial of an online GP-facilitated web-based intervention for reducing risky alcohol consumption <i>Professor Maree Teesson</i>
12:00-12:30pm	Five minute poster presentations*
12:30-1:30pm	LUNCH
1:30-2:00pm	Poster viewing. New this year: Your chance to vote for the People's Choice Prize
SESSION THREE	Economic evaluation of heroin treatments
2.00pm-2:15pm	Treatment for heroin users: Lifetime costs and benefits of treatment
	Dr Marian Shanahan
2:15-2:30pm	<i>Dr Marian Shanahan</i> Economic evaluation comparing centre-based compulsory drug rehabilitation with community-based methadone treatment in Hai Phong City, Vietnam <i>Thu Vuong</i>

BREAKOUT SESSIONS	
2:30-3:30pm	
BREAKOUT ONE	Pharmaceutical opioids: Use, dependence and treatment Increasing prescribing of pharmaceutical opioids in Australia has led to concerns about harms and treatment effectiveness. This session will examine findings from Australia's first and largest prospective cohort study of nearly 2,000 people prescribed opioids for non-cancer pain. The presentations will look at patterns of use and harms; medication control and treatment. Professor Louisa Degenhardt Gabrielle Campbell Dr Briony Larance Dr Suzanne Nielsen
BREAKOUT TWO	Mental health, substance use and young people This session will look at the evidence for effective prevention of both mental health problems and substance use in young people. It will also explore young people's reasons for drinking and how that impacts prevention, and examine the mental health outcomes for young adult cannabis users and past users. Dr Nicola Newton Dr Edmund Silins Dr Emily Stockings Dr Lexine Stapinski
BREAKOUT THREE	The 'dark web' and new psychoactive substances Increasing use of new psychoactive substances (NPS) and the use of the internet to purchase these and other drugs is an increasing concern in Australia and overseas. This session will look at the 'dark web' and present a new online prevention program specially targeted at users of ecstasy and NPS. Joe Van Buskirk Rachel Sutherland Dr Monica Barratt Katrina Champion
BREAKOUT FOUR	Suicide risk assessment and management in D&A services Suicide risk is elevated among substance users and poses a major clinical challenge for staff working in drug and alcohol treatment services. The Suicide Assessment Kit (SAK) is an evidence-based resource developed by NDARC and the Network of Alcohol and other Drug Agencies (NADA). This workshop will provide an overview of the SAK resources and demonstrate how policies and procedures can be integrated around the kit. Professor Shane Darke Dr Joanne Ross Sarah Green
BREAKOUT FIVE	Skills-based workshop: Very brief interventions for cannabis use This workshop will look at Very Brief Interventions (VBIs) for clients who are indirectly experiencing problems as a result of their cannabis use and are at risk of developing long-term cannabis dependence. VBIs typically include a brief assessment/screen, feedback, psycho-education, self-help material and assessment of motivation for change. This VBI is designed to be delivered opportunistically and is appropriate for people who have not specifically sought help for their cannabis use but whose use is detected as being risky. Etty Matalon Professor Jan Copeland
3:30-4:00pm	AFTERNOON TEA (and poster viewing)
4:00-4.45pm	Panel Discussion: Methamphetamine: Problems and Solutions Professor Michael Farrell (Chair) Associate Professor Angela Hawken Dr Nadine Ezard Professor Don Weatherburn
4:45-4:55pm	Poster prize and People's Choice winners announced
4:55-5:00pm	Closing Remarks Professor Michael Farrell
*Five minute poster pres	sentations
Alice Knight	Preliminary findings from an evaluation of a community-based intervention for young people with multiple and complex needs
Elizabeth Whittaker	Stable housing, stable substance use? Evaluation of two 'Housing First' programs for homeless individuals
Dr Ryan Courtney	Smoking cessation among low-socioeconomic status and disadvantaged population groups: A systematic review of research output
Dr Sarah Larney	Reasons for seeking and ceasing opioid substitution therapy in prison and prior to release
Mieke Snijder	Developing community-based interventions to reduce alcohol-related harms in four rural Aboriginal communities in Australia