



A community based response to alcohol and other drug issues

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Dear Forum Participants,

Remember if you do not wish to receive the Update each fortnight, please contact me so that you can be removed from the mailing list.

**Next Forum meeting is on Monday the 6th September at Mary of the Cross Centre
7 Brunswick Street Fitzroy in the Meeting Room 12.30pm – 2.00pm Lunch Provided.**

Guest Speaker: Sally Finn ('Finn') from the 24hour St Kilda NSP (Health Information Exchange) will speak about the Program which has just received recurrent funding and an enhanced staffing. As well as talking about the normal service she will talk about what happens after all the Outreach/Foot Patrol services have closed down for the night and where people come from to access their services in the 'wee small hours of the morning'.

**Community Forum – Alcohol Related Violence in the Community
Tuesday 21st September 12.30pm – 3.30pm in the Reading Room, Fitzroy Town hall, Cnr Napier
and Condell Strs Fitzroy (entrance from left side front of Town Hall). More information
<http://www.ydhf.org.au/YDHF2.html> To register contact Joe Morris at joe.morris@nych.org.au**

Joe Morris

NEW RESOURCES

NEW!!!

Australian and Victorian Illicit Drug Reporting System Reports for 2009

Copies of the Australian and Victorian Illicit Drug Reporting System Reports for 2009 can be obtained in PDF format from Dr Siobhan Reddel, Masters of Applied Epidemiology Scholar, Centre for Population Health, Burnet Institute Email: siobhan@burnet.edu.au Phone: 03 92822143

NEW!!!

Counselling Consultancy & Continuing Care (CCCC) Funding Report

The Counselling Consultancy & Continuing Care (CCCC) funding report prepared by KPMG for VAADA can be accessed at the following websites

Full Report <http://www.vaada.org.au/resources/items/2010/08/344390-upload-00001.pdf>

Summary Report <http://www.vaada.org.au/resources/items/2010/08/344392-upload-00001.pdf>

NEW!!!

Improving Connections Between Young People and Their Families

'StrongBonds', developed by the Jesuit Social Services, is a website with resources for parents and

carers of young people, and for workers who are supporting young people in a family context.

Help sheets are available in English, Arabic and Vietnamese on a variety of topics including 'understanding drug use' and 'understanding mental illness' and other topics dealing with the justice system and health and wellbeing issues.

Fact sheets are available at <http://www.strongbonds.jss.org.au/>.

NEW!!!

The Ultimate Adventure for Young People – 9th September

The Outdoor Experience (TOE) would like to invite young people and their workers to "The Ultimate Adventure" Information Session Thursday 9th September at 11am at the Bush Hut, 110 Studley Park Rd, Kew

Please RSVP to Michael Naismith Field Supervisor TOE : The Outdoor Experience Jesuit Social Services
Phone: 03 9855 2633 Mobile: 0407 403 706 Email: Michael.Naismith@jss.org.au Web: www.jss.org.au

NEW!!!

Clinical Supervision of Postgraduate Psychologist Trainees Undertaking Placements in Alcohol and Other Drugs Services

This Department of Health and Ageing funded project is running to June 2011 and its aim is to develop workforce capability to deal with comorbid substance use and mental illness by addressing the shortage of psychologists in the non-government alcohol and other drug (AOD) workforce.

This project provides funding for the payment of consultant psychologists to provide clinical supervision for postgraduate psychology students on placement in non-government AOD services as well as incentive payments for AOD services to host placements. Consultant supervisors are funded to attend one hour of supervision per two days of placement, up to a maximum of 20 hours of supervision for a 40 day placement.

In order to host placement, the AOD service needs to be a non-government organisation primarily concerned with the prevention, treatment and rehabilitation of individuals with a drug/or alcohol disorder, with a substantial proportion having mental health issues. In addition, the service needs to have the capacity to host a postgraduate psychology student for at least 2 days per week including one hour of supervision with the consultant psychologist and an available staff member who can act as an on-site coordinator who manages the day to day running of the placement. In addition, the service needs to have the capacity to provide at least 4 to 6 counselling clients for the student per week.

All AOD services that facilitate placements will receive \$2,000 (plus GST) per student placement for expenses incurred during the placements. In some placements, the consultant psychologist supervisor, in consultation with the APS and the hosting service, may provide professional development activities for staff of the service (to a maximum of 10 hours including preparation time). For more information contact the project assistant, Athena Politis (a.politis@psychology.org.au [1]) or visit the APS website: <http://www.psychology.org.au/academic/scholarships/clinical/> [2]

New 'Coming Out' Footy Posters for Young People

"Which team do you barrack for?" took on a whole new meaning with the launch of Gay and Lesbian Health Victoria's (GLHV) "Coming out" series of 6 footy posters. To view these posters, [click here](#). If you would like to order free copies of the posters please email info@glhv.org.au.

Diversity in Health 2010: Post-conference goodies

The Diversity in Health conference was held in June 2010 in Melbourne. Visit the [post conference page](#) of the website and access conference reports, posters and presentations.

Toolkit for AOD Family Work

The EDAS Family Focus Project is pleased to announce that the Toolkit for AOD Family Work is now available for downloading on the EDAS website.

To access the Toolkit and other resources from the Family Focus Project please go the EDAS website:

www.edas.org.au or http://www.edas.org.au/family_resources

Exploring the Primary Health Care Needs of People Experiencing Homelessness within Melbourne's CBD and Inner Suburbs'

Melbourne General Practice Network in Carlton has launched a research project entitled 'Exploring the Primary Health Care Needs of People Experiencing Homelessness within Melbourne's CBD and Inner Suburbs'. MGPD are inviting organisations to be a part of this research.

For more information contact Natalie Rinehart on Natalie.Rinehart@mgpn.com.au or call on 9347 1188 on Monday, Tuesdays or Thursdays.

State Election 2010 VAADA Resources

In the lead-up to this year's state election, VAADA is producing a series of papers on drug and alcohol issues that reflect VAADA's priority areas for the forthcoming election.

The first three papers produced are:

1. An accessible and quality drug treatment system
2. Responding to older AOD users
3. Drugs, crime and prisons

These papers can be downloaded at: <http://www.vaada.org.au/resources/list.shtml?folder=Policy>

INFORMATION

NEW!!!

Hep C Tests in Chemist Shops

UK pharmacy screening for hep C could help thousands who may unknowingly be at risk from liver disease and cancer, experts have claimed. Around 70,000 people in England and Wales have been diagnosed with hep C. It is estimated half a million people in the UK could have contracted the disease without even realising it. A pilot screening scheme involving 19 pharmacies picked up a much higher rate of people with the virus than screenings carried out by GPs. One in six people tested in the pharmacies came back positive for hep C or hep B. The Royal Pharmaceutical Society and the Hepatitis C Trust are now calling for more screenings nationwide.

<http://www.hepctrust.org.uk/news/2010/August/Pharmacy+screening+for+hepatitis+C+could+identify+thousands+more+people+with+the+virus>

NEW!!!

AIVL Research & Policy Update Paper No.4

Below is a link to the 4th Issue of the AIVL Research & Policy Update paper located on the AIVL website. Some of the topics this issue highlights are the findings of the recently released Australian NSP Survey - National Data Report (2005-2009) as well as research abstracts from the 21st International Harm Reduction Association (IHRA). Further to this there is also a focus on articles about women's health, IDU & hep C.

To our email distribution list contact Laura Liebelt Senior Research & Policy Officer Australian Injecting and Illicit Drug Users League (AIVL) P: 02 6279 1600 M: 0401 040 121 E: lauraL@aivl.org.au
<http://aivl.org.au/files/AIVL%20Research%20&%20Policy%20Update%20%28Issue%204%29.pdf>

NEW!!!

The Range and Magnitude of Alcohol's Harm to Others

This new report from the Alcohol Rehabilitation & Education Foundation (AERF) summarises what is known about alcohol's cost to others in Australia. Some key points:

- Almost 3/4 all Australian adults were negatively affected by someone else's drinking in a one-year period
- 29% Australian adults reported being negatively affected by drinking of someone in their close circle (family/friends/co-workers)
- Heavy drinkers cost others over \$14 billion in out of pocket expenses, foregone wages and productivity, and over \$6 billion in intangible costs

- More than 70,000 Australians are victims of alcohol-related assault every year (including 24,000 alcohol-related domestic violence)
- Almost 20,000 Australian children were victims of substantiated alcohol-related child abuse

Authors: Laslett, A-M., Catalano, P., Chikritzhs, Y., Dale, C., Doran, C., Ferris, J., Jainullabudeen, T., Livingston, M, Matthews, S., Mugavin, J., Room, R., Schlotterlein, M. and Wilkinson, C. (2010)

http://www.aerf.com.au/Harm_to_Others_Full_Report_with-errata.pdf

NEW!!!

Genetic Test Predicts HepC Treatment Result - 27 August 2010

Doctors at Austin Health have developed a genetic test that can predict how people with hep C are likely to respond to treatment. Gastroenterologist Dr Paul Froomes said he approached microbiologist Dr Volker Gurtler to devise the genetic test nine months ago after breakthrough studies in Switzerland and the US found hep C patients who had the polymorphic gene rs12979860 responded significantly better to the drugs. "If you're positive for this genetic test, then your chance of eradicating hep C with current treatment goes up to about 80%," Dr Froomes said. "If you tested negative for this polymorphism, then your chance of responding to treatment falls to 30%." He said patients who found they had a lower success rate to treatment could consider trying alternative new treatments. He said new treatments for hep C were "just around the corner".

<http://heidelberg-leader.whereilive.com.au/news/story/heidelberg-based-test-improves-hep-c-treatment-odds/>

NEW!!!

New Plea for Needle Swaps at Deer Park Jail Brimbank Leader 31 Aug 10 by Andre Awadalla

THERE have been renewed calls for a needle exchange program at the Dame Phyllis Frost women's prison near Deer Park.

Non-profit "harm-reduction organisation" Anex said that without access to clean needles, many prisoners across Victoria were at risk of hepatitis C or HIV.

But the State Government and Corrections Victoria have both stood firm and said there were no plans to change policy and introduce such a program.

Anex chief executive officer John Ryan said there was evidence which showed a third of imprisoned drug injectors injected during their sentence.

"And a third of those contract hepatitis C while in the care of the correctional system," Mr Ryan said.....

<http://brimbank-leader.whereilive.com.au/news/story/new-plea-for-needle-swaps-at-deer-park-female-jail/>

NEW!!!

Alcohol and Obesity Liver Toll - London Daily Mail 31 August 2010 Fiona Macrae

Binge drinking and obesity are fuelling a surge in deaths from liver disease, UK experts have warned. The number of lives claimed by damaged, diseased and worn-out livers has soared by 60 per cent in only a decade. Liver disease, including cancer, claimed 9,719 lives in England in 2008 - up from 6,058 ten years earlier, a report by MPs says today. The fifth biggest killer, it is the only one that is claiming more lives year after year. Soaring rates of binge drinking, obesity and the viral disease hep C mean the number of deaths is predicted to double in only 20 years. Alcohol is 75 per cent cheaper now in real terms than in 1980. Heavy drinking can inflame the liver, causing jaundice, and leading to comas and even death.

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/health/article-1307288/Drink-obesity-60-cent-rise-liver-death-toll.html?ito=feeds-newsxml>

Severe Substance Dependence Treatment Bill 2009

Involuntary detention & treatment under proposed new laws: the Severe Substance Dependence Treatment Bill 2009. The Bill was passed in the Upper House on the 27th July and received assent on Tuesday 10th August but it is understood that it is not being enforced at the moment and that could take another month or two.

Money Fix for St Kilda Needle Exchange - The Age, 19 August 2010, journalist Kate Hagan
ONGOING funding will be provided for Victoria's only 24-hour needle-exchange service, in St Kilda, and to expand its operation to provide more health services for injecting drug users.

The service provided 1 million needles to 54,000 clients last financial year, and its around-the-clock operation began as a pilot program in late 2007.

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

But the state government yesterday announced \$2.2 million every four years for the 24-hour service to continue permanently, and to expand its work to provide on-site health services including to prevent and treat hepatitis C.....

Link: <http://www.theage.com.au/victoria/money-fix-for-st-kilda-needle-exchange-20100818-12f4t.html>

Alcohol Abuse Bad, and Expected to Get Worse – The Age Tuesday, 10/08/2010

ONE in five Australians abuses or becomes addicted to alcohol in their lifetime, according to the first nationwide study to pinpoint the long-term prevalence of drinking problems.

But the community is complacent about the situation, which is set to worsen because younger people report higher alcohol misuse rates, said the author of the landmark research.

"Every time I talk to people about alcohol figures it's as if they're not shocked. That's what bothers me," said Maree Teesson, acting director of the National drug and Alcohol Research Centre at the University of New South Wales.....

Professor Teesson's study, conducted against a backdrop of increasing alcohol sales, is the first in Australia to establish levels of problem drinking according to tightly defined health criteria.

It surveyed nearly 9000 adults Australia-wide, finding 3 per cent had abused alcohol over the past year, while 1.4 per cent were technically dependent on it. Over their lives, 18 per cent had abused alcohol and 3 per cent were or had been addicted.

The situation was most extreme among people in their late teens or early 20s, who were about four times as likely as older adults to have abused alcohol in the previous year. Men were three times as likely as women to have drinking problems.....

But only one in five people whose drinking met the threshold for a disorder had sought treatment.....

Professor Teesson said widespread tolerance of excessive drinking masked the misery experienced by those whose alcohol use was out of control.

Multiple strategies would be needed to rein in drink-related health problems, she said, including volumetric taxation that levied tax according to how much alcohol the drink contained and more rigorous licensing of outlets.

Link to story: <http://www.theage.com.au/national/alcohol-abuse-bad-and-expected-to-get-worse-20100809-11u3v.html>

Safer Yarra Plan Draft

Safer Yarra Plan has been placed on two separate sites for consultation

- the Bang the Table site (with a new forum topic introducing the Draft Safer Yarra plan and encouraging comments) www.bangthetable.com/saferyarra
- and Yarra Council's website <http://www.yarracity.vic.gov.au/Consultation/Safer%20Yarra%20Plan.asp>

For further information, contact Sarah Gillett, Community Planner, Wellbeing and Safety on 9205 5156 or at Sarah.Gillett@yarracity.vic.gov.au

CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS AND FORUMS

NEW!!!

Mental Health and Human Rights in Victoria: Creative Ways Forward to Promote the Rights of People with Mental Illness - Tuesday 7 September 2010

10.00am—1.00pm (registration from 9.30am) Karstens at CQ Level 3, 123 Queen Street, Melbourne

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Very few places are left for this event! To secure your place contact Jennifer Heaney at VCOSS on fax: (03) 9654 5749 or scanned for email: jennifer@heaney@vcoss.org.au.

NEW!!!

Developing a Social Enterprise - Social Traders Training Workshop – 9th September FREE

The Social Traders learning and development program is offering a series of professional development workshops progressing through the business planning process for social enterprise.

This initial workshop will cover the first stage of idea generation for social enterprise

When: 9.30am - 4.30pm Thursday 9 September, 2010 at CERES Van Raay Centre, Cnr Stewart and Roberts Sts, East Brunswick, Victoria Cost: FREE - Places Limited

Contact: Mark Daniels or Nicci Hutchinson Ph: 8319 8444 E: nicci.hutchinson@socialtraders.com.au

www.socialtraders.com.au/event/2010/08/developing-social-enterprise-social-traders-training-workshop

NEW!!!

Staff Safety Workshop Half Day Workshop - Thursday 16th Sept , 2010

In this workshops the following will be covered: assessing risk and minimising risk; legal issues, managing your own feelings in difficult circumstances and evasive defence techniques. Along with learning important skills to keep themselves and clients safe at work, participants will learn a number of simple techniques for escaping from different grips and grabs with an emphasis on techniques that do not induce pain.

Venue: Virginia Park Conference Centre 232-236 East Boundary Road North Drive, East Bentleigh
Inside the Virginia Park Café (Venue is close to public transport and free parking is available)
Time: 9-12noon COST: \$150.00 (Includes GST)

More information Rod Catterall on 03-9579 0800 or 0418 564 249 Email: rod@allstars.net.au
Website: www.allstars.net.au

This workshop, as well as others, can be run in house for your organisation, including in country Victoria and interstate.

NEW!!!

Working Effectively with Men in the Family Context - 18th October

The aim of this workshop is to assist practitioners to increase their skills and confidence in building rapport and engaging with men when working in a family services context. This can be particularly confronting when there is a known history of violence. This workshop aims to address these concerns and to prepare practitioners with strategies to improve their engagement with men and the involvement of men in a family work.

When: Monday 18 October 2010 at the Children's Welfare Association Level 5, 50 Market Street, Melbourne (cnr Flinders Lane & Market Street) Cost (GST inclusive): \$253 members and \$308 non-member. This cost includes course materials and refreshments

To Register: access <http://www.cwav.asn.au/learning/Pages/Courses%20All.aspx>

You can also request a registration form by email, post or fax - contact Jane Lawrence on 03.9614 1577 or training@cwav.asn.au

NEW!!!

VHA Conference 'Creating a Healthier Future: Population Health Approaches to Planning' 14th & 15th October

The Victorian Healthcare Association is holding its annual conference 'Creating a Healthier Future: Population Health Approaches to Planning' on the 14th & 15th October. More information on the conference can be found at <http://www.vha.org.au/event2/web/event/show/id/14> , and all enquiries can be directed to vha@vha.org.au.

NEW!!!

Young People Risk & Resilience: The Challenges of Alcohol, Drugs and Violence 7th & 8th March 2011

The Victorian Safe Communities Network and the Australian Institute of Criminology Conference Young People Risk & Resilience: The Challenges of Alcohol, Drugs and Violence will be on the 7th & 8th March 2011 at the RACV Club Bourke Street Melbourne

For more information and to register and pay for the conference online visit www.aic.gov.au or contact Alyssa Handy Conference Coordinator Australian Institute of Criminology GPO Box 2944 Canberra ACT 2601 Phone: 02 6260-9272 Fax: 02 6260-9299 Email: aic.events@aic.gov.au

Let's Talk About Youth Wellbeing – 14th October

This year's EACH Youth Conference 2010 will explore youth-specific topics relating to Mental Health, Sexual Health and Developing Healthy Relationships.

Keynote Speaker 2010 Australian of the Year Professor Patrick McGORRY

Thursday 14th October at New Hope Baptist Church 3 Springfield Road Blackburn North. Cost \$100. Register now as places are strictly limited. More program content will be released soon so check the website regularly for more details.

Enquiries: Maggie Gardner 9871 1807 the conference website www.ouryouth.com.au

Top Down, Bottom Up: Active Involvement of AOD Service Users – 18th November

VAADA is facilitating a series of professional development forums on consumer participation in Victorian AOD services. The core aim of these forums is to support AOD services to strengthen consumer input into service planning and development. Highlights include:

The forum will be on 18th November at the Darebin Arts and Entertainment Centre Cnr Bell St and St Georges Rd Preston from 10.00am – 3.00pm and includes morning and afternoon tea, lunch and resource materials.

Registration by email to skerwick@vaada.org.au or fax to (03) 9416 2085. Include your full name, position, organisation, contact phone number, email address and dietary or other requirements, and indicate that you wish to attend the Preston Forum. Places are limited. Please direct enquiries to Brad Pearce 9412 5606 bpearce@vaada.org.au

Access the promotional flyer at <http://www.vaada.org.au/sectordevelopment.shtml>

Bloody Serious Facts: Hepatitis C and What You Should Know- 3rd November

Bloody Serious Facts: Hepatitis C and what you should know Wednesday 3rd of November, 1.30pm to 4.30pm Cost: \$22.00 per person at 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@hepcvic.org

National Conference on Australian Prison Issues – 9th November

The National Conference on Australian Prison Issues will be held on Tuesday 9th November in conjunction with the University of New South Wales from 8.30am to 5pm in the Law Building on the Kensington Campus in Sydney. This year's theme is 'Changing Minds, Changing Lives'. We are currently finalising the speakers and agenda.

For more information about this event please go to www.prisonissuesconference.webs.com.

Anex 2010 Australian Drugs Conference: Public Health and Harm Reduction - 25 & 26 October, Melbourne Cricket Ground

Some Highlights of the Anex 2010 Australian Drugs Conference: Public Health and Harm Reduction will be Naltrexone: From Every Angle; Laws Regulations & Public Health; Collaboration & Continuity of Care: Bringing Agencies Together; Information Education and Communication.

To register or for more information go to www.australiandrugsconference.org.au

6th International Drugs and Young People Conference in Melbourne, 2- 4 May 2011.

The 6th International Conference on Drugs & Young People: Making the Connections **is seeking presentations** on relevant, innovative, and creative practice for inclusion in its program. You are invited to submit an abstract of your proposed presentation from Tuesday 27 July 2010 until Friday 12 November 2010, 5pm (AEST).

For further information please visit the Australian Drug Foundation [website](#). Queries can be directed to the Program Coordinator, Alison Armstead via [email](#) or phone 03 9645 6311.

Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training – 16th & 17th September

EACH Training is running a 2 day workshop for workers interested in attending a Suicide Intervention Training Course known as ASIST (Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training). The first of the ASIST Workshops will be held on Thu and Fri 16 & 17 September 2010 and the other on Thu and Fri 7 & 8 October 2010. Both workshops will be at the Eastern Ranges GP Association, 21-23 Maroondah Highway in Croydon. Cost \$295.00.

Please contact Donna Pendergast at dpendergast@each.com.au for more information including a flyer and registration form.

2010 National Drug Trends Conference - What's New In Illicit Drug Use In Australia? - 15th October

The National Drug Trends Conference to be held at Powerhouse Museum, Ultimo Sydney from 9.45am-4.45pm on Friday 15th October 2010 will present recent findings in illicit drug use, markets and related harms across Australia.

For further information about registration and conference details please contact Margaret Eagers: Ph 0425 220 622 Email ndarc21@unsw.edu.au
<http://ndarc.med.unsw.edu.au/NDARCWeb.nsf/page/Conference>

Familiar Needs: Working with Children and Families in Victorian AOD Services – 21st October

Throughout October 2010 VAADA will be facilitating a series of professional development forums developed to support AOD services in responding to the needs of children and families of service users.

The forum runs from 10.00am - 4.30pm and includes morning and afternoon tea, lunch and resource materials. Dates and Location: 21st October 2010 - Preston (Darebin Arts & Entertainment Centre)

Places Limited. Register by email to skerwick@vaada.org.au or fax to (03) 9416 2085. Include your full name, position, organisation, contact phone number, email address and dietary or other requirements.

For More information contact: Brad Pearce P: 9412 5606 M: 0409 959 861E: bpearce@vaada.org.au
Access the promotional flyer at <http://www.vaada.org.au/news/items/2010/07/334164-upload-00001.pdf>

Australasian Professional Society on Alcohol and other Drugs 2010 Conference 28th Nov – 1st Dec

Building on the Capital, the Australasian Professional Society on Alcohol and other Drugs 2010 Conference from the 28th November – 1st December in Canberra.

Contact: Kymberlee Senior (03) 9645 6311 E: apsad@wsm.com.au

Website: [Australasian Professional Society on Alcohol and other Drugs 2010 Conference](#)

The 22nd Australasian HIV/AIDS Conference Sydney 20-22 October 2010

The Australasian HIV/AIDS Conference 2010 will be held back-to-back with the 2010 Australasian Sexual Health Conference. For more information visit [the conference website](#).

Young Peoples Involvement in Alcohol, Other Drugs & Violence – 7th & 8th March 2011

The Australian Institute of Criminology and the Victorian Safe Communities Network will hold an important two-day conference in Melbourne on 7-8 March 2011 to discuss the nature and extent of young people's involvement in alcohol, other drugs and violence, and to share the experiences of young people and practitioners in reducing risks and increasing resilience to these potentially harmful activities.

More Information <http://www.aic.gov.au/events/aic%20upcoming%20events/2011/vscn.aspx> , or contact the Conference Coordinator at aic.events@aic.gov.au or on 02 6260-9272.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDY

NEW!!!

Hepatitis for Health Care Workers On-line Course - 5 October – 19 November 2010

This is a 7 week course which will be conducted entirely on-line through [Moodle](#). It is estimated that that weekly reading and course activities will take around 1-3 hours to complete. There will be no "set time" to be on-line. Participants can complete activities at a time that suits them. This course provides an overview of current information on viral hepatitis with a focus on hepatitis C. It is suitable for clinical and allied health workers who provide services for people living with or at risk of viral hepatitis. A certificate of completion will be given.

Course Fees: \$275.00 including GST

For enquiries or to register, call Albion Street Centre Education Tel: (02) 9332 9720 Fax: (02) 9360 4387
Email: albeducation@sesiahs.health.nsw.gov.au

Diploma in Community Services (Alcohol & Other Drugs) Online

Diploma in Community Services (Alcohol & Other Drugs) – Online Study FUNDED PRICE \$550* UNFUNDED \$2800 *This training is provided with Victorian Government funding, \$550 represents the required student contribution. Enrolments are subject to available funding.

For eligibility and enrolment details visit us online: <http://www.workskillsweb.net/SkillsVicFund09.html>

Enquiries and registration contact Fiona Muratore on 03 9420 7644 or email studentadmin@odyssey.org.au

GippsTAFE Diploma of Community Services (Alcohol, Other Drugs and Mental Health) Learning that suits you.

This new Diploma course is delivered online, but with plenty of support from our teachers, you're able to work anywhere, any time. The course also has a mix of workplace study and Recognition of Prior Learning is available. For more information email: AOD@gippstafe.edu.au or click: <https://oe.gippstafe.vic.edu.au/DipCommunityServ/AboutDipComServ.html>

Odyssey – Online Study

Dual Diagnosis – Online Study Cost \$875.00 Registration <http://www.workskillsweb.net/apply.html>
Enquiries studentadmin@odyssey.org.au

Certificate IV in Training and Assessment and Upgrade – Online Study
[Certificate IV in Training and Assessment \(TAA40104\)](#) Expected study hours per week: 6-8 [Now Enrolling - online](#) Cost: \$1875.00

AOD Competency Training at Moreland Hall

Please click on the below link to view Moreland Hall's training Calendar for Alcohol and Other Drug Work competencies and Mental Health Work competencies in 2010. [Download Training Calendar Here](#)

COMMUNITY EVENTS ETC FOR YOURSELF, RESIDENTS & CLIENTS

NEW!!!

2010 EID End of Ramadan Celebrations for Everyone in the City of Yarra – 11th September
All City of Yarra residents are invited to attend the 2010 EID (end of Ramadan) celebration.
In the Edinburgh Gardens Community Room, off Brunswick Street, Nth Fitzroy.
On Saturday 11th September, 10am-9pm

Please contact Munira Mahmoud from North Yarra Community Health on 9349 7304/0429 122 537

NEW!!!

The Sally Isaac Young Woman Community Activist (Women's Charter) Award 2010 – Closes 4th October

The Sally Isaac Young Woman Community Activist (Women's Charter) Award 2010 will be offered to a young woman, or a group of young women, in the community who are voluntarily demonstrating the principles of the Local Government Women's Charter in action through

- (1) reaching out to an under-represented group including women and/or girls
- (2) leadership on an issue of importance to women and/or girls in community and/or
- (3) expressing their citizenship by participating in community activism to make a difference.

In 2010, the scope of the Award is wide and can include:

- community activism on issues related to the Charter principles
- activism undertaken with local governments and/or community groups
- a focus on participation and advocacy for under represented groups including women and girls.

A cash prize of \$1000 will be awarded to support an individual or group to pursue their ongoing leadership in community activism. The Awards will be announced on Wednesday 20 October at the Awards event hosted by City of Darebin (Northcote Town Hall).

Please contact Linda Bennett at the WPILG Coalition Secretariat E: linda@vlga.org.au T: 9349 7904) for assistance and enquiries about the Sally Isaac Award. Nominations close 4th October

The Boot and Shoe Industry in Collingwood – 8th September

The end of an era: the boot and shoe industry in Collingwood - Guest Speaker Ian Harold at the Collingwood Historical Society Inc Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 8 September 2010. AGM business 7.45 pm, talk starts about 8.00 pm

Collingwood was a major centre of the boot and shoe trade in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. Harold Boot Company lasted until the 21st century, finally moving from Abbotsford (to Fairfield) in 2008 – the last of the Collingwood boot factories to leave the traditional location.

Ian Harold will tell us about the company whose Abbotsford connections date from the arrival of his English grandfather Frederick, sent out from England more than 90 years ago to expand the long-established family business.

The Retreat Hotel 226 Nicholson Street Abbotsford. All interested people are welcome.

Inquiries: bootagm@fastmail.fm

Laughing Waters Artist-in-Residence Program – Applications Close 26th October

Nillumbik Shire Council, in partnership with Parks Victoria, invites contemporary artists working in any medium to apply for a live-in residency of up to four months in one of two properties located in protected Eltham bushland, approximately 30 kilometres north-east of Melbourne.

Selected artists will be required to devise and deliver a small community project as part of the residency. Group and joint applications considered.

Applications close: 4pm, Tuesday 26 October 2010 Forms and information: www.nillumbik.vic.gov.au artsinfo@nillumbik.vic.gov.au or phone Colin James (03) 9433 3359

Barb O'Shea Award for Volunteer Contribution to the Community - Nominations due: Monday 27 September 2010

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Through the annual Barb O'Shea Award, the Fitzroy and Carlton Community Credit Co-operative recognises an individual who makes a significant contribution to the life of the local community in a voluntary capacity.

For more information, please contact: Greg Fisher Fitzroy and Carlton Community Credit Co-operative t. 9419 4533 e. gfisher@fccc.com.au

Moon Lantern Festival – 18th September

This year the Moon Lantern Festival is on the 18th September 3.00pm – 8.00pm in the park on the corner of Highett and Lennox St. They are now registering groups and organisations interested in running activities, performances, volunteering, helping with art installations.

For more information etc contact Angela Hose angela.hose@gmail.com

Email the organisers of Overdose Awareness Day with queries to do with the day at www.access.health@aus.salvationarmy.org or call the ST. Kilda NSP (HIE) on 9536 7703

FUNDING AVAILABLE ETC

NEW!!!

AER Foundation Grants – Close 30th September

Australian Conference Attendance Grants – capped at \$5,000 per conference maximum 2 per agency

The conference attendance projects proposed must meet the AER Foundation's objectives, which are to:

- Prevent alcohol and other licit substance abuse, including petrol sniffing, particularly among vulnerable population groups such as indigenous Australians and youth;
- Support evidence-based alcohol and other licit substance abuse treatment, rehabilitation, research and prevention programs; and
- Promote community education encouraging responsible consumption of alcohol and highlighting the dangers of licit substances abuse.

Innovative Project Grants – capped at \$20,000

AER will pursue the following strategies for the next three years:

- To build strategic partnerships, collaboratively, with others for alcohol policies that will promote attitudinal and behavioural change to alcohol and licit-substance abuse.
- To enhance the capacity of the Alcohol and Other Drugs sector to reduce the social and health harms caused by alcohol and licit substance abuse such as petrol, glue and paint sniffing.
- To leverage AER's extensive intellectual property and research in promoting changes in the way we drink.

More Information <http://www.aerf.com.au/home.aspx>

Yarra Gives Donations

Make sure you list your community organisation so that you too can benefit from donations to Yarra Gives. To do this, go directly to YarraGives and sign up there.

New and Emerging Community Partnership Fund-Victoria Police

The purpose of these grants is to assist local Victoria Police Service Areas to undertake projects that provide support to new and emerging communities and that work to promote mutual respect and understanding. Proposed projects must be designed to foster community engagement between new and

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emerging communities and Victoria Police at a local Police Service Area level. Up to \$3,000. Applications are ongoing. For further information contact: Ruth Milligan on 03 9247 6931 or email: ruth.milligan@police.vic.gov.au

Neighbourhood Justice Centre Court Fund

The Neighbourhood Justice Centre Court Fund is dispersed to not-for-profit organisations that provide a charitable and/or a community service for the benefit of the Victorian community. For more information on the NJC Court Fund including how to apply, visit the [website](#)

Victorian Volunteer Small Grants – Any Time

Victorian Volunteer Small Support Grants of up to \$5000 are now available to not-for-profit organisations. To apply for a Victorian Volunteer Small Volunteer Grant visit www.grants.dpced.vic.gov.au or call the Grants Information Line on 1300 366 356. Applications can be submitted at any time throughout the year.

BITS AND PIECES

NEW!!!

SBS TV's INSIGHT Program Wants to Talk About the Burqa.

Some people have recently called for Australia to follow the lead of several European countries and consider banning certain forms of Islamic dress.

INSIGHT wants to bring together Australia's Muslim community and non-Muslims to hear your thoughts on the issue. Should Australia ban the burqa?

We want to speak to women who wear the burqa, learn why they wear it and hear how the non-Muslim community responds to them. And women who are Muslim but choose not to wear it. And reasons why.

Email Kate Mayhew with your thoughts on the issue (katema@sbs.com.au). www.sbs.com.au/insight.

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

If you are looking for a new position in the AOD field, check the following websites

www.employment.infoxchange.net.au

www.pathwaysaustralia.com.au/Subscribe_Employment.asp (N.B. There is an underline between subscribe and employment)

www.vaada.org.au/enews.shtml (to subscribe)

www.jobsofsubstance.com.au Jobs of Substance is dedicated to people working in the Australian health, community and welfare sector.



“Mother, are you sure your marijuana use is purely medicinal?”