



A community based response to alcohol and other drug issues

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Hello all,

Recently I surveyed the readership of the YDHF Update to gain some feedback about how the update was received. I would firstly like to thank all of those people that took the time to send in a return and that this feedback is much appreciated.

Generally speaking, most people who read the YDHF Update believe that the standard of the newsletter is either 'good' or 'excellent' – this is great news. It is also quite apparent from the comments that many readers find the information both informative and relevant to their needs.

Another interesting comment was that many people found the Research, Reports and Announcements section of the update the most relevant.

One issue that was highlighted as an area that could be improved was the length or amount of information disseminated. Some people felt that there was too much information and consequently the update was difficult to 'navigate' through. I have taken those comments 'on board' (pardon the pun) and from this edition you will notice a leaner and more streamlined newsletter. So, no more 'excess baggage' and a greater turn-over of articles.

If you have any further comments to make about the update please email me:
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I hope you enjoy reading the YDHF Update for January 27th 2012.

Best wishes,

Greg Denham
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LATEST LOCAL and NATIONAL NEWS!!!

War on drugs a failure, decriminalise now says Branson: <http://www.smh.com.au/executive-style/war-on-drugs-a-failure-decriminalise-now-branson-20120124-1qem4.html>

Underage drink clamp but alcohol zones back: <http://www.perthnow.com.au/news/western-australia/underage-drink-clamp-but-alcohol-zones-back/story-e6frg13u-1226252580012>

Australia day the peak for booze fuelled violence: <http://www.abc.net.au/news/2012-01-24/caution-warned-for-australia-day-celebrations/3790438?section=wa>

House fire uncovers drug operation: <http://www.abc.net.au/news/2012-01-17/house-fire-uncovers-drug-setup/3778250>

No drugs please, we're surfers: <http://www.adelaidenow.com.au/sport/other-sport/no-drugs-please-were-surfers/story-fn34oii8-1226246223436>

Owner of lost drugs busted on CCTV: <http://www.heraldsun.com.au/news/breaking-news/owner-of-lost-drugs-busted-on-cctv/story-e6frf7jx-1226246478945>

Alcohol binge sessions contribute to growing grog gut: <http://www.news.com.au/national/the-girls-growing-grog-gut/story-e6frfkvr-1226245937858>

Health fraud Joel Barlow hit with drug charges: <http://www.theaustralian.com.au/national-affairs/state-politics/health-fraud-hit-with-drugs-charges/story-e6frgczx-1226245872939>

Holidays, alcohol and cigarettes trigger monthly inflation figure rebound: <http://www.perthnow.com.au/business/business-old/holidays-alcohol-and-cigarettes-trigger-monthly-inflation-figure-rebound/story-e6frg2qu-1226245544774>

Eight diggers sent home from Afghanistan after being caught drinking: <http://www.heraldsun.com.au/news/more-news/eight-diggers-sent-home-from-afghanistan-after-being-caught-drinking/story-fn7x8me2-1226245158645>

Stay away from drugs at Big Day Out: Cops: <http://news.ninemsn.com.au/national/8407864/stay-away-from-drugs-at-big-day-out-cops>

Alcohol incidents 'double' on Australia day: <http://www.canberratimes.com.au/news/national/national/general/alcohol-incidents-double-on-aust-day/2430142.aspx>

Survey to focus on booze rage: <http://www.illawarramercury.com.au/news/local/news/general/survey-to-focus-on-booze-rage/2428219.aspx>

Diggers sent home for drunken crash: <http://news.ninemsn.com.au/national/8406873/diggers-sent-home-for-drunken-crash>

Cop wins appeal over grog stockpile: <http://www.theaustralian.com.au/national-affairs/indigenous/cop-wins-appeal-over-grog-stockpile/story-fn9hm1pm-1226250785755>

Vodka brand gets nod to add gloss to its marketing: <http://m.smh.com.au/national/vodka-brand-gets-nod-to-add-gloss-to-its-marketing-20120122-1qc7n.html>

Extraordinary recovery from drug habit: <http://www.canberratimes.com.au/news/local/news/crime-and-law/extraordinary-recovery-from-drug-habit/2426014.aspx>

Anti-smoking campaign targets Aborigines: <http://www.abc.net.au/news/2012-01-19/anti-smoking-campaign-targets-aborigines/3782700?section=tas>

Mobilong prison drug ring smashed: <http://www.adelaidenow.com.au/ipad/mobilong-prison-drug-ring-smashed/story-fn6bqvzx-1226248676437>

Jump in cigarette sales to minors: <http://www.theage.com.au/victoria/jump-in-cigarette-sales-to-minors-20120115-1q1c6.html>

Headhunting Indigenous project leader Tom Calma cost \$33,000: <http://www.theaustralian.com.au/national-affairs/headhunting-indigenous-project-leader-cost-33k/story-fn59niix-1226244895087>

Energy hit leaves more hospitalised: <http://www.canberratimes.com.au/news/national/national/general/energy-hit-leaves-more-hospitalised/2420460.aspx?storypage=0>

Report calls for floor price on alcohol: <http://www.canberratimes.com.au/news/national/national/general/report-calls-for-floor-price-on-alcohol/2425229.aspx>

Study raises alarm on uni alcohol abuse: <http://au.news.yahoo.com/thewest/a/-/breaking/12649294/study-raises-alarm-on-uni-alcohol-abuse/>

Wake up call for heavy drinkers: <http://www.canberratimes.com.au/news/local/news/general/wake-up-call-for-heavy-drinkers/2425222.aspx>

LATEST INTERNATIONAL NEWS!!!

Richard Branson says 'decriminalise drugs'
<http://www.theage.com.au/executive-style/war-on-drugs-a-failure-decriminalise-now-branson-20120124-1qem4.html#poll>

Drugs mule terms cut in new sentencing guidelines: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-16692092>

Binge drinking common in wealthy people: http://www.thirdage.com/news/binge-drinking-common-in-wealthy-people_01-24-2012

Plain packs will make smoking history: <http://www.guardian.co.uk/society/2012/jan/24/simon-chapman-plain-cigarette-packaging-activist>

Alcohol tax increase will benefit MD health needs: <http://washington.cbslocal.com/2012/01/24/alcohol-tax-increase-will-benefit-md-health-needs/>

MSPs say supermarkets 'undermining spirit' of alcohol laws: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-scotland-politics-16601003>

Nevada lawmakers call for ban on synthetic cocaine, marijuana: <http://www.lasvegassun.com/news/2012/jan/17/nevada-lawmakers-call-ban-synthetic-cocaine-mariju/>

Synthetic marijuana seized in Vermilion: <http://www.news-gazette.com/news/courts-police-and-fire/2012-01-16/synthetic-marijuana-seized-vermilion.html>

Risk attitude link to alcohol abuse:

http://www.google.com/hostednews/ukpress/article/ALeqM5jfDoiLYxoa88dS_yP98Lc8GsBB4A?docId=N1020911326731094078A

India alcohol poisoning suspect

surrenders: <http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5jUGqr1TKnODWVvihlxAud57VwhA?docId=CNG.3070269ef7e57be47e44db252ce67722.201>

Starbucks to add alcohol at more cafes: <http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2012-01-23/starbucks-to-add-alcohol-at-more-cafes-to-lure-evening-customers.html>

Many keep smoking after cancer diagnosis: http://vitals.msnbc.msn.com/_news/2012/01/20/10201507-many-keep-smoking-after-cancer-diagnosis

Meth fills hospitals with burn patients: <http://www.usatoday.com/news/nation/story/2012-01-23/meth-burns-hospital/52759026/1>

VA lawmaker urges study on revenue impact of marijuana sales at state-controlled liquor stores:

http://www.washingtonpost.com/local/va-lawmaker-urges-study-on-revenue-impact-of-marijuana-sales-at-state-controlled-liquor-stores/2012/01/23/gIQAGdAGLQ_story.html

Stella and Budweiser cut alcohol levels in bid to save millions of pounds in duty hikes:

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2090136/Taxbeater-Stella-Budweiser-cut-alcohol-levels-bid-save-millions-pounds-duty-hikes.html?ito=feeds-newsxml>

New US plan to stop drug flow over northern border:

<http://www.sooeveningnews.com/newsnow/x2018887972/New-US-plan-to-stop-drug-flow-over-northern-border>

Alcohol crackdown planned for sevens: <http://www.stuff.co.nz/dominion-post/sport/sevens-2012/6297194/Alcohol-crackdown-planned-for-sevens>

Long tradition of alcohol at sea: <http://www.adelaidenow.com.au/news/opinion/devine-long-tradition-of-alcohol-at-sea/story-e6frea13-1226248837598>

FDA set to review dissolvable tobacco products: <http://www.ibtimes.com/articles/284571/20120119/fda-set-review-dissolvable-tobacco-products.htm>

Backing for public smoking ban:

http://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/news/article.cfm?c_id=1&objectid=10779911

Scotland delays implementing tobacco display ban: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2012/01/15/us-britain-tobacco-idUSTRE80E0QQ20120115>

Liberals vote to retain ties to monarchy, legalize marijuana:

<http://www.montrealgazette.com/news/Liberals+vote+retain+ties+monarchy+legalize+marijuana/5998990/story.html>

Must be so proud... Beyonce's baby now has type of marijuana named after her as 'Blue Ivy' hits Hollywood: <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2086846/Beyonces-baby-Blue-Ivy-Carter-type-marijuana-named-her.html?ito=feeds-newsxml>

Alcohol in Pregnancy: It's Never Safe, Especially Not in the First Trimester:

<http://healthland.time.com/2012/01/18/alcohol-never-safe-for-developing-babies-during-pregnancy/#ixzz1jqyYeUtf>

Afghanistan opium fuels insurgency: <http://www.rawa.org/temp/runews/2012/01/17/afghanistan-opium-fuels-insurgency.html>

Afghan opium prices soar as production rises

Export earnings from Afghan opiates may be worth US\$2.4 billion - equivalent to 15 per cent of GDP | UNODC

<http://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/frontpage/2012/January/afghan-opium-prices-soar-as-production-rises.html>

This article begins an occasional series looking at the violence tied to Mexican drug cartels, their expanding global connections and how they affect people's daily lives

<http://edition.cnn.com/2012/01/15/world/mexico-drug-war-essay/index.html>

The fall-out from news a group in Vancouver is lobbying government to pay for a 'lounge' of sorts where alcoholics from the Downtown Eastside can get free booze, and even timely counseling, is sure to come. Many will condemn it, some have already

<http://www.digitaljournal.com/article/317808>

DRUGS AND THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM

In Australia one in three prisoners have Hepatitis C compared to the general Australian population
Hepatitis C in prison is massive:

<http://www.talkingdrugs.org/needle-exchange-programs-in-prisons>

The new superintendent of Canberra's jail has differed sharply with his predecessor on the question of a needle exchange at the jail. In his first interview since taking the Alexander Maconochie Centre's top job, Don Taylor refused to be drawn on a needle exchange program at the prison, telling The Canberra Times public servants should keep out of policy debates and that he would implement the Government's policies of the day. <http://www.canberratimes.com.au/news/local/news/general/prison-boss-avoids-needle-row/2419829.aspx?storypage=0#>

PRISON NEEDLES RISK IS A FURPHY - "Unfounded fears and misinformation have deliberately been used to prevent prisoners accessing fresh needles and syringes," Justice Action Coordinator Brett Collins said today. Justice Action launched its paper 'Pricking the Bubble Around Prison NSPs' today after an exhaustive consultation with prison stakeholders and researchers of national standing.

<http://www.justiceaction.org.au/cms/prisons/health/needle-and-syringe-program/item/438-introduction>

LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH, REPORTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS ETC ETC

The latest Newsletter from Family Drug Help at SHARC is now available to download

<http://www.familydrughelp.org.au/attachments/SMALLEREdition%2044%20Layout%201.pdf>

National Drug and Alcohol Awards – NOMINATIONS OPEN ON 1 FEBRUARY 2012:

Nominations for the 2012 National Drug and Alcohol Awards (NDAA) open on Wednesday, 1 February 2012. They recognise the many people and organisations that are doing exceptional work to reduce the harm and impact of alcohol and other drugs in Australia.

The Awards will be presented at the NDAA Dinner at the Plaza Ballroom in Melbourne on Friday, 22 June 2012 with each Category winner receiving prize money of \$2000. Nominations for the following Categories close on Monday, 30 April 2012:

there will be the announcement of the 2012 inductees for the National Drug and Alcohol Honour Roll – for which nominations can also be made. To find out more about the selection criteria, and access the nomination form log onto www.drugawards.org.au.

Driving behaviours among people who inject drugs in South Australia, 2006-2011

<http://apo.org.au/research/driving-behaviours-among-people-who-inject-drugs-south-australia-2006-2011>

As part of AIVLs 'Discrimination: know your rights!' online anti-discrimination campaign AIVL have released a *short online survey* for people experiencing discrimination, because of either; their drug using status, being on opioid replacement pharmacotherapies, and/or being hep C + or HIV + (i.e. BBVs).

The survey can be directly accessed here: <http://www.aivl.org.au/#p=1112>

A decade ago, Portugal took the bold step of completely decriminalising the use of all drugs. At the time, the country was suffering the highest instance of drug-related AIDS deaths in all of Europe. Drastic action needed to be taken to reach out to the addicts. But opponents warned the course that Portugal took would turn the country into a drug abuser's paradise and that usage would soar. 10 years on, how well has the policy worked?

<http://www.theage.com.au/tv/show/dateline/portugals-fix-20120106-1po75.html>

According to a study published in The Medical Journal of Australia, nearly 300 calls were made to the New South Wales poisons centre regarding adverse reactions to energy drinks between January 2004 and the end of 2010, with more than a third of people attending hospital

<http://www.theage.com.au/lifestyle/diet-and-fitness/study-finds-increase-in-caffeine-poisoning-20120115-1q1ec.html>

The legal status of cannabis when used or cultivated/possessed for personal use in the different countries:

<http://www.emcdda.europa.eu/legal-topic-overviews/cannabis-possession-for-personal-use#countries>

Australians have been invited to help carve out the future of our mental health system with the release of the draft Ten-Year Roadmap for National Mental Health Reform for public consultation:

<http://www.health.gov.au/internet/ministers/publishing.nsf/Content/mr-yr12-mb-mb001.htm>

Australia's leading alcohol research and education body has called for a comprehensive Commonwealth-led National Action Plan to tackle Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD) - the most common preventable cause of birth defects in Australia:

<http://www.fare.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2011/07/180112-Media-release-Call-for-a-national-plan-to-combat-Fetal-Alcohol-Spectrum-Disorders.pdf>

We are looking for health professionals who work with people who use cannabis to participate in an online survey about cannabis use guidelines:

<https://www.surveys.unsw.edu.au/survey/156130/586a/>

The following table shows the penalties foreseen in, and the most common judicial practices applied by, the EU Member States:

<http://www.emcdda.europa.eu/html.cfm/index146646EN.html#countries>

The 80 page **report** includes coverage of the alcohol industry's response to such initiatives thus far. It also examines the role of public opinion in influencing alcohol policy and whether changes to alcohol policy are likely to see individuals switch to consuming other substances:

<http://ndarc.med.unsw.edu.au/news/policy-options-redress-excessive-alcohol-consumption>

The Drug and Alcohol Office says Australia Day is the worst date on the calendar for alcohol-related violence and injuries:

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2012-01-24/caution-warned-for-australia-day-celebrations/3790438>

Make drug-driving illegal, but prevention is better - *Setting limits for drug-driving may prove tricky. A total ban, plus anti-drug campaigns for children, looks like the best solution*

One of road safety's great success stories has been legislation coupled with appropriate enforcement. There is strong evidence that speed limits and a legal limit on blood alcohol content while driving have saved lives. So the UK government's decision to consider introducing a new offence of driving with an illegal drug in your body is welcome.

<http://www.newscientist.com/article/dn21359-make-drugdriving-illegal-but-prevention-is-better.html>

Survey of Health Professionals' Views of Cannabis Use Treatment Guidelines

Are you a health professional who counsels individuals who use cannabis? If so, the National Cannabis Prevention and Information Centre would like to invite you to participate in an online survey to find out your views on cannabis use treatment guidelines. The survey takes less than 30 minutes to complete and participation is confidential. You will not be asked to identify your place of employment. Participants who complete the survey will be asked to provide an email address to enter a draw to win one of ten \$100 AUD vouchers via PayPal.

<https://www.surveys.unsw.edu.au/survey/156130/586a/>

Translated AOD Client Charter A3 Posters

In early March 2011, following Ministerial endorsement, the Victorian Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) Client Charter was released by the Mental Health, Drugs and Regions Division, Department of Health. Developed in consultation with the Association for Participating Service Users (APSU) and AOD service providers, the AOD Client Charter outlines the rights and responsibilities of AOD service consumers and providers.

To enhance accessibility, the department commissioned the translation of the Client Charter materials into 13 community languages. Publicity posters direct individuals to online translated information in the following languages: Vietnamese, Arabic, Spanish, Turkish, Macedonian, Khmer, Greek, Chinese, Serbian, Italian, Burmese, Dinka and Nuer. Publicity posters will be displayed in Victorian AOD agencies, by the department, peak organisations and other key stakeholders.

Further copies of the publicity poster and translated brochures are also available on line at:

www.health.vic.gov.au/aod/pubs/index.htm

Drink less or drink slower: the effects of instruction on alcohol consumption and drinking control strategy use.

What happens when instead of asking students to cut drinking, you ask them to use more moderation strategies such as spacing or avoiding heavy drinking situations? The results of this US study suggest that changes in strategy use may bear little relation to changes in drinking, and that intention to cut back is the most important factor.

http://findings.org.uk/count/downloads/download.php?file=Sugarman_D_1.cab

The Victorian Alcohol and Drug Association (VAADA) is asking all Victorians to provide feedback and ideas on how the harms associated with alcohol and drugs can be reduced.

Your Feedback will make a difference! Tell us what you think the issues are around alcohol and drug misuse in Victoria. What would you do differently to current Government initiatives? If alcohol or other drugs have affected you or someone you know in the past what are the experiences that the Government could learn from?

Add your comments and ideas to the discussion forum at <http://your-say.net.au/>

Alternatively email us on info@your-say.net.au with your comments, ideas or personal stories. Participate in one of a series of focus groups being undertaken in metropolitan Melbourne in February. Exact times and locations are yet to be determined, however if you, or any of your clients wish to participate, please and preferably send an email to info@your-say.net.au or call 9412 5600 to register your interest.

arbias launch new website - arbias is proud to announce the launch of our new website. This upgrade was driven by a number of organisational reforms implemented over the last 3 years that relate to the people we support having better access to our services, our publications, website, and brochures. The focus of the website is to allow people with and Acquired Brain Injury, their families and others with easy access to information and support options and provides seamless navigation around the site.

www.arbias.org.au

ANCD Media Release: Special Advisor on Employment Participation Appointed to the Australian National Council on Drugs- Dr John Herron, the Chairman of the Australian National Council on Drugs (ANCD), today announced that Ms Wilma Gallet had been appointed by the Prime Minister to the ANCD for its 2011–2014 term.

For further information on the work of the ANCD please visit www.ancd.org.au

TRAINING, WORKSHOPS, CONFERENCES ETC ETC

Yarra Mental Health Alliance - "Demystifying confidentiality within a shared care model"

An interactive forum with panel discussions.

9.30-12.30
Tuesday 14th February
Reading Room
Fitzroy Town Hall

RSVP 7/2/12 to telrick@acso.org.au

Dr John Herron, Chairman of the Australian National Council on Drugs (ANCD) extends an invitation to people working within the alcohol, other drugs and related sectors to attend a Consultation on drug and alcohol issues in Melbourne.

DATE: Tuesday 21 February, 2012

LOCATION:

The Grand Chancellor Hotel, 131 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne

RSVP: Monday 13th February, 2012

Tel: (02) 6166 9600 Fax: (02) 6162 2611 Email: ancd@ancd.org.au

KNOX COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICE: Mindfulness based relapse prevention group (MBRP);

is an 8 week group program focusing on mindfulness based relapse prevention strategies, for those with substance use issues. This program provides participants with the opportunity to experience mindfulness skills and increase self awareness in a safe and supportive environment.

Details:

Information Group:

Tuesday 7th February 2012: 10:00am – 12:00pm

Please see www.kchs.org.au for more information.

NOTICE OF UPCOMING RESEARCH PROJECT

Management of change: Building the capacity of AOD sector managers

The implementation of evidence-based practice for AOD services is critical to ensuring positive outcomes for clients and clinicians alike.

To find out more about the challenges of translating research to practice, Turning Point Alcohol & Drug Centre is conducting a study with supervisors and managers of AOD services in Victoria in partnership with the Department of Health.

The forthcoming online survey is completely anonymous. Information on where you can find the survey will be released shortly. If you would like to express your interest in participating in the project please contact:

A/Prof David Best

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Ms Jacqui Cameron jacqui.Cameron@turningpoint.org.au

Ms Dina Eleftheriadis Dina.Eleftheriadis@turningpoint.org.au

For further information, don't hesitate to contact Jacqui Cameron on (03) 8413 8433 or at

jacqui.cameron@turningpoint.org.au OR

The Yarra Drug & Health Forum would like to thank all the sources from which the information for the Updates is obtained

Dina Eleftheriadis on (03) 8413 8461 or at

dina.eleftheriadis@turningpoint.org.au.

A 5 Week course on Mindfulness offered at SHARC

An invitation to family members who have been impacted by the effects of addiction

What is Mindfulness?

Often our minds are not really “with us” —they are remembering, regretting, planning, analysing, worrying, wishing for.... In the past or future... missing the present moment.

Date: Tuesday March 20th 2012

Where: 140 Grange Road, Carnegie, 3163

Cost: \$60 per person for refreshments and resources

The mindfulness groups are facilitated by Owen Spear, who is currently completing a PhD at Melbourne University. He has run over 150 classes on mindfulness, worry, anxiety, and depression, and has lived experience as a family member of the impacts of addiction.

Bookings essential Call Tracey on 03 9573 1784

Or email talder@sharc.org.au

AOD Training for AOD Workers January to June 2012

Turning Point Alcohol and Drug Centre has been contracted by the Drugs Services and Policy Branch, Department of Health (DH) to provide a number of professional development training courses for AOD workers. These are intended as a supplement to the competency based training and assessment courses provided as part of the Minimum Qualification Strategy

Flyers with training dates, locations and enrolment information are available on the Turning Point website www.turningpoint.org.au

VICSERV 2012 Mental Health Conference

Thursday 24th – Friday 25th May, Melbourne Convention & Exhibition Centre

VICSERV has successfully set the standard for Australian mental health conferences with challenging content, provocative speakers and leading-edge thinking. The 2012 conference will maintain this standard and will feature keynote addresses, a wide range of presentations, interactive workshops, and panel discussions.

For more information about the conference, including booking and registration please go to

www.vicserv.org.au

Contact email: conference@vicserv.org.au

Bouverie Centre Single Session Symposium program: 21st – 23rd. March, 2012

The time is approaching for our first international Single Session and Walk-In Therapies Symposium at the beautiful Phillip Island, a 2-hour drive from Melbourne.

This promises to be a unique event, bringing together people from the US, Canada, Israel and the UK, as well as many of our own local and interstate colleagues. Apart from hearing about the latest research and evaluations, training issues and implementation wisdoms, there will be round-table discussions and formal presentations around contemporary topics

For more information and to register, please see www.bouverie.org.au/sst or contact Penny Wong, conference manager on 03 9385 5100 or bouverie.sst@latrobe.edu.au

Hepatitis C and what you should know

Wednesday the 14th of March, 1.30pm to 4.30pm

Cost: \$22.00 per person

This workshop is suitable for drug and alcohol workers, nurses, NSP workers, community health staff, students of health professions, prison staff and welfare workers. No prior knowledge is assumed.

Where: Suite 5, 200 Sydney Road, Brunswick - Melways ref 29 G9
Nth Coburg Tram Route no. 19: Stop 20.
Upfield Train Line: Jewell Station Stop
Parking off Edward St \$1.00 per hour or two hour parking in the side streets.
To register, Ring the front office on 9380 4644 or fax 9380 4688.
email: admin@hepvic.org.au

Yarra Council has partnered with Visy to offer grants to social enterprises looking to expand or start up in Yarra. A pool of \$50,000 is available that is expected to be distributed to between four and six different projects. Applicants must be Not for Profit community groups with Deductible Gift Recipient status (DGR). Funding will be provided to support projects that will run in the 2012/13 financial year.

Funding can go towards:

Training costs relevant to the social enterprise

Staff wages

Website development

IT equipment

Other items that are critical to ensuring the social enterprise is viable

Guidelines and eligibility criteria can be found at www.yarracity.vic.gov.au/Services/Community-Planning/Community-grants/#visy

The Australian Government is seeking public opinion on the draft *Ten Year Roadmap for National Mental Health Reform* (PDF 2156 KB) (the Roadmap) via an online survey.

The Roadmap is a key component of the Australian Government's *Delivering National Mental Health Reform Package* of the 2011-12 Budget, and the draft has been developed with states and territories, informed by input from mental health experts, including mental health consumers and carers.

The survey will be available from 16 January 2012 until 7pm AEDST 1 February 2012.

See Victorian Department of Health Website <http://www.health.gov.au/mentalhealth> re: release of the Ten Year Road Map for National Mental Health Reform.

Yarra Council is encouraging community groups to sign up on the mailing list now at <http://cityofyarra.smartygrants.com.au/> in order to receive updates about the time lines and availability of funding and skills development opportunities.

NEW!!! EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Executive Director - International Network of People who Use Drugs

INPUD is a global peer-based organization that seeks to promote the health and defend the rights of people who use drugs. We will expose and challenge stigma, discrimination and the criminalisation of people who use drugs and its impact on our community's health and rights. We will achieve this through processes of empowerment and international advocacy.

INPUD is looking to employ a suitably qualified person with a history of drug use into the role of Executive Director to head up its global advocacy campaigns and international projects.

If you need clarification or further information on INPUD and our activities please contact Jude Byrne on judeb@aivl.org.au or chair@inpud.net

[INPUD Executive Director - Job Description](#) (PDF, 31Kb)

[INPUD Executive Director - Selection Criteria](#) (PDF, 64Kb)

Dual Diagnosis job vacancies are posted on the site under "**Resources**", then "**Jobs**". There is currently a job being re-advertised for a **Dual Diagnosis - Senior Clinician at Nexus - St Vincent's Mental Health Service, Fitzroy**. For more information, click here:

<http://dualdiagnosis.ning.com/page/2247398:Page:15538>

Visit Dual Diagnosis Support Victoria at: http://dualdiagnosis.ning.com/?xg_source=msg_mes_network

YSAS: Senior Youth AOD Worker – Residential

We are seeking a motivated and enthusiastic individual to work with young people undergoing withdrawal in our 8 bed Fitzroy Residential Withdrawal Unit. *The successful applicant will be required to work a variety of shifts and have knowledge and experience of AOD and health related information associated with the day-to-day operations of a withdrawal unit for young people.*

For a position description please see our website www.ysas.org.au or phone YSAS on 9415 8881. To support your application you must provide a Covering Letter addressing the key selection criteria and a current Resume.

Applications close Sunday 5 February 2012 and should be addressed to: hr@ysas.org.au

**SEADS: Primary Care Clinic Nurse
South East Alcohol & Drug Service – Dandenong**

Foster Street Primary Care Clinic

Registered Nurse / Psychiatric Registered Nurse, Gr 4A

Applications are invited for a dynamic and enthusiastic Division 1 Registered Nurse for a diverse senior position within the multidisciplinary team of the Foster St Primary Care Clinic.

Applications close: 3 February 2012

Debra Alexander
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ARAFEMI: PHaMs Peer Support Worker

Drawing on their lived experience of a mental illness, Peer Support Workers have a unique role to engage with participants at a personal level, assisting or supporting them through their recovery journey using their own experience of mental illness and recovery.

Please read the position description before applying.

<http://www.arafemi.org.au/uploads/vacancies/PHaMs%20Peer%20Support%20Worker%20TT%2020012012.doc>

Written applications marked CONFIDENTIAL, should include your curriculum vitae with referees and a cover letter responding to the selection criteria. This should be sent to:

Ty.Tran@arafemi.org.au

**Closing Date for Applications:
Friday 10 February 2012, 5.00 pm**

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