

# Current Issues & Future Solutions

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 <i>Professor Michael Farrell</i>
9:10-10:00am	Keynote Address: Opportunities for intervention for methamphetamine <i>Angela Hawken</i> Associate Professor for Public Policy, Pepperdine University
<b>SESSION ONE</b>	<b>Shaping new interventions to evolving problems of Ice use</b>
10:00-10:15am	Current trends in methamphetamine use <i>Professor Michael Farrell</i>
10:15-10:30am	Addressing the treatment gap: Lessons from an inner-city stimulant treatment program <i>Dr Nadine Ezard</i>
10:30-10:45am	Missed opportunities for early intervention in first episode psychosis in methamphetamine users <i>Dr Julia Lappin</i>
10:45-11:15am	MORNING TEA
<b>SESSION TWO</b>	<b>Alcohol use from pregnancy to adolescence: patterns and harms</b>
11:15-11:30am	The Triple B Pregnancy Cohort Study: Alcohol use during pregnancy and developmental outcomes in infants at 12-months of age <i>Dr Delyse Hutchinson</i>
11:30-11:45am	Social networks and the spread of alcohol use attitudes and behaviours among adolescents <i>Associate Professor Tim Slade</i>
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
<b>SESSION THREE</b>	<b>Economic evaluation of heroin treatments</b>
2:00pm-2:15pm	Treatment for heroin users: Lifetime costs and benefits of treatment <i>Dr Marian Shanahan</i>
2:15-2:30pm	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*

### 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*

4:45-4:55pm

Poster prize and People's Choice winners announced

4:55-5:00pm

Closing Remarks

*Professor Michael Farrell*

## \*Five minute poster presentations

*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