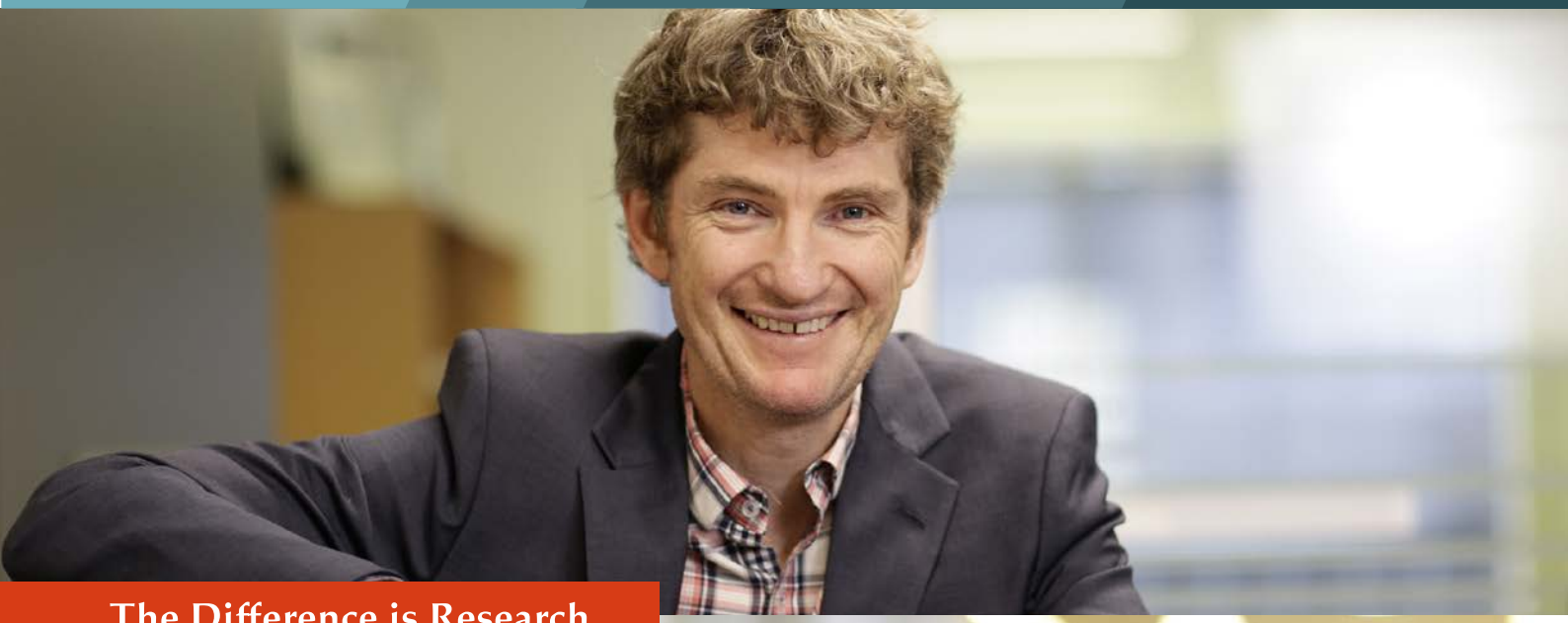
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Pictured on cover (top to bottom):
International Doctoral Student Thu Vuong
NDARC Deputy Director Professor Anthony Shakeshaft
Post-Doctoral Research Fellow Dr Emily Stockings



The difference is research

NDARC's mission is to conduct and disseminate high quality research to increase the effectiveness of treatment and other intervention responses to alcohol and other drug related harm. Biostatistician Philip Clare provides statistical advice throughout the Centre.

About the Centre

The Office of the Director

The Office of the Director is the major decision-making body within NDARC. This group convenes to facilitate effective management of the Centre, as well as making executive decisions on strategic research directions, and other relevant matters.

Office of the Director members:

Director
Professor Michael Farrell

Assistant Directors
Professor Alison Ritter
Professor Anthony Shakeshaft

Centre Operations Manager
Ms Karen Hill

Media Communications Manager
Ms Marion Downey

Strategic Advisory Committee (SAC)

The Strategic Advisory Committee is a group of senior academic staff whose function is to provide strategic advice to the Office of the Director, relating to research directions. The Committee was formed in June 2012.

Members:

Professor Michael Farrell
Associate Professor Lucinda Burns
Professor Jan Copeland
Professor Shane Darke
Professor Louisa Degenhardt
Associate Professor Timothy Dobbins
Professor Kate Dolan
Ms Marion Downey
Ms Karen Hill
Associate Professor Frances Kay-Lambkin
Professor Richard Mattick
Associate Professor Katherine Mills
Professor Alison Ritter
Professor Anthony Shakeshaft
Associate Professor Tim Slade
Professor Maree Teesson

NDARC Advisory Board 2015

In 2015 the Members of the NDARC Advisory Board were:

Mr Bob Mansfield
AO, FCPA
Chair of NDARC Advisory Board
Director, Investec Bank (Australia) Limited

Professor Michael Farrell
MB, BCh, BAO, LRCP&SI Honours in Medicine, FRCP, FRC Psych Director, National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre, Faculty of Medicine, University of New South Wales

Professor Denis Wakefield
MBBS, MD, DSc, FRACP, FRCPA
(Member until May 2015)
Associate Dean (Research) & Director of Medical Research, Faculty of Medicine, University of New South Wales

Professor Les Field
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Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research) & Professor of Chemistry, University of New South Wales

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Director, NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research

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BA (Hons) Psychology, MAppPsych, PhD
Director, Siggins Miller

Professor Peter Gunning
(Member May – August 2015)
Deputy Dean (Research), UNSW Medicine

Peter Carter
(Member February – August 2015)
Director, Mental Health Drug and Alcohol Office, NSW Ministry of Health

Chairman's Report

Mr Bob Mansfield AO



It is with pleasure that I present the 2015 Annual Report of NDARC. I am proud to chair a research centre that is ranked at the very top five of research centres on drugs and alcohol globally. The importance of having such a research centre in Australia cannot be overstated. I see it as one of my goals that we spread the message of both the key work and the remarkable achievements of the dedicated research staff to Government and the broader community over the coming year.

It is clear from the pages of this report that once again the output from the centre has been quite exceptional: 258 peer reviewed publications including in some of the leading health and science journals in the world *The Lancet* and *JAMA*, 219 presentations at national and international conferences and on top of this hundreds of technical reports, book chapters, workshops, seminars and lectures. Research and the dissemination of that research is the bread and butter of the work carried at NDARC and its output from a total of 49 academic staff, supported by 70 professional and technical staff, is indeed impressive.

But as a businessman I know that the most important measure of success is not outputs but the influence of those outputs. Measuring influence is much trickier but it is clear by the measure of external appointments alone that NDARC and its staff are shaping change at many levels in Australia and internationally. We are working with Federal Government and state governments at the highest level to guide delivery of treatment and intervention services and influence policy. We have seats at the World Health Organisation, the United Nations and the International Narcotics Control Board. In Australia we hold positions at the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) and numerous NGOs and treatment providers. It is through this we can ensure that the work of the centre is not just known and talked about but actually translated into policy and treatment services.

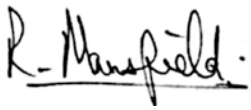
There are many, many people involved in the responses to the drug and alcohol problem – policy makers, governments and treatment providers. Yet to even begin to make a dent into the sizeable health costs as well as the economic cost to the public purse we need to know the size of the problem in Australia and worldwide, the causes of the problem and importantly what treatment responses and policy responses have the greatest chance of success. This is what our researchers and their collaborators in Australia and worldwide do every day with great success.

Over the past few years NDARC has played an important role in quantifying the health and quality of life impact drug and alcohol use disorders as part of the Global Burden of Disease Project in collaboration with the University of Queensland and the University of Washington. That project revealed that globally, mental and substance use disorders are the leading cause of disability in children and youth, accounting for a quarter of disability in children and young people.

The pages of this report detail nearly a hundred different projects which NDARC's research teams are involved in aimed at quantifying and tackling these problems.

The urgency of the drug problem worldwide is underlined by the fact that next meeting of the UN General Assembly Special Session on Drugs (UNGASS), which meets every 10 years and was due to meet in 2019, has been brought forward by three years and will be held in New York in April 2016. NDARC through its membership of the International Narcotics Control Board will be represented at this meeting.

NDARC's combined efforts to make an impact on the significant health and economic burden of drug and alcohol use disorders would not be possible without the strong and essential support it gets from the Australian Government Department of Health. Our funding from the Government runs out next year and we look forward to working through to a process for an additional five year period of funding and we will be working hard to ensure this happens. For every one dollar from Government we generate an extra three dollars – a pretty strong return on investment. I would like to thank Professor Michael Farrell and all the energetic staff at NDARC for their excellent work and results during the year.



Mr Bob Mansfield ao

Chairman, NDARC Board of Management

Director's Report



Professor Michael Farrell

NDARC has seen another year of major gains and progress in what has been a challenging climate, thanks to the hard work of its staff and the wide network of collaborators across the country and globally. I recognise that it is the generosity and hard work of all involved and the strong commitment to tackling key issues in the field that makes our work both important and impactful.

We are currently working on close to 100 projects covering prevention, treatment, early intervention, epidemiology and drug policy which are outlined in this report. A significant focus for our academics each year is the grant writing season and bringing in new funding to the Centre. While we are constantly looking to diversify our funding sources, grants from the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) are a key source of funding. This year was a very tough funding environment, with less than a fifth of projects being funded nationally. We were therefore delighted to have won more than $4.37 million in the main NHMRC funding round. This included a $1.85 million grant, led by myself and NSW Cancer Institute research fellow Dr Ryan Courtney for a world-first randomised controlled trial (RCT) comparing smoking cessation pharmacotherapies cytisine and varenicline.

Associate Professor Tim Slade and colleagues were awarded $884,000 for a five year study, the RADAR project, which will follow 1,911 young adults aged 17-21 to identify early warning signs in the development of alcohol use disorders in order to better target prevention and early intervention programs. The study will use the cohort of young people who were first recruited to NDARC's ground-breaking Parental Supply of Alcohol Study at age 12.

Professor Louisa Degenhardt and colleagues were awarded $775,000 to extend NDARC's landmark Pain and Opioids in Treatment Study (POINT). The study, POINT 2, will analyse data from 1,500 patients collected over five years to evaluate the cost effectiveness of treatment for chronic pain. It will also identify those patients most at risk of developing problems, amid rising concerns over increased prescribing of strong painkillers and increased harms including dependence and overdose.

NDARC is both a government funded centre under the National Drug Strategy and a research centre in the Faculty of Medicine at UNSW. We have welcomed a new Vice Chancellor, Professor Ian Jacobs, and a new Dean of Medicine, Professor Rodney Phillips, who have both have set ambitious and welcome frameworks for strategic developments. The Faculty of Medicine has recognised the importance and strength of alcohol and drug issues and we hope to see NDARC continuing to make a major contribution to the University over the coming year.

The Vice Chancellor's ambitious strategy with its focus on social equity and global partnerships fits very well with the strategic direction of NDARC and again we look forward to making meaningful contribution to the strategy.

We have made further progress across UNSW and the health sector in the development of a new ambitious collaboration of key researchers in behaviour and brain sciences called Mindgardens. This initiative should enable us to develop a wide range of new and ambitious projects. This approach will aim to bring together basic scientists, applied scientists and clinicians to address key public health and clinical challenges in new and innovative ways.

The National Ice Task Force report was launched and used key information from NDARC to outline the scale of the problem and we look forward to the roll-out of this strategy as a way to develop a range of new responses to crystal methamphetamine.

I would like to end this review by thanking all our staff including the administration team who juggle many balls to ensure we work within our very tight budgets. Also a special thanks to our Advisory Board and Chair of the Advisory Board Bob Mansfield AO, who gives us very valuable strategic advice based on his experience in the business and political worlds.



Professor Michael Farrell

Director, NDARC



Current projects

Katrina Prior was one of 31 PhD students completing doctorates at NDARC in 2015. She is also a Research Officer on the Activate Study evaluating the effectiveness of "behavioural activation" for people in treatment for illicit substance use with depression.

Current projects

Treatment and Early Intervention

Assessing the cannabis withdrawal scale and cannabis problems questionnaire

NDARC staff: Prof Jan Copeland & Izabella Pokorski

Project summary: This project assesses the psychometric properties of two applied measures of cannabis problems – The Cannabis Withdrawal Scale (CWS) and the Cannabis Problems Questionnaire-Revised (CPQ-R) – to provide reliable and valid tools for use in clinical and research settings.

Funding: Australian Government Department of Health through the NCPIC Work Plan

Date commenced: 2013

Expected date of completion: December 2016

Project website: https://ndarc.med.unsw.edu.au/project/cannabis-withdrawal-scale-and-cannabis-problems-questionnaire

Binge drinking and the adolescent frontal lobe

NDARC staff: Prof Maree Teesson & Dr Louise Mewton

Other investigators: Prof Caroline Rae (NeuRA) & Prof Roland Henry (University of California, United States)

Project summary: This project aims to study brain connectivity patterns in adolescent binge drinkers and abstinent controls by structural and diffusion tensor magnetic resonance imaging and spectroscopy; and to examine the relationship between selected behavioural and cognitive functional outcomes and brain structure.

Funding: NDARC seeking NHMRC funding

Date commenced: 2009

Expected date of completion: Ongoing project

Project website: https://ndarc.med.unsw.edu.au/project/binge-drinking-and-the-adolescent-frontal-lobe

Centre of Research Excellence in Mental Health and Substance Use: Translating innovative prevention and treatment

NDARC staff: Prof Maree Teesson, A/Prof Katherine Mills, A/Prof Frances Kay-Lambkin, Dr Cath Chapman, A/Prof Tim Slade, Marion Downey, Prof Michael Farrell, Dr Nicola Newton, Dr Joanne Ross, Dr Wendy Swift, Dr Sharlene Kaye, Dr Emma Barrett, Dr Christina Marel, Dr Matthew Sunderland, Dr Lexine Stapinski, Dr Louise Mewton, Dr Louise Thornton, Dr Sally Hunt, Dr Tonelle Handley, Erin Kelly, Katrina Champion, Sonja Memedovic, Kathryn Woodcock, Clara Fritchley, Katrina Prior, Louise Birrell, Brad Shaw, Natasha Nair, Ivana Kihas & Siobhan Lawler

Other investigators: Prof Amanda Baker (University of Newcastle), Prof Paul Haber (Royal Prince Alfred Hospital), A/Prof Andrew Baillie (Macquarie University), Prof Helen Christensen (UNSW), Prof Max Birchwood (University of Birmingham, United Kingdom), Prof Bonnie Spring (Northwestern University Medical School, United States), Prof Kathleen Brady (Medical University of South Carolina, United States), Leonie Manns (consumer advocate), Trevor Hazell (Hunter Institute of Mental Health), Prof Robyn Richmond (UNSW), Prof Brian Kelly (University of Newcastle), Dr Brian Hitsman (Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine, United States), A/Prof Leanne Hides (Queensland University of Technology), Dr Peter Kelly (University of Wollongong), Dr Glenys Dore (Northern Sydney Drug and Alcohol Service), Dr Ali Beck (University of Newcastle), Jenny Geddes (University of Newcastle), Miriam Forbes, Warren Logge, Mikki Subotic, Kris Tulloch, Dr Erica Crome (Macquarie University) & Dr Kirsten Morley (Sydney University)

Collaborators: Macquarie University, Queensland University of Technology, Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, Southwestern University Texas, University of Newcastle, University of Sydney, Northwestern University, Medical University of South Carolina

Project summary: Mental health and substance use disorders often occur together (comorbidity), affecting more than 300,000 Australians every year. Despite the significance of these conditions, the evidence surrounding the effective prevention and treatment of co-occuring disorders is weak. This Centre of Research Excellence (CRE) in Mental Health and Substance Use aims to build much needed research capacity in this area. The CRE is not a singular project, rather it incorporates many projects.

Funding: NHMRC Centres of Research Excellence

Date commenced: 2012

Expected date of completion: October 2017

Project website: https://ndarc.med.unsw.edu.au/group/cre-mental-health-substance-use

The development and evaluation of an Internet-based treatment for co-occurring depression and hazardous alcohol use in young Australians (The DEAL Project)

NDARC staff: A/Prof Frances Kay-Lambkin, Prof Maree Teesson, Mark Deady & A/Prof Katherine Mills

Project summary: This project involves the development and evaluation of an Internet-based treatment for co-occurring depression and hazardous alcohol use in young Australians (The DEAL Project).

Funding: NHMRC

Date commenced: January 2012

Expected date of completion: March 2016

Project website: https://ndarc.med.unsw.edu.au/project/development-and-evaluation-internet-based-treatment-co-occurring-depression-and-hazardous

A dimensional-spectrum model of mental disorders: Developing new assessments to improve the diagnostic validity of multiple mental disorders

NDARC staff: Dr Matthew Sunderland & A/Prof Tim Slade

Project summary: This project seeks to investigate new and emerging statistical models to develop accurate and efficient diagnostic instruments that measure the latent relationship between internalising (e.g. depression, anxiety), externalising (e.g. substance use, anti-social and conduct disorder) and thought disorders (e.g. psychosis).

Funding: NHMRC Early Career Fellowship

Date commenced: January 2013

Expected date of completion: December 2016

Project website: https://ndarc.med.unsw.edu.au/project/dimensional-spectrum-model-mental-disorders-developing-new-assessments-improve-diagnostic

The efficacy of behavioural activation therapy in treating depression among dependent illicit drug users: The Activate Study

NDARC staff: Prof Maree Teesson, Dr Joanne Ross, A/Prof Katherine Mills, Dr Sharlene Kaye, Katrina Prior, Ivana Kihas, Joanne Cassar, Philippa Ewer, Sarah Masters & Sonja Memedovic

Other investigators: Prof Carl Lejuez (University of Maryland, United States), Prof Kathleen Brady (Medical University of South Carolina, United States) & Dr Glenys Dore (Northern Sydney Drug and Alcohol Service)

Project summary: This study seeks to examine the feasibility of using Behavioural Activation Therapy for Depression (BATD-R) among depressed opioid replacement therapy (ORT) and residential rehabilitation clients.

Funding: NHMRC Project Grant

Date commenced: February 2013

Expected date of completion: December 2016

Project website: https://ndarc.med.unsw.edu.au/project/efficacy-behavioural-activation-therapy-bat-treating-depression-among-dependent-illicit-drug

Electronic Clinical Pathways to Service Excellence (eCliPSE): NSW Health Online Mental Health and Substance Use Comorbidity Portal

NDARC staff: A/Prof Frances Kay-Lambkin, Dr Sally Hunt, Prof Maree Teesson, Dr Louise Thornton & A/Prof Katherine Mills

Project summary: In consultation with NSW Health, this project aims to develop an online portal to improve access to evidence-based e-Health treatment packages for co-occurring mental health and substance use problems.

Funding: NSW Health

Date commenced: August 2015

Expected date of completion: August 2017

Project website: https://ndarc.med.unsw.edu.au/project/electronic-clinical-pathways-service-excellence-eclipse-nsw-health-online-mental-health-and

Expanding the capacity of community pharmacy to respond to pharmaceutical opioid problems

NDARC staff: Dr Suzanne Nielsen, Dr Sarah Larney, Prof Louisa Degenhardt & Prof Michael Farrell

Project Expert Group: Angelo Pricolo (Pharmacy Guild), Apo Demirkol (South Eastern Sydney Local Health District), Belinda McNair (Pennington Institute), Catriona Matheson (University of Aberdeen, United Kingdom), Denis Leahy (Pharmacy Guild), John Strang (King's College London, United Kingdom), Marie Claire Van Hout (Waterford Institute of Technology, Ireland), Michelle Lynch (Pharmaceutical Society of Australia), Paul Dietze (Centre for Research Excellence into Injecting Drug Use, Burnet Institute), Phillip Coffin (San Francisco Department of Public Health, United States) & Traci Green (Brown University, United States)

Project summary: Community pharmacy is at the interface of problematic opioid use, with the majority of opioids in Australia supplied direct to patients through community pharmacy. This study aims to develop an understanding of pharmacists' attitudes, perceptions and confidence in different areas of harm reduction including naloxone supply.

Funding: Indivior untied educational grant

Date commenced: July 2015

Expected date of completion: June 2016

Project website: https://ndarc.med.unsw.edu.au/project/opioids_ and_pharmacy

Feasibility study of a brief telephone-based cannabis intervention

NDARC staff: Dr Peter Gates & Prof Jan Copeland

Collaborators: Peta Jesse (Cannabis Information and Helpline, NSW)

Project summary: This study aims to examine whether a single-session, telephone-based counselling intervention can act as an efficacious treatment option for people with cannabis-related problems.

Funding: Australian Government Department of Health

Date commenced: October 2015

Expected date of completion: June 2016

Project website: https://ndarc.med.unsw.edu.au/project/feasibility-study-brief-telephone-based-cannabis-intervention

The funding and delivery of homelessness services: A case study evidence

NDARC staff: A/Prof Lucinda Burns & Elizabeth Whittaker

Other investigators: Prof Paul Flatau (University of Western Australia), A/Prof David McKenzie, Dr Angela Spinney (Swinburne University of Technology), Dr Kylie Valentine (Social Policy Research Centre, UNSW), A/Prof Daphne Habibis (University of Tasmania), Dr Kaylene Zaretzky, Alicia Bauskis (University of Western Australia), Dr Andrea Sharam, Prof Adam Steen & Dr Sean McNelis (Swinburne University of Technology)

Project summary: This study provides evidence on the mix of government and non-government direct and indirect funding in the homelessness service system and across mainstream services and enterprises supporting the homeless, and examines how the funding of homelessness services influences service provision and outcomes for homeless people.

Funding: Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute

Date commenced: May 2015

Expected date of completion: December 2016

Project website: https://ndarc.med.unsw.edu.au/project/funding-and-delivery-homelessness-services-case-study-evidence

The impact of opioid substitution therapy on hospitalisation and emergency department presentations of people with opioid use disorders

NDARC staff: Dr Sarah Larney, A/Prof Lucinda Burns, Dr Marian Shanahan, Prof Louisa Degenhardt, Prof Alison Ritter, Dr Natasa Gisev & A/Prof Timothy Dobbins

Collaborators: Dr Mark Montebello (South East Sydney Local Health District)

Project summary: This project aims to identify a population cohort of people who use opioids, examine hospitalisations and emergency department visits in this group and determine the impacts of opioid substitution therapy on hospitalisation and emergency department visits.

Funding: Burnet Institute / NHMRC Centre for Research Excellence into Injecting Drug Use (CREIDU) Seed Funding Shared Grant

Date commenced: June 2014

Expected date of completion: December 2017

Project website: https://ndarc.med.unsw.edu.au/project/the-impact-of-opioid-substitution-therapy-on-hospitalisation-and-emergency-department-presentations

Integrated management pathways for alcohol and drug clients into treatment (IMPACT)

NDARC staff: Dr Marian Shanahan

Other investigators: Dr Nicolas Lintzeris (lead investigator; Drug and Alcohol Services, South Eastern Sydney Local Health District Central Clinical School, University of Sydney), James Clarke, Stephanie MacFarlane, Dr Apo Demirkol, Anthony Jackson & Rachel Deacon (Drug and Alcohol Services, South Eastern Sydney Local Health District)

Project summary: This innovative, integrated care project was implemented in the South Eastern Sydney Local Health District to improve integration of services provided to those who are frequent attenders to the Emergency Department and have drug and alcohol use disorders.

Funding: South Eastern Sydney Local Health District

Date commenced: January 2015

Expected date of completion: June 2016

Project website:

iTreAD Project (Internet Treatment for Alcohol and Depression)

NDARC staff: A/Prof Frances Kay-Lambkin, Jenny Geddes, Dr Sally Hunt, Prof Maree Teesson, Mark Deady & Dr Louise Thornton

Other investigators: Prof Amanda Baker (University of Newcastle), Prof Kathleen Brady (Medical University of South Carolina, United States), A/Prof Terry Lewin (University of Newcastle) & Prof Bonnie Spring (Northwestern University, United States)

Collaborators: A/Prof Bridgette Bewick (University of Leeds, United Kingdom)

Project summary: This project will conduct the first randomised controlled trial of an internet delivered treatment for comorbid depression and binge drinking in young people aged 18-30 years, augmented with social networking support.

Funding: NHMRC Project Grant

Date commenced: August 2014

Expected date of completion: February 2017

Project website: https://ndarc.med.unsw.edu.au/project/itread-project-internet-treatment-alcohol-and-depression

Opioid substitution therapy among chronic pain patients dependent on opioid medications: Current utilisation, barriers and opportunities

NDARC staff: Prof Louisa Degenhardt, Dr Briony Larance, Dr Suzanne Nielsen & Gabrielle Campbell

Other investigators: A/Prof Raimondo Bruno (University of Tasmania) & Prof Nicholas Lintzeris (University of Sydney; South Eastern Sydney Local Health District)

Project summary: This study examines the utilisation of opioid substitution therapy among a large community sample of chronic non-cancer pain patients receiving long-term opioid therapy.

Funding: Reckitt Benckiser Australia contract research

Date commenced: March 2014

Expected date of completion: 2016

Project website: https://ndarc.med.unsw.edu.au/project/opioid-substitution-therapy-among-chronic-pain-patients-dependent-opioid-medications-current

Pharmaceutical opioid analgesic dependence and treatment responses

NDARC staff: Dr Suzanne Nielsen

Project summary: This project is a series of secondary data analysis being conducted as part of an NHMRC Early Career Fellowship. Using data from a series of randomized controlled trials we compare different aspects of treatment for heroin and prescription opioid users to better understand the unique treatment needs and treatment outcomes for pharmaceutical opioid users.

Funding: NHMRC Early Career Fellowship

Date commenced: December 2012

Expected date of completion: November 2016

Project website: https://ndarc.med.unsw.edu.au/project/pharmaceutical-opioid-analgesic-poa-dependence-and-treatment-responses

Positive life pathways for vulnerable adolescents: The role of a life management program approach

NDARC staff: Dr Marian Shanahan

Other investigators: Dr Sally Nathan (lead investigator), A/Prof Andrew Hayen, Dr Patrick Rawstorne (School of Public Health and Community Medicine, UNSW), Dr Joanne Bryant (Centre for Social Research in Health, UNSW), Prof Eileen Baldry (School of Social Sciences, UNSW) & Megan Willams (School of Public Health and Community Medicine, UNSW)

Collaborators: Mark Ferry (Ted Noffs Foundation)

Project summary: The projects aims to understand the pathways of vulnerable adolescents and the role of the Ted Noffs Program for Adolescent Life Management (PALM) in assisting young people to get their lives back on track.

Funding: ARC Linkage

Date commenced: January 2015

Expected date of completion: December 2017

Project website:

Psychotherapeutic interventions for cannabis abuse and/or dependence in outpatient settings

NDARC staff: Dr Peter Gates, Prof Jan Copeland & Lucy Albertella

Other investigators: Dr Pamela Sabioni (University of Toronto, Canada) A/Prof Linda Gowing (University of Adelaide) & Professor Bernard Le Foll (University of Toronto, Canada)

Project summary: This project is a systematic review to evaluate the efficacy of psychosocial interventions for cannabis abuse or dependence delivered in outpatient and community settings.

Date commenced: June 2014

Expected date of completion: January 2016

Project website: https://ndarc.med.unsw.edu.au/project/psychotherapeutic-interventions-cannabis-abuse-andor-dependence-outpatient-settings

Randomised controlled trial of a financial counselling intervention and smoking cessation assistance to reduce smoking in socioeconomically disadvantaged groups

NDARC staff: Prof Richard Mattick, Prof Michael Farrell, Dr Ryan Courtney, Emma Black, Veronica Boland, Danya Braunstein, Philip Clare, Jaimi Iredale, Sundresan Naicker, Joel Tibbetts, Lauren Touyz & Emily Upton

Other investigators: Dr Kristy Martire (School of Psychology, UNSW), Dr Billie Bonevski (University of Newcastle), Prof Ron Borland (Cancer Council Victoria), Prof Christopher Doran (University of Newcastle) & Prof Wayne Hall (University of Queensland)

Collaborators: Prof Mohammad Siahpush (University of Nebraska, United States), Laureate Prof Robert Sanson-Fisher (University of Newcastle) & Prof Robert West (University College London, United Kingdom)

Project summary: This project attempts to reduce relapse by reducing financial stress among disadvantaged smokers through the provision of financial counselling as an adjunct to Nicotine Replacement Therapy (NRT).

Funding: NHMRC

Date commenced: January 2012

Expected date of completion: 2016

Project website: https://ndarc.med.unsw.edu.au/project/randomised-controlled-trial-financial-counselling-intervention-and-smoking-cessation-0

An RCT of cannabinoid replacement therapy (Sativex®) for the management of treatment-resistant cannabis dependent patients

NDARC staff: Prof Jan Copeland & Dr Marian Shanahan

Other investigators: A/Prof Nicholas Lintzeris (lead investigator), Dr David Allsop, Prof Iain McGregor (University of Sydney), A/Prof Adrian Dunlop (Hunter New England Local Health District) & A/Prof Raimondo Bruno (University of Tasmania)

Project summary: This project will conduct the first-ever outpatient RCT to test the efficacy, safety and cost-effectiveness of the pharmaceutical cannabinoid nabiximols (Sativex®) for treating cannabis dependence.

Funding: NHMRC Project Grant

Date commenced: January 2015

Expected date of completion: December 2017

Project website:

Reducing tobacco smoking among low-SES smokers: A RCT to improve adherence with treatment, smoking cessation and health economic outcomes

NDARC staff: Dr Ryan Courtney, Veronica Boland, Prof Richard Mattick, Prof Anthony Shakeshaft & Prof Michael Farrell

Other investigators: Prof Ron Borland (Cancer Council Victoria), Dr Coral Gartner (University of Queensland), Dr Hayden McRobbie (Queen Mary University of London, United Kingdom) & Prof Mohammad Siahpush (University of Nebraska Medical Center, United States)

Collaborators: NSW Government/Cancer Institute NSW, Quitlines, Department of Human Services

Project summary: The aim of this study is to evaluate the cost-effectiveness of enhanced compliance instruction (via text messaging) to increase smoking cessation rates among low-SES smokers.

Funding: Cancer Institute NSW

Date commenced: July 2015

Expected date of completion: June 2017

Project website: https://ndarc.med.unsw.edu.au/project/reducing-tobacco-smoking-among-low-ses-smokers-rct-improve-adherence-treatment-smoking

Patterns of alcohol and drug use

A longitudinal study of cannabis use, schizotypy & attentional inhibition

NDARC staff: Lucy Albertella & Prof Jan Copeland

Other investigators: Dr Mike Le Pelley (School of Psychology, UNSW)

Project summary: This project is a longitudinal study to determine how cannabis use, schizotypy and attention are temporally related in a sample of 14-24 year-olds. The study, which forms the basis of Lucy Albertella's PhD, will allow a better understanding of how these factors may interact to increase the risk for psychotic disorders.

Date commenced: March 2013

Expected date of completion: February 2016

Project website: https://ndarc.med.unsw.edu.au/project/longitudinal-study-cannabis-use-schizotypy-attentional-inhibition

Cannabis Cohorts Research Consortium (CCRC)

NDARC staff: Dr Delyse Hutchinson, Prof Richard Mattick, Dr Edmund Silins, Prof Louisa Degenhardt, A/Prof Tim Slade, Dr Wendy Swift & Prof Jan Copeland

Other collaborators: Prof Steve Allsop (Curtin University), Denise Becker, Dr Rohan Borschmann (University of Melbourne), A/Prof Raimondo Bruno (University of Tasmania), Dr Carolyn Coffey (University of Melbourne), Prof David Fergusson (University of Otago, New Zealand), Prof Wayne Hall (University of Queensland), A/Prof John Horwood (University of Otago), Dr Primrose Letcher (Royal Children's Hospital, Melbourne), Prof Jake Najman (University of Queensland), Dr Craig Olsson (Deakin University), Prof George Patton (University of Melbourne), Dr Maria Plotnikova (University of Queensland), Dr Helena Romaniuk (University of Melbourne), Dr Rachel Skinner (University of Western Australia), Dr Elizabeth Spry (University of Melbourne), Dr Robert Tait (Curtin University; Australian National University), Prof John Toumbourou (Deakin University) & Dr George Youssef (Monash University)

Affiliates: A/Prof Madeline Meier (Arizona State University, United States), Dr Andrew Percy (Queens University, Ireland), Prof Ann Sanson (University of Melbourne) & A/Prof Jenny Williams (University of Melbourne)

Project summary: The Cannabis Cohorts Research Consortium (CCRC) is a collaboration which stemmed from the need to better address pressing questions about the relationship between cannabis, other drug use, life-course outcomes and mental health in children and young adults. The CCRC is a multi-organisational and multi-disciplinary international collaboration of researchers which consists of highly experienced individuals with expert knowledge from across the disciplines of psychiatry, psychology, child and adolescent health, cannabis and other substance use, biomedicine, health and development, prevention, intervention and knowledge translation.

Funding: NDARC and NHMRC Project Grant

Date commenced: 2006

Expected date of completion: Ongoing collaboration

Project website: https://ndarc.med.unsw.edu.au/project/cannabis-cohort-research-consortium-ccrc

Drugs and New Technologies (DNeT)

NDARC staff: Joe Van Buskirk, Amanda Roxburgh & A/Prof Lucinda Burns

Collaborators: A/Prof Raimondo Bruno (University of Tasmania) & David Décary-Hétu (Université de Lausanne, Switzerland)

Project summary: The Drugs and New Technologies (DNeT) project aims to investigate drug marketplaces online and in other emerging technologies. It aims to assess and quantify the online availability of drugs, including both traditional and new psychoactive substances.

Funding: Australian Government Department of Health

Date commenced: September 2012

Expected date of completion: Ongoing project

Project website: http://ndarc.med.unsw.edu.au/project/drugs-and-new-technologies-dnet

Ecstasy and Related Drugs Reporting System (EDRS)

NDARC staff: A/Prof Lucinda Burns, Dr Courtney Breen, Natasha Sindicich, Jenny Stafford, Kerryn Butler, Rachel Sutherland, Elizabeth Whittaker & Gavin Entwistle

Other investigators: Prof Paul Dietze, Arthur Truong (Burnet Institute), A/Prof Raimondo Bruno, Dr Allison Matthews (University of Tasmania), Prof Rosa Alati, Dr Fairlie McIllwraith, Dr Caroline Salom (University of Queensland), Prof Simon Lenton & Marina Nelson (Curtin University)

Project summary: The Ecstasy and Related Drugs Reporting System (EDRS) is a national monitoring system for ecstasy and related drugs that is intended to identify emerging trends of local and national interest in the markets for these drugs.

Funding: Australian Government Department of Health

Date commenced: January 2003

Expected date of completion: Ongoing project

Project website: https://ndarc.med.unsw.edu.au/project/ecstasy-and-related-drugs-reporting-system-edrs

Global Burden of Disease (GBD) study: Mental Disorders & Illicit Drug Use Expert Group

NDARC staff: Prof Louisa Degenhardt

Other investigators: Prof Harvey Whiteford, Dr Amanda Baxter, Fiona Charlson, Alize Ferrari, Holly Erskine, Roman Scheurer & Prof Wayne Hall (University of Queensland). GBD core team: Prof Christopher Murray, Prof Theo Vos, A/Prof Mohsen Naghavi & Prof Alan Lopez (University of Washington, United States)

Project summary: Global Burden of Disease analysis provides comprehensive and comparable data on mortality and loss of health due to diseases, injuries and risk factors for all regions of the world.

Funding: NHMRC Fellowship (for Prof Degenhardt)

Date commenced: July 2007

Expected date of completion: Ongoing project

Project website: http://ndarc.med.unsw.edu.au/project/global-burden-disease-mental-disorders-and-illicit-drug-use-expert-group

How is self-monitoring of behaviour affected in heavy drinkers?

NDARC staff: Dr Janette Smith & Prof Richard Mattick

Other investigators: Christopher Sufani (School of Psychology, UNSW)

Project summary: This study examines performance monitoring in detail in young heavy drinkers, using both behavioural and brain functional measures.

Funding: Australian Rotary Health Postdoctoral Fellowship

Date commenced: May 2013

Expected date of completion: December 2016

Project website: https://ndarc.med.unsw.edu.au/project/how-self-monitoring-behaviour-affected-heavy-drinkers

Illicit Drug Reporting System (IDRS)

NDARC staff: A/Prof Lucinda Burns, Dr Courtney Breen, Natasha Sindicich, Jenny Stafford, Kerryn Butler & Toni Hordern

Other investigators: Chris Moon (Department of Health and Community Services), Prof Rosa Alati, Dr Fairlie McIllwraith (Queensland Alcohol and Drug Research and Education Centre), A/Prof Raimondo Bruno, Dr Amy Peacock (University of Tasmania), Prof Simon Lenton, James Fetherston (Curtin University), Prof Paul Dietze & Dr Campbell Aitken (Burnet Institute Victoria)

Affiliates: Queensland Alcohol and Drug Research and Education Centre; University of Tasmania; Macfarlane Burnet Institute for Medical Research and Public Health; National Drug Research Institute; NT Government Department of Health and Community Services

Project summary: The Illicit Drug Reporting System (IDRS) is a national illicit drug monitoring system intended to identify emerging trends of local and national concern in illicit drug markets.

Funding: Australian Government Department of Health

Date commenced: January 1997

Expected date of completion: Ongoing project

Project website: https://ndarc.med.unsw.edu.au/project/illicit-drug-reporting-system-idrs

Improving GP prescribing of pharmaceutical opioids

NDARC staff: Prof Anthony Shakeshaft, Dr Briony Larance & Prof Louisa Degenhardt

Other investigators: Dr Simon Holliday (Albert St Medical Centre), Dr Fiona Shand (Black Dog Institute, UNSW), Dr David Gorman (St George Hospital) & Dr Denis Petrie (University of Melbourne)

Project summary: This project involves a pilot trial of the cost-effectiveness of two interventions to improve GPs' prescribing of pharmaceutical opioids.

Funding: NSW Health, Mental Health and Drug and Alcohol Office

Date commenced: June 2013

Expected date of completion: 2016

Project website: https://ndarc.med.unsw.edu.au/project/improving-gp-prescribing-pharmaceutical-opioids

National Illicit Drug Indicators Project (NIDIP)

NDARC staff: A/Prof Lucinda Burns & Amanda Roxburgh

Project summary: NIDIP was established in the recognition that there was a greater need for the regular dissemination of trends in the epidemiology of drug-related harms in Australia. The benefits of NIDIP include the enhanced dissemination of information on trends in harms related to opioid and psychostimulant use and use of prescription drugs, and a greater evidence base for the development of policy responses and interventions in relation to these harms. NIDIP also provides comparable monitoring of trends at an international level.

Funding: Australian Government Department of Health

Date commenced: June 2002

Expected date of completion: Ongoing project

Project website: https://ndarc.med.unsw.edu.au/project/national-illicit-drug-indicators-project-nidip

National Opioid Medications Abuse Deterrence (NOMAD) study

NDARC staff: Prof Louisa Degenhardt, Dr Briony Larance, Prof Michael Farrell, Dominic Oen & Oluwadamisola Sotade

Associate investigators (NDARC): Gabrielle Campbell & Dr Suzanne Nielsen

Other investigators: Chief investigators: A/Prof Raimondo Bruno (University of Tasmania), A/Prof Robert Ali (University of Adelaide) & A/Prof Nicholas Lintzeris (South East Sydney Local Health District; University of Sydney); Associate Investigators: Dr Apo Demirkol (The Langton Centre; University of Sydney), A/Prof Adrian Dunlop (Hunter North East Local Health District), Prof Paul Haber (Royal Prince Alfred Hospital; University of Sydney), Dr Amy Peacock (University of Tasmania), Dr Nghi Phung (South West Sydney Local Health District) & Dr Nancy White (University of Adelaide)

Advisory committee: Dr Michael Aufgang (General Practitioner, private practice), Dr Mary Ellen Harrod (NSW Users and AIDS Association), Ms Lesley Brydon (Pain Australia), Dr Malcolm Dobbin (VIC Department of Health), Dr Angella Duvnjak (Team Leader for the AIVL Hepatitis C & other BBVs and STIs program), Dr Marianne Jauncey (Sydney Medically Supervised Injecting Centre), Robert Kemp (Queensland Health), Prof Ann Roche (Flinders University) & Dr Hester Wilson (General Practitioner; The Langton Centre)

Project summary: An 'abuse-deterrent' (or 'tamper-resistant') formulation of OxyContin® tablets was introduced to the Australian market in April 2014. This project will examine the level of extra-medical use of oxycodone in Australia and how it compares to extra-medical use of other opioids, whether there is less non-medical use of Reformulated OxyContin®, how pharmaceutical opioid use changes following the introduction of new opioid formulations to the market, and long-term outcomes for regular non-medical users of pharmaceutical opioids.

Funding: Mundipharma untied educational grant

Date commenced: September 2013

Expected date of completion: 2016

Project website: https://ndarc.med.unsw.edu.au/project/national-opioid-medications-abuse-deterrence-nomad-study

Non-medical use of prescription stimulants by Australian university students: Attitudes, prevalence

NDARC staff: Dr Sharlene Kaye & Prof Michael Farrell

Other investigators: A/Prof Jayne Lucke, Dr Bradley Partridge (University of Queensland), Dr Matthew Dunn (Deakin University), Prof Wayne Hall (University of Queensland Centre) & Dr Eric Racine (Institut de Recherches Cliniques de Montréal, Canada)

Project summary: This project examines non-medical use of prescription stimulant drugs among Australian university students. It will, for the first time in Australia, comprehensively examine attitudes, prevalence, patterns and consequences of

use, and motivations for non-medical use. This study will also shed light on the use of stimulants for cognitive-enhancing purposes, whether this is a problematic trend in Australia and what should be done to protect the health of young people in this regard.

Funding: ARC Discovery Project Grant

Date commenced: March 2013

Expected date of completion: July 2016

Project website: https://ndarc.med.unsw.edu.au/project/non-medical-use-prescription-stimulants-australian-university-students-attitudes-prevalence

Pharmaceutical opioid prescription for chronic pain in Australia: Trajectories of prescribing, risk of adverse events and predictors of harm (The POINT Study)

NDARC staff: Prof Louisa Degenhardt, Prof Michael Farrell, Prof Richard Mattick, Dr Marian Shanahan, Dr Briony Larance, Dr Suzanne Nielsen, Gabrielle Campbell, Bianca Hoban, Ranira Moodley & Teleri Moore

Collaborators: A/Prof Fiona Blyth (Sydney University), Prof Wayne Hall (University of Queensland), A/Prof Milton Cohen (St Vincent's Hospital), A/Prof Nicholas Lintzeris (University of Sydney; South East Sydney and Illawarra Area Health) & A/Prof Raimondo Bruno (University of Tasmania)

Affiliates: Lesley Brydon (Pain Australia Limited), Elizabeth Carrigan (Australian Pain Management Association Inc.), Dr Malcolm Dobbin (Department of Health, Victoria), Prof Julia Fleming (The Professor Tess Cramond Multidisciplinary Pain Centre), Prof Roger Goucke (University of Western Australia), Dr Simon Holliday (Albert St Medical Centre), Denis Leahy (Pharmacy Guild of Australia, NSW Branch), A/Prof Andrea Mant (Public Health and Community Medicine, UNSW), Prof Jake Najman (University of Queensland), Dr Milana Votrubec (Avenue Road Medical Practice) & Prof Jason White (University of South Australia)

Project summary: The POINT study is a national prospective cohort that follows 1,500 chronic pain patients newly prescribed pharmaceutical opioids over a five-year period. This is the first Australian study to examine the patterns of opioid prescribing for individual patients and the outcomes for these patients in the longer term.

Funding: NHMRC Project Grant

Date commenced: January 2012

Expected date of completion: December 2016

Project website: https://ndarc.med.unsw.edu.au/project/point-study-pain-and-opioids-treatment

The POPPY Project: Investigating the use of prescribed opioids in Australia

NDARC staff: Prof Louisa Degenhardt, A/Prof Timothy Dobbins, Dr Natasa Gisev, Dr Briony Larance & Dr Sarah Larney

Other investigators: Prof Sallie Pearson (Centre for Big Data Research in Health, UNSW) & Bianca Blanch (University of Sydney)

Project summary: This research project seeks to examine the patterns and costs of Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme-subsidised opioid use, including extra-medical use, in the Australian population.

Funding: NHMRC

Date commenced: September 2013

Expected date of completion: December 2016

Project website: https://ndarc.med.unsw.edu.au/project/poppy-project-investigating-use-prescribed-opioids-australia

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

NDARC staff: A/Prof Tim Slade, Dr Wendy Swift, Dr Louise Mewton, Prof Richard Mattick & Prof Maree Teesson

Other investigators: Prof Kypros Kypri (University of Newcastle), Prof Michael Lynskey (King's College London, United Kingdom), Prof Peter Butterworth (University of Melbourne), Prof Jake Najman (University of Queensland), Prof George Patton (University of Melbourne), Dr Delyse Hutchinson (Deakin University), Dr Nyanda McBride (Curtin University), Dr Orla McBride (University of Ulster), Prof Rosa Alati (University of Queensland), A/Prof Tammy Chung (Pennsylvania University, United States) & A/Prof Raimondo Bruno (University of Tasmania)

Project summary: The RADAR Project responds to an urgent call for high-quality, long-term prospective cohort studies to better understand the health burden of adolescent drinking. The aim of the project is to conduct a world-first, intensive, longitudinal study of the developmental course of alcohol use disorder across adolescence and young adulthood.

Funding: UNSW Goldstar Near-miss NHMRC project grant (2013 & 2015), NHMRC Project Grant (2016-2020)

Date commenced: January 2013

Expected date of completion: May 2021

Project website: https://ndarc.med.unsw.edu.au/project/radar-project-identifying-early-warning-signals-pathways-alcohol-use-disorder

Understanding the health and service needs of diverse populations of pharmaceutical opioid users: Cohort studies of dependent users in treatment and people who inject drugs

NDARC staff: Dr Suzanne Nielsen, Dr Briony Larance, Prof Louisa Degenhardt, Prof Michael Farrell, Prof Richard Mattick, A/Prof Lucinda Burns & Gabrielle Campbell

Other investigators: A/Prof Nicholas Lintzeris (South East Sydney Local Health District), Prof Milton Cohen (St Vincent's Hospital, Sydney), A/Prof Raimondo Bruno (University of Tasmania), Dr Jennifer Johnson (University Centre for Rural Health), Amanda Brown (Hunter New England Local Health District) & Ian Flaherty (Sydney Medically Supervised Injecting Centre)

Collaborators: Dr Apo Demirkol (South East Sydney Local Health District), Dr Glenys Dore (Northern Sydney Drug and Alcohol Service), Prof Paul Haber (University of Sydney; Royal Prince Alfred Hospital Drug Health Services), Dr Mark Hardy (Northern Sydney Drug and Alcohol Service), Dr David Helliwell (Northern New South Wales Local Health District), Dr Simon Holliday (Hunter New England Local Health District), Jennie Houseman (Northern Sydney Drug and Alcohol

Service), Stephen Ling (Hunter New England Local Health District), Dr Paul McGeown (Northern New South Wales Local Health District), Dr Bridin Murnion (University of Sydney; Royal Prince Alfred Hospital Drug Health Services), Dr Nghi Phung (Western Sydney Local Health District), Dr Craig Sadler (Hunter New England Local Health District) & Dr Catherine Silsbury (Western Sydney Local Health District)

Project summary: This project will provide crucial new data on the nature and trajectories of pharmaceutical opioid (PO) use through the study and follow-up of two very different and yet extremely important groups of pharmaceutical opioid users – those attending treatment services for PO dependence, and people who inject drugs. These two groups are likely to account for a significant proportion of pharmaceutical opioid consumption and a disproportionate amount of harm related to pharmaceutical opioids in Australia.

Funding: NSW Health, Mental Health and Drug and Alcohol Office

Date commenced: 2012

Expected date of completion: April 2016

Project website: https://ndarc.med.unsw.edu.au/project/understanding-health-and-service-needs-diverse-populations-pharmaceutical-opioid-users

The use of anabolic-androgenic steroids (AAS) and other performance and image enhancing drugs (PIEDs): Patterns of use, motivations and opportunities for intervention

NDARC staff: Prof Louisa Degenhardt, Dr Briony Larance, A/Prof Lucinda Burns, Prof Jan Copeland, Prof Michael Farrell & Ranira Moodley

Project summary: This study aims to describe and examine the current patterns of anabolic-androgenic steroids (AAS) and other performance and image enhancing drugs (PIEDs) use.

Funding: Australian Government Department of Health

Date commenced: August 2014

Expected date of completion: June 2016

Project website: https://ndarc.med.unsw.edu.au/project/use-anabolic-androgenic-steroids-aas-and-other-performance-and-image-enhancing-drugs-pieds

Young Australians Alcohol Reporting System (YAARS)

NDARC staff: Prof Richard Mattick, A/Prof Lucinda Burns & Alexandra Aiken

Other investigators: Prof Steve Allsop (Curtin University), Prof Daniel Lubman (Turning Point Alcohol and Drug Centre; Monash University), A/Prof Tanya Chikritzhs, William Gilmore (Curtin University), Dr Belinda Lloyd (Turning Point Alcohol and Drug Centre) & Dr Tina Lam (Curtin University)

Collaborators: Curtin University, Monash University

Project summary: This project will provide an early warning system on risky patterns of alcohol consumption in young people, contexts of use and related harms, that will allow tracking of changes in use and harm over time. It will provide timely information on patterns of use and related problems to inform policy, prevention and treatment initiatives.

Funding: Curtin University/ANPHA Preventive Health Research Grants Program Shared Grant

Date commenced: September 2012

Expected date of completion: Ongoing project

Project website: https://ndarc.med.unsw.edu.au/project/young-australians-alcohol-reporting-system-yaars

Prevention and early intervention

The Brain Games: Using brain training to prevent adolescent mental illness

NDARC staff: Dr Louise Mewton & Prof Maree Teesson

Collaborators: Dr Antoinette Hodge & Dr Nicola Gates (Lumos Labs, Inc.)

Project summary: The current study will develop and pilot a personality-targeted mental health prevention program based on cognitive training tasks and delivered to adolescents at risk for developing a range of psychopathology.

Funding: Australian Rotary Health

Date commenced: June 2015

Expected date of completion: June 2018

Project website: https://ndarc.med.unsw.edu.au/project/effect-cognitive-training-adolescent-behavioural-disinhibition-and-binge-drinking

Can parents teach their children to drink alcohol responsibly? Or, is one drop a drop too many? (Drinking and Teens project)

NDARC staff: Prof Richard Mattick, A/Prof Tim Slade & Alexandra Aiken

Other investigators: Prof Jakob Najman (University of Queensland), Prof Kypros Kypri (University of Newcastle), A/Prof Raimondo Bruno (University of Tasmania), Dr Nyanda McBride (Curtin University) & Dr Delyse Hutchinson (Deakin University)

Project summary: This study is investigating the impact of parental supply of alcohol on drinking trajectories in Australian adolescents, including how parental supply of alcohol relates to the acceleration or deceleration of harmful drinking trajectories, and how other related factors may mediate and moderate the relationship.

Funding: Australian Research Council – Discovery Project; Australian Rotary Health Mental Health Research Grant; Australian Rotary Health Whitcroft Family PhD Scholarship; Foundation for Alcohol Research & Education; Australian Federal Government Australian Postgraduate Award

Date commenced: September 2010

Expected date of completion: December 2017

Project website: https://ndarc.med.unsw.edu.au/project/can-parents-teach-their-children-drink-alcohol-responsibly-or-one-drop-drop-too-many

The CAP study: Combining effective universal and targeted approaches to drug prevention

NDARC staff: Prof Maree Teesson, Dr Nicola Newton, A/Prof Tim Slade, Katrina Champion, Natasha Nair, Dr Emma Barrett, Erin Kelly, Julia Rosenfeld, Lucie Swaffield, Dr Natacha Carragher & Dr Lexine Stapinski

Other investigators: A/Prof Patricia Conrod (King's College London, United Kingdom; University of Montreal, Canada)

Affiliates: Prof Gavin Andrews (Clinical Research Unit for Anxiety and Depression, UNSW), Prof Ron Rapee & A/Prof Nick Titov (Macquarie University)

Project summary: This project is developing and evaluating a comprehensive approach to preventing substance use and related harms in adolescents by combining effective 'universal' and 'targeted' school-based prevention programs. The model, known as the CAP (Climate and Preventure) intervention, builds on our unique success in this area through developing the effective universal Climate and targeted Preventure programs.

Funding: NHMRC Project Grant

Date commenced: January 2011

Expected date of completion: June 2016

Project website: https://ndarc.med.unsw.edu.au/project/combining-universal-and-targeted-drug-prevention-approaches

The Climate Schools Combined (CSC) Study: Internet-based prevention for anxiety, depression and substance use in young Australians

NDARC staff: Prof Maree Teesson, Dr Nicola Newton, A/Prof Tim Slade, Dr Cath Chapman, Louise Birrell, Brad Shaw, Dr Louise Mewton & Dr Matthew Sunderland

Other investigators: Prof Gavin Andrews (Clinical Research Unit for Anxiety and Depression, UNSW), Prof Steve Allsop, Dr Nyanda McBride (Curtin University) & Dr Leanne Hides (Queensland University of Technology)

Project summary: This study aims to evaluate an integrative approach known as the Climate Schools Combined (CSC) intervention, which includes the evidence-based 'universal' Climate Schools Substance Use course and the 'universal' Climate Schools Mental Health course. The CSC study will be the first trial to develop an integrative model for dissemination in schools across Australia.

Funding: NHMRC Targeted Mental Health Grant

Date commenced: August 2013

Expected date of completion: December 2016

Project website: https://ndarc.med.unsw.edu.au/project/climate-schools-combined-csc-study-internet-based-prevention-anxiety-depression-and

The Climate Schools Interactive (CSI) Study: A cluster randomised controlled trial of the internet-based Climate Schools: Ecstasy and Emerging Drugs Module

NDARC staff: Katrina Champion, Dr Nicola Newton & Prof Maree Teesson

Project summary: The aim of the CSI Study is to evaluate whether an online, school-based prevention program, known as the Climate Schools: Ecstasy and Emerging Drugs Module, can address and prevent the use of ecstasy and new psychoactive substances among Australian students.

Funding: NHMRC Postgraduate Research Scholarship; Australian Government Department of Health

Date commenced: January 2013

Expected date of completion: August 2016

Project website: https://ndarc.med.unsw.edu.au/project/csi-climate-schools-interactive-study-cluster-randomised-controlled-trial-internet-based

Development and evaluation of a novel school community-based intervention to reduce cannabis use and associated harms among high risk adolescents

NDARC staff: Lisa Gibson & Prof Jan Copeland

Collaborators: Dr Sally Nathan (School of Public Health and Community Medicine, UNSW)

Project summary: This project seeks to address the gap in early intervention research for cannabis use by developing and evaluating a school community-based early intervention targeting young people identified as using cannabis, their families, and school staff.

Funding: Australian Rotary Health Ian Scott PhD Scholarship

Date commenced: March 2015

Expected date of completion: August 2018

Project website: https://ndarc.med.unsw.edu.au/project/development-and-evaluation-novel-school-community-based-intervention-reduce-cannabis-use-and

Development of Positive Choices, an online portal of drug education resources for school communities

NDARC staff: Dr Lexine Stapinski, Dr Nicola Newton, Siobhan Lawler, Prof Maree Teesson, Dr Cath Chapman & A/Prof Frances Kay-Lambkin

Other investigators: Dr Nyanda McBride & Prof Steve Allsop (Curtin University)

Collaborators: Australian Government Department of Health; Netfront Web Developers

Project summary: This project included the development of the online portal Positive Choices to deliver information and school-based programs aimed at preventing alcohol and illicit drug use and related harms. The Positive Choices portal is available for use by parents, teachers and students at www.positivechoices.org.au and will be updated regularly as new evidence and resources are developed.

Funding: Australian Government Department of Health

Date commenced: September 2013

Expected date of completion: July 2020

Project website: https://ndarc.med.unsw.edu.au/project/development-positive-choices-online-portal-drug-education-resources-school-communities

Evaluation of the CAYLUS youth worker brokerage program

NDARC staff: Dr Christina Marel, Prof Maree Teesson, A/Prof Katherine Mills & Prof Anthony Shakeshaft

Other investigators: Dr Fiona Shand (Black Dog Institute, UNSW)

Collaborators: Central Australian Youth Link Up Service (CAYLUS)

Project summary: The Central Australian Youth Link Up Service (CAYLUS) supports community initiatives aimed at reducing the supply of, demand for and harms associated with substance misuse among young people across Central Australia. Researchers will assist CAYLUS in establishing a rolling monitoring and evaluation process for the activities it runs through the Youth Worker Brokerage Program, specifically examining the impact of its programs and activities on local level community crime and petrol sniffing.

Funding: Contract research for Central Australia Youth Link-Up Service (CAYLUS), Tangentyere Council Inc.

Date commenced: April 2014

Expected date of completion: February 2016

Project website: https://ndarc.med.unsw.edu.au/project/evaluation-caylus-youth-worker-brokerage-program

Impact of parental alcohol, tobacco and other substance use on infant development and family functioning (The Triple B Study: Bumps, Babies and Beyond)

NDARC staff: Dr Delyse Hutchinson, Prof Richard Mattick, A/Prof Lucinda Burns, Dr Judy Wilson, Dr Marian Shanahan, A/Prof Tim Slade, Dr Wendy Swift, Hannah Fiedler, Ingrid Honan, Clare McCormack & Larissa Rossen

Other investigators: Prof Steve Allsop (Curtin University), Prof Jake Najman (University of Queensland), Prof Elizabeth Elliot (University of Sydney), Dr Craig Olsson (Deakin University), Dr Susan Jacobs (Royal Prince Alfred Hospital) & Anne Bartu (Curtin University)

Project summary: This project is a longitudinal pregnancy cohort which examines a wide range of biopsychosocial factors that relate to the health and development of Australian children and families. Importantly, the project has a key focus on examining the impacts of substance use in pregnant women and their partners during the prenatal period on infant development and family functioning.

Funding: NHMRC Project Grant

Date commenced: January 2010

Expected date of completion: December 2016

Project website: https://ndarc.med.unsw.edu.au/project/triple-b-bumps-babies-and-beyond

Drug Policy

Alcohol consumption and health inequalities: The role of alcohol policy

NDARC staff: Dr Michael Livingston

Other investigators: Prof Robin Room (Monash University)

Project summary: There has been little research into the complex interplay between alcohol and health inequalities, or into whether alcohol policies can contribute to lessening (or increasing) health disparities between the rich and poor in Australia. This study aims to comprehensively investigate the association between alcohol and socio-economic status in Australia.

Funding: NHMRC Early Career Fellowship

Date commenced: February 2013

Expected date of completion: February 2017

Project website: https://ndarc.med.unsw.edu.au/project/alcohol-consumption-and-health-inequalities-role-alcohol-policy

Centre for Research Excellence in Injecting Drug Use (CREIDU): Reducing the health, social and economic burden of injecting drug use in Australia

NDARC staff: Prof Alison Ritter

Other investigators: Prof Margaret Hellard, Prof Paul Dietze (Burnet Institute), Prof Gregory Dore (The Kirby Institute, UNSW), Dr Stuart Kinner (Burnet Institute), Prof Dan Lubman (Monash University), Prof Lisa Maher (The Kirby Institute, UNSW), Prof David Moore (Curtin University), Prof Robert Power (Burnet Institute) & Prof Gail Williams (University of Queensland)

Project summary: This Centre for Research Excellence is focussed on injecting drug use and draws together a number of innovative studies about injecting drug use, and provides seed funds for new projects. The Centre provides a mechanism for research translation to key stakeholders including consumers, policy makers and practitioners.

Funding: NHMRC Centres of Research Excellence

Date commenced: October 2010

Expected date of completion: July 2016

Project website: https://ndarc.med.unsw.edu.au/project/reducing-health-social-and-economic-burden-injecting-drug-use-australia

Centre of Research Excellence in Mental Health Systems Improvement (CREMSI)

NDARC staff: Prof Louisa Degenhardt & Dr Emily Stockings

Other investigators: Prof Harvey Whiteford (University of Queensland), Prof Jane Pirkis (University of Melbourne), Prof Cathy Mihalopoulos (Deakin University), Prof Kathy Eagar (University of Wollongong), Prof Gavin Andrews (School of Psychiatry, UNSW), Prof Brian Head (University of Queensland), Prof Jane Gunn (University of Melbourne), Prof Wayne Hall (University of Queensland) & Prof George Patton (University of Melbourne)

Collaborators: University of Washington, United States; King's College London, United Kingdom

Project summary: The Centre of Research Excellence in Mental Health Systems Improvement (CREMSI) was funded in 2012 by the National Health and Medical Research Council and is led by the University of Queensland. The overarching goal of the CRE is to design a model mental health service system for Australia that would optimally reduce the burden of mental disorders; and to provide a detailed analysis of how the model differs from the existing service system, including the identification of policy instruments and a knowledge transfer strategy that detail how to move from the existing system to the model system.

Funding: University of Queensland; NHMRC Centres of Research Excellence

Date commenced: November 2012

Expected date of completion: October 2017

Project website: https://ndarc.med.unsw.edu.au/project/centre-research-excellence-mental-health-systems-improvement-cremsi

Involving children in social research: Balancing the risks and benefits

NDARC staff: Dr Jenny Chalmers & A/Prof Stephanie Taplin (Visiting Fellow)

Other investigators: Prof Morag McCarthur (Australian Catholic University), Prof Anne Graham (Southern Cross University), Dr Merle Spriggs (University of Melbourne) & Dr Tim Moore (Australian Catholic University)

Project summary: The goal of this study is to better understand and address the tensions between the protection of children and young people and their participation in social research about sensitive issues. It will do this by exploring how Human Research Ethics Committees, parents, other gatekeepers and children themselves manage and navigate these tensions.

Funding: Australian Catholic University/ ARC Discovery Project Shared Grant

Date commenced: January 2015

Expected date of completion: December 2017

Project website: https://ndarc.med.unsw.edu.au/project/involving-children-social-research-balancing-risks-and-benefits

Marijuana markets – Cross-cultural policy comparison

NDARC staff: Prof Alison Ritter, Dr Vendula Belackova, Dr Caitlin Hughes & Dr Marian Shanahan

Other investigators: Dr Tomas Zabransky (Charles University, Czech Republic)

Project summary: The main aim of this cross-cultural comparative study of marijuana markets in Australia, the United States (Florida) and the Czech Republic is to improve knowledge of what impacts different legal regimes have on marijuana markets. The study will collect and analyse qualitative and quantitative data that will help to explain the patterns of marijuana markets and related risks to public health and public safety in response to different drug policy measures.

Funding: Endeavour Post-Graduate Fellowship

Date commenced: August 2014

Expected date of completion: January 2017

Project website: https://ndarc.med.unsw.edu.au/project/marijuana-markets-cross-cultural-policy-comparison

Public health challenges and opportunities of internet technologies for the study of new and emerging psychoactive substance use and related health harms

NDARC staff: Dr Monica Barratt

Project summary: This research examines the challenges and opportunities of internet technologies for understanding trends in new psychoactive substances use and harms, using advanced epidemiological techniques, digital mixed-methods methodologies and participatory engagement.

Funding: NHMRC Early Career Research Fellowship

Date commenced: July 2014

Expected date of completion: June 2018

Project website: https://ndarc.med.unsw.edu.au/project/public-health-challenges-and-opportunities-internet-technologies-study-new-and-emerging

The science-policy interface in policy theories: A comparative case study of street-level policing for illicit drugs

NDARC staff: Prof Alison Ritter, Dr Caitlin Hughes & Kari Lancaster

Other investigators: Prof Robert Hoppe (University of Twente, The Netherlands)

Project summary: This study will shed light on how policy gets formed by police and what influences the policy formulation process. The study has the potential to provide significant new insights about the interface of science and policy, such that more effective drug policies become possible.

Funding: ARC Discovery Project

Date commenced: 2014

Expected date of completion: 2016

Project website: https://ndarc.med.unsw.edu.au/project/science-policy-interface-policy-theories-comparative-case-study-street-level-policing

Social construction and the evidence-based drug policy endeavour

NDARC staff: Kari Lancaster & Prof Alison Ritter

Collaborators: Prof Carla Treloar (Centre for Social Research in Health, UNSW)

Project summary: A growing literature has been dedicated to better realising the goal of evidence-based drug policy: to maximise the use of the best quality research to inform policy decision-making and help answer the question of 'what works'. The question posited within this project is whether the conceptual shift offered by thinking about policy activity as a process of social construction may be valuable for beginning to explore different perspectives of the evidence-based drug policy endeavour.

Funding: Australian Postgraduate Award

Date commenced: March 2013

Expected date of completion: August 2016

Project website: https://ndarc.med.unsw.edu.au/project/social-construction-and-evidence-based-drug-policy-endeavour

Understanding how high-level drug traffickers operate in Australia

NDARC staff: Matthew O'Reilly, Dr Caitlin Hughes & Dr Jenny Chalmers

Project summary: In the illicit drug policy arena, understanding the nature of supply, demand and harm is of self-evident importance. Yet, both on the international and domestic front knowledge about those who supply the drugs (particularly high-level supply) remains slim. The aim of this

study is to increase understanding about high-level drug trafficking and drug supply in Australia.

Funding: Australian Postgraduate Award; NDARC PhD Benefit Scheme

Date commenced: March 2014

Expected date of completion: July 2017

Project website: https://ndarc.med.unsw.edu.au/project/understanding-how-high-level-drug-traffickers-operate-australia

Indigenous

The effectiveness of a multi-component intervention for young people with multiple and complex needs

NDARC staff: Prof Anthony Shakeshaft & Alice Knight

Other investigators: Dr Anton Clifford (University of Queensland), Prof Komla Tsey, Dr Janya McCalman (James Cook University), Prof Christopher Doran, Kim Edmunds (Hunter Medical Research Institute), A/Prof Melissa Haswell-Elkins (School of Public Health and Community Medicine, UNSW), A/Prof Myfanwy Maple (University of New England) & Dr Alys Havard (Centre for Big Data Research in Health, UNSW)

Collaborators: Bernie Shakeshaft (BackTrack, Armidale)

Project summary: This study aims to describe the characteristics of young people with multiple and complex needs, and report the outcomes of a multi-component intervention for young people with multiple and complex needs using self-reported, routinely collected, qualitative and economic data.

Funding: NHMRC

Date commenced: January 2013

Expected date of completion: July 2016

Project website: https://ndarc.med.unsw.edu.au/project/the-effectiveness-of-a-multi-component-intervention-for-young-people-with-multiple-and-complex-needs

Preventing and treating drug and alcohol harms in remote communities

NDARC staff: Prof Anthony Shakeshaft, Dr Courtney Breen, A/Prof Timothy Dobbins & Alice Munro

Other investigators: Dr Julaine Allan (The Lyndon Community)

Collaborators: Orana Haven Corporation Drug and Alcohol Rehabilitation Centre

Project summary: NDARC has been invited to work with the remote NSW communities of Bourke and Brewarrina to retrospectively evaluate a suite of interventions aimed at prevention of drug and alcohol harms from 2012-2014. This research will identify what projects were delivered, what they cost, whether they were effective and how the process could be improved. In addition, this research will review an Aboriginal residential rehabilitation service in remote Western NSW.

Funding: Far West Medicare Local; Orana Haven Corporation Drug and Alcohol Rehabilitation Centre; Centre for Rural and Remote Mental Health (University of Newcastle)

Date commenced: March 2014

Expected date of completion: August 2017

Project website: https://ndarc.med.unsw.edu.au/project/preventing-and-treating-drug-and-alcohol-harms-remote-communities

Reducing alcohol-related injury and violence in rural Aboriginal communities

NDARC staff: Prof Anthony Shakeshaft, Chiara Stone, Mieke Snijder, Ronald Bamblett (Griffith) & Bonita Byrne (Narrandera)

Other investigators: Jamie O'Neill (Lower Lachlan Community Services), A/Prof Melissa Haswell Elkins (Muru Marri Indigenous Health Unit, UNSW), Stacey Meredith (Griffith Aboriginal Medical Service), Joanne Clarke (Murrin Bridge Aboriginal Health Service), Prof Christopher Doran (University of Newcastle) & Dr Anton Clifford (University of Queensland)

Project summary: This project examines the cost-effectiveness of a community empowerment and positive reinforcement intervention for reducing alcohol-related injury and violence among Aboriginal people in three rural locations in NSW. Investigators work with local Aboriginal Medical Services and other community-based organisations to develop, implement and evaluate the intervention.

Funding: NSW Health – Aboriginal Injury Prevention and Safety Demonstration Program

Date commenced: January 2014

Expected date of completion: October 2016

Project website: https://ndarc.med.unsw.edu.au/project/reducing-alcohol-related-injury-and-violence-rural-aboriginal-communities

Criminal justice system

Determining the impact of opioid substitution therapy upon mortality and recidivism among prisoners: A 22-year data linkage study

NDARC staff: Prof Louisa Degenhardt, Prof Michael Farrell, Prof Richard Mattick, A/Prof Lucinda Burns, A/Prof Timothy Dobbins, Dr Natasa Gisev, Dr Jo Kimber, Dr Sarah Larney & Dr Marian Shanahan

Other investigators: Dr Don Weatherburn (NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research), Prof Tony Butler (The Kirby Institute, UNSW) & Dr Amy Gibson (Centre for Big Data Research in Health, UNSW)

Collaborators: NSW Aboriginal Health and Medical Research Council, Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research, NSW Corrective Services & NSW Health

Project summary: This research will quantify the population-level impact of opioid substitution therapy on two important outcomes for opioid dependent prisoners: mortality, particularly in the post-release period, and criminal activity.

Funding: NHMRC Project Grant; Australian Institute of Criminology through the Criminology Research Grants Program

Date commenced: January 2011

Expected date of completion: December 2016

Project website: https://ndarc.med.unsw.edu.au/project/determining-impact-opioid-substitution-therapy-upon-mortality-and-recidivism-among-prisoners

Knowledge, attitudes, feasibility and acceptability of take-home naloxone for people released from prison

NDARC staff: Dr Sarah Larney, Prof Michael Farrell, Prof Louisa Degenhardt & Dr Suzanne Nielsen

Collaborators: Justice Health and Forensic Mental Health Network

Project summary: This project will assess the feasibility and acceptability of take-home naloxone for people released from NSW prisons, from the perspectives of consumers, clinicians and corrective services personnel.

Funding: Indivior untied educational grant

Date commenced: November 2015

Expected date of completion: December 2017

Project website: https://ndarc.med.unsw.edu.au/project/knowledge-attitudes-feasibility-and-acceptability-take-home-naloxone-people-released-prison

Review of HIV in prison: Prevalence, incidence, mortality and service provision

NDARC staff: Prof Kate Dolan

Collaborators: Babak Moazen, Atefeh Noori, Shadi Rahimzadeh, Farshad Farzadfar (Tehran University of Medical Sciences, Iran) & Fabienne Hariga (United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, Austria)

Project summary: The aim of this study is to collate data for all countries on the following variables: imprisonment rates, HIV prevalence among male, female, people who inject drugs, men who have sex with men, sex workers and transgender prisoners; HIV incidence and transmission in prison; AIDS mortality in prison; and the provision of eight HIV programs and seven HIV-related services for prison inmates. Drug dependence treatment was recorded for opiate substitution treatment only.

Funding: United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime

Date commenced: 2013

Expected date of completion: Ongoing project

Project website: https://ndarc.med.unsw.edu.au/project/review-hiv-prison-prevalence-incidence-mortality-and-service-provision

International

The effects of cognitive-behavioural therapy on methamphetamine use among women in methadone therapy in Tehran

NDARC staff: Prof Kate Dolan & Zahra Alam Mehrjerdi

Other investigators: A/Prof Nadine Ezard (St Vincent's Clinical School, UNSW) & Prof Azarakhsh Mokri (Tehran University of Medical Sciences, Iran)

Collaborators: Dr Pardis Nematollahi (Razi Clinical Pathology Laboratory, Iran)

Project summary: Methadone maintenance treatment can prevent heroin use among women, but regular methamphetamine use has no pharmacological treatment and could result in treatment failure. The current research project identifies whether brief cognitive-behavioural therapy will be effective in reducing regular methamphetamine use among a group of women on a methadone program.

Date commenced: February 2014

Expected date of completion: Ongoing project

Project website: https://ndarc.med.unsw.edu.au/project/effects-cognitive-behavioral-therapy-methamphetamine-use-among-women-methadone-therapy

Program of International Research and Training (PIRT)

NDARC staff: Prof Kate Dolan, Prof Michael Farrell & Zahra Alam Mehrjerdi

Other investigators: Dr Alex Wodak (Alcohol and Drug Service, St Vincent's Hospital) & Dr Nadine Ezard (St Vincent's Clinical School, UNSW)

Project summary: This program aims to facilitate research and training to minimise the harms from drug use and to increase the effectiveness of drug treatment internationally.

Funding: UNODC Vietnam, UNODC Myanmar and UNODC Head Office

Date commenced: March 2003

Expected date of completion: Ongoing project

Project website: https://ndarc.med.unsw.edu.au/project/program-international-research-and-training-pirt

Health economics

Economic evaluation comparing centre-based compulsory drug rehabilitation with community-based methadone maintenance treatment in Hai Phong City, Vietnam

NDARC staff: Thu Vuong, Prof Alison Ritter & Dr Marian Shanahan

Other investigators: Prof Robert Ali (University of Adelaide), Dr Giang Le (Hanoi Medical University) & Dr Nhu Nguyen (FHI 360 Vietnam)

Project summary: This study compares the cost-effectiveness of centre-based compulsory rehabilitation for substance abuse with community-based methadone maintenance treatment in Hai Phong City, Vietnam.

Funding: NDARC PhD scholarship; Endeavour PhD scholarship; Atlantic Philanthropies through FHI 360 in Vietnam

Date commenced: February 2012

Expected date of completion: March 2016

Project website: https://ndarc.med.unsw.edu.au/project/economic-evaluation-comparing-centre-based-compulsory-drug-treatment-community-based

Economic evaluation of two alcohol interventions in an Indigenous community

NDARC staff: Ansari Abudeen & Prof Anthony Shakeshaft

Other investigators: Prof Chris Doran (University of Newcastle), Prof Komla Tsey, Dr Janya McCalman & Dr Roxanne Bainbridge (James Cook University)

Project summary: This PhD research is jointly conducted with a current NHMRC-funded Assessing Cost Effectiveness (ACE) Alcohol Indigenous project and seeks to evaluate the economic impact of two alcohol interventions in a specific Indigenous community.

Funding: UNSW University International Postgraduate Award, FARE (2011-2012)

Date commenced: February 2011

Expected date of completion: 2016

Project website: https://ndarc.med.unsw.edu.au/project/economic-evaluation-two-alcohol-interventions-indigenous-community

Exploring the economic costs to family members affected by drug use: A discrete choice experiment

NDARC staff: Dr Marian Shanahan, Prof Alison Ritter & Dr Phuong Hoang

Project summary: Drug use can lead to significant financial, psychological, physical health and social consequences for family members. This study aims to use a discrete choice experiment survey to quantify the impact of hypothetical treatment outcomes on family members who have been affected by the drug use of a relative.

Funding: NHMRC Project Grant

Date commenced: June 2014

Expected date of completion: June 2016

Project website: https://ndarc.med.unsw.edu.au/project/exploring-economic-costs-family-members-affected-drug-use-discrete-choice-experiment

Identifying the social costs of methamphetamine

NDARC staff: Prof Michael Farrell, Dr Marian Shanahan, Dr Sharlene Kaye, Prof Alison Ritter, Prof Louisa Degenhardt & A/Prof Lucinda Burns

Other investigators: Prof Steve Allsop (lead investigator), Prof Tanya Chikritzhs, A/Prof Anna Ferrante, Prof Dennis Gray, Dr Wenbin Liang, Prof Simon Lenton, Dr Robert Tait, A/Prof Ted Wilkes (Curtin University), A/Prof Steve Whetton (University of Adelaide) & A/Prof Rebecca McKetin (Australian National University)

Project summary: The aim of this project is to produce as comprehensive as possible an estimate of the costs of methamphetamine use to Australian society. The intention is also to develop an approach that could be applied in a consistent manner to other drugs in the future.

Funding: Australian Government Department of Health

Date commenced: August 2015

Expected date of completion: June 2017

Project website:

The value of providing health interventions for heroin use: A cost-benefit analysis

NDARC staff: Prof Alison Ritter, Prof Michael Farrell, Dr Marian Shanahan, Dr Phuong Hoang & Dr Jennifer Seddon

Other investigators: Prof Pascal Perez, Dr Nagesh Shukla & Vu Lam Cao (University of Wollongong)

Project summary: Heroin use and associated harms can be reduced through effective treatment. Past research has shown that treatment for heroin dependence can be relatively cost-effective, but not whether heroin treatment overall is a good investment. This study will estimate the net social benefit of heroin treatment, taking into account health, crime but importantly also social and family consequences.

Funding: NHMRC Project Grant

Date commenced: January 2012

Expected date of completion: December 2016

Project website: https://ndarc.med.unsw.edu.au/project/value-providing-health-interventions-heroin-use-cost-benefit-analysis



Completed projects

NDARC provides opportunities for early career researchers within Australia and overseas. Dr Sarah Larney recently returned to NDARC after completing a project at Brown University in the US to maximise treatment options for heroin users recently released from prison.

Completed projects

Treatment and Early Intervention

Cannabidiol (CBD) for the management of cannabis withdrawal: A phase II proof of concept open label study

NDARC staff: Prof Jan Copeland, Dr Nicole Clement & Izabella Pokorski

Project summary: This feasibility study tested the effectiveness of cannabidiol for alleviating cannabis withdrawal symptoms in a six-night inpatient detoxification program.

Funding: NCPIC

Date commenced: January 2014

Date completed: 2015

Project website: https://ndarc.med.unsw.edu.au/project/cannabidiol-cbd-management-cannabis-withdrawal-phase-ii-proof-concept-open-label-study

Comorbid mental illness and illicit substance use: Review of evidence for effective models of care

NDARC staff: Mark Deady, Dr Emma Barrett, A/Prof Katherine Mills, A/Prof Frances Kay-Lambkin & Prof Maree Teesson

Other investigators: Prof Paul Haber (University of Sydney), Dr Fiona Shand (Black Dog Institute, UNSW), Prof Amanda Baker (University of Newcastle), A/Prof Andrew Baillie (Macquarie University), Prof Helen Christensen (Black Dog Institute, UNSW) & Ms Leonie Manns (Consumer advocate)

Project summary: This report was commissioned by the NSW Mental Health Drug and Alcohol Office to summarise key components for consideration in developing a strategic, practical, coordinated and efficient approach to the clinical management of comorbid mental illness and substance use.

Funding: NSW Mental Health Drug and Alcohol Office

Date commenced: July 2014

Date completed: March 2015

Project website: https://ndarc.med.unsw.edu.au/project/comorbid-mental-illness-and-illicit-substance-use-review-evidence-effective-models-care

Continuous performance test for ADHD in SUD Patients (CASP) study

NDARC staff: Dr Sharlene Kaye

Other investigators: Adva (Peled) Levie, Nir Yacin (Neurotech Solutions Ltd, Israel), Itai Berger (Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Center, Israel), Wim van den Brink (University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands), Zsolt Demetrovics (Eötvös Loránd University, Hungary), Csaba Barta (Semmelweis University, Hungary), Brian Johnson (SUNY Upstate Medical University, United States) & Geurt van de Glind (University of Amsterdam; Trimbos-instituut & ICASA Foundation, The Netherlands)

Project summary: This study aimed to test in a population of patients referred for treatment of Substance Use Disorders (SUD) the ability of the MOXO ADHD Test to develop specific population norms for the psychometric properties of the MOXO, to differentiate between SUD patients with and without adult Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), and to evaluate how attention levels in those with ADHD compare to attention levels in those with other disorders such as antisocial personality disorder, bipolar disorder, borderline personality disorder and depression.

Funding: Neurotech Ltd (Israel); ICASA Foundation (The Netherlands)

Date commenced: May 2012

Date completed: July 2015

Project website: https://ndarc.med.unsw.edu.au/project/continuous-performance-test-adhd-sud-patients-casp-study

Development and evaluation of an information kit on Medication Assisted Treatment for Opioid Dependence (MATOD): Translating research into policy

NDARC staff: Prof Kate Dolan, Prof Michael Farrell & Zahra Alam Mehrijerdi

Project summary: This project involved the development and design of an Information Kit on Medication Assisted Treatment for Opioid Dependence (MATOD) for key stakeholders including Parliamentarians, local government, prison and Health Department officers, and GPs. The kit was disseminated in October 2015 and is available on the NDARC website.

Funding: Australian National Council on Drugs

Date commenced: August 2013

Date completed: October 2015

Project website: https://ndarc.med.unsw.edu.au/project/development-and-evaluation-information-kit-opioid-substitution-treatment-translating

Evaluation of NSW Government initiative Platform 70

NDARC staff: A/Prof Lucinda Burns & Elizabeth Whittaker

Other investigators: Prof Paul Flatau (University of Western Australia) & Dr Elizabeth Conroy (University of Western Sydney)

Project summary: As part of the NSW Homelessness Action Plan Evaluation Strategy, Housing NSW contracted NDARC to conduct a longitudinal analysis of the project Platform 70.

Funding: NSW Department of Family and Community Services, Housing NSW

Date commenced: August 2012

Date completed: 2015

Project website: https://ndarc.med.unsw.edu.au/project/evaluation-nsw-government-initiative-platform-70

The feasibility and efficacy of a very brief intervention for cannabis use and related problems in an Emergency Department (ED) setting

NDARC staff: Prof Jan Copeland, Lisa Gibson, Izabella Pokorski, Etty Matalon & Dr Nicole Clement

Project summary: This project collected pilot data on the feasibility and efficacy of a very brief intervention for cannabis

use and related problems within an Australian Emergency Department setting.

Date commenced: January 2014

Date completed: June 2015

Project website: https://ndarc.med.unsw.edu.au/project/feasibility-and-efficacy-very-brief-intervention-cannabis-use-and-related-problems-emergency

Improving cardiovascular health among people with depression: The development and pilot testing of an evidence-based internet healthy lifestyles treatment

NDARC staff: A/Prof Frances Kay-Lambkin

Other investigators: Prof Robyn Richmond (School of Public Health and Community Medicine, UNSW) & Prof Amanda Baker (University of Newcastle)

Project summary: This project involved the development of the first web-based multi-factor psychological treatment for people with depression, heavy tobacco use and a range of other comorbid cardiovascular disease risk factors (poor nutrition, physical inactivity, weight).

Funding: Australian Government Department of Health contract research

Date commenced: July 2010

Date completed: 2015

Project website: https://ndarc.med.unsw.edu.au/project/improving-cardiovascular-health-among-people-depression-development-and-pilot-testing-0

Improving comorbidity treatment within residential substance abuse programs: A randomised trial of a computer-based depression and substance abuse intervention

NDARC staff: A/Prof Frances Kay-Lambkin

Other investigators: Prof Amanda Baker (University of Newcastle), Dr Peter Kelly & Prof Frank Deane (University of Wollongong)

Project summary: This study evaluated the effectiveness of 'adding' a computer delivered comorbidity cognitive-behaviour therapy intervention (the SHADE program) to an already established substance abuse program.

Funding: Australian Rotary Health Research Fund

Date commenced: January 2011

Date completed: 2015

Project website: https://ndarc.med.unsw.edu.au/project/improving-co-morbidity-treatment-within-residential-substance-abuse-randomized-trial-0

Telephone counselling for non-tobacco substance use

NDARC staff: Dr Peter Gates, Prof Jan Copeland & Lucy Albertella

Project summary: Telephone counselling for illicit drug use and for alcohol use is a widespread practice. There has been no previous review of literature evaluating this practice and to date effectiveness has been taken as prima facie. This paper reviewed the literature including articles with information on the use of telephone counselling for the treatment of illicit drug or alcohol use.

Date commenced: May 2014

Date completed: May 2015

Project website: https://ndarc.med.unsw.edu.au/project/telephone-counselling-non-tobacco-substance-use

Treating substance use and traumatic stress among adolescents: A pilot study

NDARC staff: A/Prof Katherine Mills, Dr Emma Barrett, Dr Joanne Ross, Prof Maree Teesson, A/Prof Tim Slade & Erin Kelly

Other investigators: Dr Vanessa Cobham (University of Queensland), Ann Wignall (Northern Sydney Local Health District) & Prof Sudie Black (Medical University of South Carolina, United States)

Project summary: This project conducted a Phase I pilot study of an innovative, exposure-based treatment for substance use and traumatic stress among adolescents: Concurrent treatment of PTSD and substance use using Prolonged Exposure – Adolescents (COPE-A).

Funding: NSW Health Drug and Alcohol Research Grant

Date commenced: January 2014

Date completed: September 2015

Project website: https://ndarc.med.unsw.edu.au/project/treating-substance-use-and-traumatic-stress-among-adolescents-pilot-study

Patterns of alcohol and drug use

Childhood physical abuse amongst regular drug users

NDARC staff: Prof Shane Darke, Dr Michelle Tye & Dr Sharlene Kaye

Other investigators: Dr Fiona Shand (Black Dog Institute, UNSW)

Project summary: This body of work examined the extent and nature of childhood physical abuse amongst regular drug users and its relationship to later drug use and violence.

Funding: Australian Government Department of Health

Date commenced: 2012

Date completed: 2015

Project website: https://ndarc.med.unsw.edu.au/project/childhood-physical-abuse-amongst-regular-drug-users

International trends over time in the prevalence and harms of alcohol and cannabis use: What is the evidence for the closing gender gap?

NDARC staff: A/Prof Tim Slade, Dr Cath Chapman, Dr Wendy Swift & Prof Maree Teesson

Project summary: This study involved a comprehensive review of the international literature to assess whether there is evidence for a closing gender gap in the prevalence and harms of alcohol and cannabis use.

Date commenced: January 2013

Date completed: 2015

Project website: https://ndarc.med.unsw.edu.au/project/international-trends-over-time-prevalence-and-harms-alcohol-and-cannabis-use-what-evidence

Investigating the relationships between alcohol and other drug use, mental health, early-life factors and life-course outcomes: Integrative analyses of data from four Australasian cohort studies

NDARC staff: Prof Richard Mattick, Dr Delyse Hutchinson, Dr Edmund Silins, Prof Louisa Degenhardt & Dr Wendy Swift

Other investigators: A/Prof John Horwood, Prof David Fergusson (University of Otago, New Zealand), Prof Jake Najman (University of Queensland), Prof George Patton (University of Melbourne), Prof John Toumbourou (Deakin University), Dr Carolyn Coffey (University of Melbourne), Dr Craig Olsson (University of Melbourne; Deakin University), Dr Elizabeth Spry (University of Melbourne), A/Prof Raimondo Bruno (University of Tasmania), Dr Robert Tait (Curtin University), Dr Rohan Borschmann (University of Melbourne), Dr Maria Plotnikova (University of Queensland), Dr George Youssef (Monash University), Denise Becker & Dr Helena Romaniuk (University of Melbourne)

Project summary: This study used a highly innovative approach to pool data from four large and long-running Australasian cohort studies to better understand the developmental precursors and psychosocial consequences of teen drinking behaviours. Findings provide improved knowledge of the developmental pathways to teen and young adult drinking and a clearer picture of the total burden of disease attributable to alcohol in an Australasian setting.

Funding: NHMRC

Date commenced: 2011

Date completed: December 2015

Project website: https://ndarc.med.unsw.edu.au/project/investigating-relationships-between-cannabis-and-other-drug-use-mental-health-early-life

Pulmonary granulamatosis amongst injecting drug users

NDARC staff: Prof Shane Darke & Dr Michelle Tye

Other investigators: Prof Johan Duflou (University of Sydney)

Project summary: The injection of tablet preparations has increased markedly in recent years. Such behaviours may result in particles of tablet preparations becoming lodged in the pulmonary vasculature, which may result in pulmonary hypertension and heart failure. This study aimed to determine the number of cases of sudden or unnatural deaths in which pulmonary granulamatosis was diagnosed, and determined the medical consequences of pulmonary granulamatosis.

Funding: Australian Government Department of Health; NSW Health

Date commenced: 2013

Date completed: 2015

Project website: https://ndarc.med.unsw.edu.au/project/pulmonary-granulamatosis-amongst-injecting-drug-users

Prevention and early intervention

Public awareness campaigns about recreational cannabis: Evidence Check

NDARC staff: Prof Jan Copeland & Amanda McDonald

Project summary: This Evidence Check forms a background document for the NSW Government public awareness strategy to reinforce the Government's message that cannabis use is not supported.

Funding: Sax Institute

Date commenced: May 2015

Date completed: June 2015

Project website: https://ndarc.med.unsw.edu.au/project/public-awareness-campaigns-about-recreational-cannabis-evidence-check

Drug Policy

Cannabis policy and policing: User perceptions

NDARC staff: Dr Peter Gates & Prof Jan Copeland

Collaborators: Michael Balderstone (Nimbin Hemp Embassy, NSW)

Project summary: This study examined the opinions and attitudes of cannabis users regarding cannabis drug policy and policing, or the perceived risk of arrest.

Funding: Australian Government Department of Health

Date commenced: January 2014

Date completed: February 2015

Project website: https://ndarc.med.unsw.edu.au/project/cannabis-policy-and-policing-user-perceptions-0

Ongoing surveillance of the diversion and injection of the medications used in opioid substitution treatment

NDARC staff: Prof Richard Mattick, Prof Louisa Degenhardt & Dr Briony Larance

Other investigators: A/Prof Nicholas Lintzeris (Sydney South West Area Health Service), A/Prof Robert Ali (Drug and Alcohol Services South Australia; Adelaide University), Dr Rebecca Jenkinson & Prof Paul Dietze (Burnet Institute)

Project summary: This ongoing surveillance of the diversion and injection of the pharmaceutical opioids used in opioid substitution treatment built on the post-marketing studies of buprenorphine-naloxone (Suboxone® sublingual tablets) conducted by the National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre over the period from 2006-2008.

Funding: Reckitt Benckiser (Singapore)

Date commenced: October 2011

Date completed: August 2015

Project website: https://ndarc.med.unsw.edu.au/project/ongoing-surveillance-diversion-and-injection-medications-used-opiod-substitution-treatment

Criminal justice system

Australian police diversion for cannabis offences: Assessing program outcomes and cost effectiveness

NDARC staff: Dr Marian Shanahan, Dr Caitlin Hughes & Matthew O'Reilly

Collaborators: Dr Tim McSweeney (University of London)

Project summary: This study used a purpose-built national online survey to evaluate the outcomes and cost-effectiveness of police diversion for cannabis offences.

Funding: National Law Enforcement Research Fund

Date commenced: March 2014

Date completed: March 2015

Project website: https://ndarc.med.unsw.edu.au/project/australian-policy-diversion-cannabis-offences-assessing-program-outcomes-and-cost

Maximising treatment participation among heroin users released from prison

NDARC staff: Dr Sarah Larney

Other investigators: Prof Josiah Rich (Brown University, United States)

Collaborators: Rhode Island Department of Corrections (United States)

Project summary: This project aimed to examine how opioid pharmacotherapy in prison affects the probability that someone will enter, and stay in, treatment after they are released from prison.

Funding: NHMRC Early Career Fellowship (Dr Sarah Larney); National Institutes of Health project grants (Prof Josiah Rich)

Date commenced: March 2012

Date completed: March 2015

Project website: https://ndarc.med.unsw.edu.au/project/maximising-treatment-participation-among-heroin-users-released-prison

Patient motivations, perceptions and experiences of opioid substitution treatment in prison

NDARC staff: Prof Kate Dolan, Dr Sarah Larney & Natasha Sindicich

Other investigators: Dr Deborah Zador (Justice Health and Forensic Mental Health Network)

Project summary: There has been limited examination of how prisoners view and experience opioid substitution treatment (OST). This project aimed to describe patient motivations, perceptions and experiences of being in OST while in prison.

Funding: Justice Health and Forensic Mental Health Network

Date commenced: January 2012

Date completed: December 2015

Project website: https://ndarc.med.unsw.edu.au/project/patient-motivations-perceptions-and-experiences-opioid-substitution-treatment-prison



Appendices

The Centre provides numerous opportunities for professional and technical staff to work on ground-breaking projects. Research Officer Joe Van Buskirk runs an internet monitoring project looking at online drug marketplaces and the "Dark Web".

Staff

Office of the Director

Michael	**Farrell**	Professor, Director NDARC
Alison	**Ritter**	Professor & NHMRC Senior Research Fellow, Deputy Director NDARC
Anthony	**Shakeshaft**	Professor, Deputy Director NDARC
Karen	**Hill**	Centre Operations Manager
Marion	**Downey**	Communications Manager

Academic Staff

In 2015, NDARC had 48 academic staff, 11 of whom were on NHMRC funded fellowships and three on Rotary fellowships and one a Vice Chancellor's Post-Doctoral Research Fellow. Overall we had 6 academic staff leave from the 2014 staffing profile and we had 4 new academic staff join NDARC in 2014; 1 of whom was the VC Post-Doctoral Research Fellow.

Monica	**Barratt**	NHMRC Early Career Research Fellow
Emma	**Barrett**	Research Fellow
Courtney	**Breen**	Research Fellow
Heather	**Buchan**	Post-Doctoral Research Fellow *(Left in January 2015)*
Lucinda	**Burns**	Associate Professor
Natacha	**Carragher**	Senior Research Fellow *(Left in October 2015)*
Jenny	**Chalmers**	Senior Research Fellow
Cath	**Chapman**	Senior Research Fellow
Nicole	**Clement**	Research Fellow *(Left in June 2015)*
Jan	**Copeland**	Professor, Director NCPIC
Ryan	**Courtney**	Cancer Institute New South Wales Early Career Research Fellow
Shane	**Darke**	Professor
Louisa	**Degenhardt**	Professor & NHMRC Principal Research Fellow
Timothy	**Dobbins**	Associate Professor *(Joined in May 2015)*
Kate	**Dolan**	Professor
Natasa	**Gisev**	NHMRC Early Career Research Fellow
Tonelle	**Handley**	Rotary Post-Doctoral Research Fellow
Phuong	**Hoang**	Research Fellow – Economist
Caitlin	**Hughes**	Senior Research Fellow
Delyse	**Hutchinson**	Senior Research Fellow *(Left in June 2015)*
Sharlene	**Kaye**	Senior Research Fellow
Frances	**Kay-Lambkin**	Associate Professor & NHMRC Senior Research Fellow
Jo	**Kimber**	Research Fellow *(Left in June 2015)*
Rosemary	**Kingston**	Post-Doctoral Research Fellow *(Joined in January 2015)*
Luise	**Lago**	Research Fellow *(Joined in March 2015)*
Briony	**Larance**	NHMRC Early Career Research Fellow
Sarah	**Larney**	Senior Research Fellow and NHMRC Early Career Research Fellow
Michael	**Livingston**	NHMRC Early Career Research Fellow *(Left in October 2015)*
Christina	**Marel**	Research Fellow
Richard	**Mattick**	Professor & NHMRC Principal Research Fellow
Louise	**Mewton**	Rotary Research Fellow
Katherine	**Mills**	Associate Professor
Nicola	**Newton**	Senior Research Fellow
Suzanne	**Nielsen**	Senior Research Fellow and NHMRC Early Career Research Fellow
Sally	**Rooke**	Research Fellow *(Left in January 2015)*
Joanne	**Ross**	Senior Research Fellow
Marian	**Shanahan**	Senior Research Fellow – Health Economist
Edmund	**Silins**	Research Fellow
Tim	**Slade**	Associate Professor
Janette	**Smith**	Rotary Research Fellow
Lexine	**Stapinski**	Research Fellow
Emily	**Stockings**	Post-Doctoral Research Fellow
Matthew	**Sunderland**	NHMRC Early Career Research Fellow
Wendy	**Swift**	Senior Research Fellow
Maree	**Teesson**	Professor & NHMRC Principal Research Fellow
Louise	**Thornton**	Vice-Chancellor's Post-Doctoral Research Fellow *(Joined in February 2015)*
Monika	**Wadolowski**	Post-Doctoral Research Fellow
Judy	**Wilson**	Research Fellow

Professional and Technical Staff – Research

In 2015, NDARC had 41 professional and technical (P&T) research staff. Overall we had 10 P&T staff leave, 3 of whom took up PhD's at NDARC. We had 12 new P&T research staff join NDARC in 2015.

Alex	**Aiken**	Senior Research Officer
Dion	**Alperstein**	Research Officer
Ronald	**Bamblett**	Project Officer *(Joined in October 2015)*
Sarah	**Baracz**	Research Assistant *(Joined in May 2015)*
Bonita	**Byrne**	Project Officer *(Joined in November 2015)*
Bianca	**Calabria**	Senior Research Officer *(Left in January 2015)*
Elena	**Cama**	Research Officer *(Left in September 2015)*
Joanne	**Cassar**	Research Psychologist
Kellie	**Cathcart**	Clinical Psychologist *(Left in May 2015)*
Gavin	**Entwistle**	Research Officer
Philippa	**Ewer**	Research Psychologist *(Left in November 2015)*
Peter	**Gates**	Senior Research Officer
Jenny	**Geddes**	Project Coordinator/Clinical Psychologist
Lisa	**Gibson**	Senior Research Officer
Toni	**Hordern**	Research Officer
Sally	**Hunt**	Project Manager
Jaimi	**Iredale**	Research Officer
Ivana	**Kihas**	Research Assistant
Xanthe	**Larkin**	Research Officer *(Left in January 2015)*
Siobhan	**Lawler**	Research Assistant *(Joined in November 2015)*
Sarah	**Masters**	Research Psychologist *(Left in July 2015)*
David	**McKell**	Research Officer
Teleri	**Moore**	Research Assistant *(Joined in April 2015)*
Ranira	**Moodley**	Research Assistant *(Left in November 2015)*
Sundresan	**Naicker**	Research Officer *(Joined in May 2015)*
Natasha	**Nair**	Research Assistant
Dominic	**Oen**	Research Assistant *(Joined in April 2015)*
Kate	**Penglis**	Research Assistant *(Joined in November 2015)*
Izabella	**Pokorski**	Research Officer *(Joined in July 2015)*
Bill	**Reda**	Research Assistant *(Left in July 2015)*
Maxine	**Robinson**	Research Assistant
Jennifer	**Seddon**	Research Officer *(Left in March 2015)*
Brad	**Shaw**	Research Assistant
Natasha	**Sindicich**	Senior Research Officer
Oluwadamisola	**Sotade**	Research Assistant *(Joined in April 2015)*
Jenny	**Stafford**	Senior Research Officer
Chiara	**Stone**	Senior Research Officer
Joel	**Tibbetts**	Research Officer *(Left in June 2015)*
Stephanie	**Todd**	Research Officer *(Joined in August 2015)*
Beth	**Turner**	Research Officer *(Joined in January 2015)*
Joe	**Van Buskirk**	Research Officer

Professional and Technical Staff – Administration

Overall in 2015, NDARC had 21 professional and technical (P&T) Administration staff. We had 1 staff leave throughout 2015 and had 3 new staff join NDARC in 2015.

Tori	**Barnes**	Administrative Officer, NCPIC
Jasmin	**Bartlett**	Administrative Officer/EA
Crisanta	**Corpus**	Management Accountant *(Left in June 2015)*
Alexandra	**Dore**	Communications Officer *(Joined in March 2015)*
Colleen	**Faes-Scott**	Finance Officer
Karina	**Hickey**	Communications Officer, NCPIC
Mary	**Kumvaj**	Librarian
Clare	**Le**	Communications Officer, NCPIC
Mauricia	**Lopes**	Finance Manager
Etty	**Matalon**	National Clinical Training Manager, NCPIC

Amanda	**McDonald**	Communications Manager, NCPIC
Jelynn	**Millare**	Administrative Officer
Morag	**Millington**	Communications Officer, NCPIC
Deborah	**Owen**	Administrative Assistant *(Joined in February 2015)*
Christopher	**Pruze**	Acting Administrative Officer/EA *(Joined in October 2015)*
John	**Redmond**	Research Assistant, NCPIC
Jemma	**Sale**	Executive Assistant/Project Co-ordinator
Carla	**Santos**	Administrative Officer
Mina	**Tang**	Finance Officer
Matthew	**Tooth**	Communications Officer, NCPIC
Michaela	**Turner**	Administrative Officer

Professional and Technical Staff – Doctoral Candidates

In 2015, NDARC had 31 Doctoral Students. Of these Doctoral Students 23 were also employed by NDARC as P&T research staff as shown below. Two candidates completed their PhDs; one candidate left prior to completion. We had three new Doctoral candidates; all of whom were existing NDARC P&T research staff.

Lucy	**Albertella**	Research Officer
Louise	**Birrell**	Research Assistant
Veronica	**Boland**	Research Officer *(Joined in April 2015)*
Kerryn	**Butler**	Research Officer
Gabrielle	**Campbell**	Senior Research Officer
Katrina	**Champion**	Research Officer
Philip	**Clare**	Senior Research Officer *(Began PhD in January 2016)*
Mark	**Deady**	Senior Research Officer *(Received PhD in August 2015 and left in November 2015)*
Bianca	**Hoban**	Research Assistant
Erin	**Kelly**	Research Psychologist
Alice	**Knight**	Research Assistant
Kari	**Lancaster**	Senior Research Officer
Clare	**McCormack**	Research Officer
Sonja	**Memedovic**	Research Officer
Vivienne	**Moxham-Hall**	Research Officer
Katrina	**Prior**	Research Officer
Larissa	**Rossen**	Research Officer
Amanda	**Roxburgh**	Senior Research Officer
Mieke	**Snijder**	Research Officer
Rachel	**Sutherland**	Research Officer *(Began PhD in March 2015)*
Zoe	**Tonks**	Research Assistant *(Left in July 2015)*
Michelle	**Tye**	Senior Research Officer *(Left in March 2015 and received PhD in September 2015)*
Elizabeth	**Whittaker**	Research Officer

Doctoral Candidates

Zahra	**Alam Mehrjerdi**	International Doctoral Student
Ansari	**Bin Jainullabudeen**	Off-site Doctoral Student
Catherine	**Foley**	Off-site Doctoral Student
Alice	**Munro**	Off-site Doctoral Student
Matthew	**O'Reilly**	Doctoral Student
Dam An	**Tran**	International Doctoral Student
Thu	**Vuong**	International Doctoral Student
Kathryn	**Woodcock**	Off-site Doctoral Student

Conjoints

In 2015, NDARC had 18 conjoint appointments. Overall we had 3 new Conjoints and 1 left from the 2014 staffing profile.

Julaine	**Allan**	Associate Lecturer
David	**Allsop**	Lecturer
Amanda	**Baker**	Professor
Raimondo	**Bruno**	Associate Professor
Bianca	**Calabria**	Lecturer *(Joined in January 2015)*
Katherine	**Conigrave**	Professor
Johan	**Duflou**	Associate Professor
Matthew	**Dunn**	Senior Lecturer
Wayne	**Hall**	Professor
John	**Howard**	Senior Lecturer
Marianne	**Jauncey**	Senior Lecturer *(Joined in January 2015)*
Kypros	**Kypri**	Professor *(Joined in June 2015)*
Trevor	**King**	Lecturer (*Left in October 2015)*
Rod	**MacQueen**	Senior Lecturer
Andrea	**Mant**	Associate Professor
Mark	**Montebello**	Lecturer
Elizabeth	**Moore**	Lecturer
Deborah	**Zador**	Senior Lecturer

Visiting staff and students

Robert	**Ali**	Honorary Associate Professor *(Joined in June 2015)*
Lynda	**Berends**	Visiting Fellow *(Joined in July 2015)*
Kevin	**Gournay**	Visiting Professorial Fellow *(Joined in August 2015)*
Delyse	**Hutchinson**	Visiting Fellow *(Joined in October 2015)*
Joanne	**Kimber**	Visiting Fellow *(Joined in September 2015)*
Hannah	**Fiedler**	Macquarie University Doctoral Candidate
Ingrid	**Honan**	Macquarie University Doctoral Candidate
Carl	**Lejuez**	Visiting Professorial Fellow
John	**Lewis**	Visiting Fellow
Rebecca	**McKetin**	Visiting Fellow
Jackob	**Najman**	Visiting Professorial Fellow *(Joined in September 2015)*
Amy	**Peacock**	Visiting Fellow *(Joined in September 2015)*
Claudia	**Sannibale**	Adjunct Academic
Stephanie	**Taplin**	Visiting Research Fellow

Miscellaneous staff

Margaret	**Eagers**	Contractor R1C Building
Kati	**Haworth**	Contractor R1 Building *(Left in March 2015)*

Awards

NDARC staff have the opportunity to apply or be nominated for many awards, including internal NDARC awards, university and faculty awards as well as external awards.

Dr Emma Barrett

Fulbright Scholarship to the Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC)

UNSW Medicine Dean's Rising Star Award

Louise Birrell

Best Oral Presentation Award, Society for Mental Health Research Annual Conference

NDARC Jennifer McLaren Award for Outstanding Research Achievement

Katrina Champion

2015 PhD Candidate Award, Australian Rotary Health and Alliance for the Prevention of Mental Disorders

Grants-in-Aid Prize, Society for Mental Health Research Annual Conference

Dr Cath Chapman

2015 NSW Mental Health Matters Award for Research and Evaluation

Dr Ryan Courtney

NDARC Margaret Hamilton Award for Outstanding Research Achievement

Prof Shane Darke

NDARC Kevin Rozzoli Community Impact Award (jointly with Mark Deady and Dr Joanne Ross)

Mark Deady

NDARC Kevin Rozzoli Community Impact Award (jointly with Professor Shane Darke and Dr Joanne Ross)

Kari Lancaster

UNSW Medicine Dean's List Award

Dr Christina Marel

Early Career Researcher Award, Society for Mental Health Research (SMHR)

Dr Nicola Newton

Early Career Researcher Award, Society for Mental Health Research (SMHR)

Early Career Researcher Award, Australian Rotary Health and Alliance for the Prevention of Mental Disorders

NDARC Ian Webster Award for Outstanding Research Achievement

Dr Joanne Ross

NDARC Kevin Rozzoli Community Impact Award (jointly with Professor Shane Darke and Mark Deady)

A/Prof Tim Slade

2015 NSW Mental Health Matters Award for Research and Evaluation

Dr Lexine Stapinski

Early Career Researcher Award, Society for Mental Health Research (SMHR)

Early Career Research Award for Innovation, TheMHS Learning Network

Prof Maree Teesson

Fellow, Australian Academy of Health and Medical Science (AAHMS)

Fellow, Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia

2015 SMHR Oration Award, Society of Mental Health Research (SMHR)

Kathryn Woodcock

Grants-in-Aid Prize, Society of Mental Health Research Annual Conference

External appointments

Memberships of External Committees, Advisory Boards and Editorial Boards

Dr Monica Barratt

Associate Editor, *International Journal of Drug Policy* (2015-present)

Editorial Board Member, *Field Methods* (2014-present)

Editorial Board Member, *Drugs: Education, Prevention and Policy* (2014-present)

Member, International Society for the Study of Drug Policy (2012-present)

Member, International Association of Internet Researchers (2012-present)

Member, Harm Reduction Victoria (2013-present)

Co-founder, Cryptomarkets Research Hub email list (2015-present)

Member, Global Drug Survey Expert Advisory Committee (2012-present)

Dr Emma Barrett

Member, NHMRC Centre for Research Excellence in Mental Health and Substance Use Executive Advisory Board (2014-present)

Editor, *Journal of Addiction and Prevention* (2014-present)

A/Prof Lucinda Burns

Chair, Quality Improvement and Negligible Risk Review Committee, Cancer Institute NSW

Director, Haymarket Foundation for Homeless People with Substance Abuse Problems (2004-present)

Deputy Chair, Population Health Research Ethics Committee, NSW Cancer Institute (2011-present)

Convenor, UNSW Medical/Community Human Research Ethics Advisory Panel (2011-present)

Member, FASD Advisory Group to the Department of Health

Dr Natacha Carragher

Member, NHMRC Research Translation Faculty (2013-present)

Editor, *Social Psychiatry and Psychiatric Epidemiology* (2013-present)

Convenor of the Early Career Researcher Workshop at the Annual Meeting of the Society for Mental Health Research (Melbourne 2013 & Adelaide 2014)

Early Career Researcher Representative, Executive Committee, Society for Mental Health Research [formerly Australasian Society for Psychiatric Research] (2013-present)

Dr Catherine Chapman

Member, Management Committee, The Mental Health Services Conference of Australia and New Zealand (2000-present)

Member, Conference Proceedings Editorial Board, The Mental Health Services Conference of Australia and New Zealand (1998-present)

Co-convenor, The Mental Health Services Conference of Australia and New Zealand Summer Forum (2008-present)

Katrina Champion

Member, Prevention Science Network, Australian Research Alliance for Children & Youth (2014-present)

Editorial Board Member (Early Career Reviewer), *Prevention Science* (2015)

Prof Jan Copeland

Chair, US College on Problems of Drug Dependence (CPDD) International Committee (2012-2015)

Member of the CPDD Membership Committee 2015-2018

President, Board of Management, Drug and Alcohol Multicultural Education Centre (DAMEC) (2002-2015)

Member, Board of Management of Odyssey House: The McGrath Foundation, a non-government therapeutic community; Co-chair of the Operations Committee (2004-2015)

Member of the Board of the Progressive Learning Centre School (2015)

Associate Editor (Services and Prevention, Technology Transfer, and Treatment), *Drug and Alcohol Dependence* (2011-2015)

Assistant Editor, *Journal of Substance Abuse Treatment* (2001-2015)

Editorial Board Member, *Addiction Science and Clinical Practice* (2010-2015)

Editorial Board Member, *ISRN Addiction* (2012-2015)

Editorial Board Member, *British Journal of Health Informatics and Monitoring*

Member, Cannabis Working Group for NSW Health (2007-2015)

Member of the Australian Government's Intergovernmental Committee on Drugs Working Party on the National Minimum Data Set (2004-2015)

Dr Ryan Courtney

Member, Cancer Australia Priority Driven Research Grant Review Panel (2014-present)

Prof Shane Darke

Regional Editor, *Addiction* (2006-present)

Editorial Board member, *Drug and Alcohol Dependence* (1993-present)

Assistant Editor, *Journal of Drug Issues* (2006-present)

Prof Louisa Degenhardt

Member of Core Analytic Team, Global Burden of Disease 2.0 (2012-present)

Board Member, Scientific Advisory Board of The Swiss Research Institute for Public Health and Addiction (2014-present)

Member, Orygen Research Committee (2012-2015)

WHO: Technical Advisory Group Member for the eleventh revision of the International Classification of Diseases (ICD) Injury and External Causes of Injury (2009-present)

Associate Member, Australian Institute of Policy and Science (2009-present)

Member, Epidemiology and Public Health Section, World Psychiatric Association (2008-present)

Associate Faculty Member, Faculty of 1000 Medicine (2008-present)

Member, International Collaboration on ADHD and Substance Abuse (ICASA) (2008-present)

Member, Australian National Association of Research Fellows (NARF) (2007-present)

Member, 2013 National Drug Strategy Household Survey Technical Advisory Group (2012-2014)

Member, Australian Cannabis Cohorts Research Consortium (2008-present)

Member, panel providing Specialist Scientific Services to the Australian Federal Police Forensic and Data Centres (2009-present)

Editorial Board Member, *PLOS One* (2013-present)

Editorial Board Member, *Substance Abuse Treatment, Prevention and Policy* (2009-present)

Editorial Board Member, *International Journal of Drug Policy* (2005-present)

Deputy Editor, *Drug and Alcohol Review* (2005-present)

Editorial Board Member, *BMC Psychiatry* (2005-present)

Member of IAS 2015 Track D Implementation Science Committee (2014-2015), IAS Conference on HIV Pathogenesis, Treatment and Prevention, Vancouver Canada, 19-22 July 2015

Member of International Advisory Committee (2013-2014), Global Addictions Conference, Rome, Italy, 6-8th June 2014

Board Member, AIDS Council of NSW (ACON (2015-present)

Member, 2016 National Drug Strategy Household Survey Technical Advisory Group (2015-present)

Member, 2016 National Drug Strategy Household Survey Tender evaluation committee

Prof Kate Dolan

Member, World Health Organization (WHO) Network for HIV and Health in the Western Pacific Region (WPR) (2009-present)

Member, Anex's Harm Minimisation in Prisons Committee (2008-present)

Member, Harm Reduction Australia (2015-present)

Member, MSIC's Scientific Advisory Committee (2015-present)

Member, Australian Institute of International Affairs (2015-present)

Editorial Board Member, *The Open Epidemiology Journal* (2013-present)

Editor, *Special Issue on Harm Reduction in Asia, Harm Reduction Journal* (2015)

Member Judging Panel, Peter Baume Public Health Impact Prize UNSW (2012-present)

Advisor, Inter country meeting on strengthening the public health response to substance use (2015)

Advisor, Amitiel Welfare Society, Pakistan (2011-present)

A/Prof Timothy Dobbins

Member, Population and Health Services Research Ethics Committee, NSW Cancer Institute and NSW Ministry of Health (2012-present)

Prof Michael Farrell

Member, World Health Organization Expert Committee on Drug Dependence (1996-present)

Member, Quality in Treatment (QIT), NSW Health (2011-present)

Member, Health Science Alliance (2012-present)

Editorial Advisory Board Member, *The Lancet Psychiatry* (2013-present)

Dr Caitlin Hughes

Member, Of Substance Editorial Reference Group (2011-2015)

Member, International Society for the Study of Drug Policy (ISSDP) Conference Scientific Program Committee (2011-present)

Member, UNSW Faculty of Medicine Postdoctoral Advisory Committee (2011-2015)

Dr Sally Hunt

Member, APS College of Clinical Psychologists (2013-present)

Member, Society for Mental Health Research (SMHR) (2005-present)

Member, Australian Association for Cognitive and Behavioural Therapy (AACBT) (2006-present)

Full Member, Australian Psychological Society (APS) (2003-present)

Dr Delyse Hutchinson

Co-convener and Member, Longitudinal Studies Network, Australian Research Alliance for Children and Youth (ARACY) (2011-present)

Co-Director and member, Cannabis Cohorts Research Consortium (CCRC) (2006-present)

Organisational member, Australian Research Alliance for Children and Youth (ARACY) (2005-present)

Reference Group Committee Member, Outcomes of identifying AOD use during pregnancy on women, their partners and their children: Maternal screening for substance use (2014-present)

Executive Committee Member, Australian Centre for Perinatal Science (ACPS), UNSW (2013-present)

Honorary Research Fellow, Murdoch Children Research Institute, Centre for Adolescent Health, Royal Children's Hospital (2014-present)

Honorary Research Fellow, University of Melbourne, Department of Paediatrics, Royal Children's Hospital (2014-present)

Collaborating Research Supervisor, Department of Psychology, Macquarie University (2013-present)

Dr Sharlene Kaye

Assistant Editor, *Addiction* (2009-present)

Board Member (Secretary), International Collaboration on ADHD and Substance Abuse (ICASA) (2010-present)

Member, NHMRC Research Translation Faculty (2012-present)

A/Prof Frances Kay-Lambkin

Member, Grant Review Panel 5E (Project Grants – 2015)

Member, NHMRC Partnership Projects (2015)

Secretary, Executive Committee, Society for Mental Health Research (2014-present)

Board of Directors, International Society for Research on Internet Interventions (2013-present)

Member, NHMRC Research Translation Faculty (2012-present)

Member, Expert Advisory Group, Development of Comorbidity Booklets for the Commonwealth Department of Health and Ageing (2011-present)

Member, Expert Advisory Group – Web Development, National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre, University of NSW (2011-present)

Member, Executive Committee, Special Interest Group on Telephone and Internet Treatment, Australian Psychological Society (2010-present)

Chair, Research Development Grant Program, National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre, University of New South Wales (2010-present)

Member, Centre Management Committee, Centre for Brain and Mental Health Priority Research Centre, University of Newcastle (2010-present)

Member, Research Management Committee, School of Medicine and Public Health, University of Newcastle (2010-present)

Member, Senior Academic Research Advisory Group, National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre, University of NSW (2009-present)

Kari Lancaster

Member, International Editorial Board of *Drugs: Education, Prevention and Policy* (2014-present)

Member, Women's Employment Strategy Committee (WESC), UNSW Medicine (2014-present)

Member, Postgraduate Research Symposium Planning Committee, Where the marginal matters: Strengthening trans-disciplinary connections in postgraduate health research on sex, drugs and risk, The Kirby Institute (2015)

Dr Briony Larance

Member, Australasian Professional Society on Alcohol and Other Drugs Conference Scientific Program Committee (2013-present)

Dr Sarah Larney

Member, Board of Management of Rainbow Lodge, and convenor of the Rainbow Lodge Research Subcommittee (2014-present)

Member, Australasian Professional Society on Alcohol and Other Drugs Conference Scientific Program Committee (2014-present)

Dr Michael Livingston

Board Member, Australian Rechabite Foundation (2013-present)

Member, VicHealth Cultural Change Research Reference Group (2013-present)

Member, Victorian Alcohol Policy Coalition (2009-present)

Member, National Alliance for Action on Alcohol (2011-present)

Member, Coordinating Committee of the Kettil Bruun Society for Social and Epidemiological Research on Alcohol (2012-present)

Assistant Editor, *Addiction* (2010-present)

Deputy Editor, *Drug and Alcohol Review* (2012-present)

Member, Victorian Liquor Control Advisory Council (2014-present)

Editorial Board Member, *Drugs: Education, Prevention and Policy* (2014-present)

Dr Christina Marel

Member, APSAD Early Career Researcher Committee (2014-present)

Invited Expert, 2168 Dual Diagnosis Project (2014-present)

Prof Richard Mattick

Member, International Narcotics Control Board, United Nations Office Vienna (2015-present)

Member, Alcohol Beverages Advertising Code adjudication panel (2005-present)

Member, Sax Institute Research Partnerships for Better Health (2006-present)

Member, Australian Research Alliance on Children and Youth (2008-present)

A/Prof Katherine Mills

Member, NHMRC Research Translation Faculty (2012-present)

Member, Community Mental Health Drug and Alcohol Research Network Steering Committee (2011-present)

Assistant Editor, *Addiction* (2010-present)

Deputy Editor, *Drug and Alcohol Review* (2010-present)

Member, NHMRC Clinical Trials grant review panel (2014-present)

Dr Nicola Newton

Member, NHMRC Research Translation Faculty (2013-present)

Director, Prevention Stream, NHMRC Centre for Research Excellence in Mental Health and Substance Use (2012-present)

Member, Prevention Science Network, Australian Research Alliance for Children & Youth (2012-present)

Advisory Board Member, Angelus Foundation (Expert committee on legal highs in the UK) (2010-present)

Early Career Research awards program co-convener, The Mental Health Services (theMHS) network, (2014-present)

Assistant Editor, *Drug and Alcohol Review* (2015-present)

Dr Suzanne Nielsen

Member, APSAD Scientific Review Committee (2013-present)

Member, APSAD Early Career Researcher Committee (2014-present)

Managing Editor, *Drug and Alcohol Review* (2010-present)

Editorial Board Member, *Journal of Substance Abuse Treatment* (2015-present)

Editorial Board Member, *Mental Health Clinician* (2015-present)

Nominated Scientific Expert, CODEMISUSED Project (2014-present)

Member, National Naloxone Reference Group (2015- present)

Member, NHMRC Postgraduate Scholarships Review Panel (2015-present)

Honorary Research Fellow, Drug and Alcohol Services, South Eastern Sydney Local Health District (2012-Present)

Grant reviewer, National Institute for Health Research UK (Evaluation, Trials and Studies) (2014-Present)

Member, Pharmaceutical Society of Australia (PSA) (2008-present)

Member, Australasian Professional Society on Alcohol and other Drugs (APSAD) (2011-present)

Regular Member, College on Problems of Drug Dependence (CPDD) (2012-present)

Member, International Association for the Study of Pain (IASP) (2014-present)

Member, College of Psychiatric and Neurologic Pharmacists (CPNP) (2014-present)

Prof Alison Ritter

Vice President, Alcohol and Drug Council of Australia (2011-2015)

Immediate Past President, International Society for the Study of Drug Policy (2015-2016)

Member, Board of Directors, Alcohol and Drug Council of Australia (2010-present)

Editor, *Drug and Alcohol Review* (2001-present)

Associate Editor, *Journal of Drug Policy Analysis* (2010-present)

Associate Editor, *International Journal of Drug Policy* (2011-present)

Member, NHMRC Assigners Academy (2013-2014)

Member, NSW Needle and Syringe Program Planning Network (2014-present)

Advisory Panel Member, Development of needs-based planning models for substance use services and supports in Canada (Health Canada funded) (2011-present)

Member, Global Science Group for Addictions and Lifestyles in

Contemporary Europe (ALICE) project (EU funded) (2011-present)

Chair, Drug Policy Working Group, National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA funded) (2011-present)

Member, National Drug Strategy Household Survey Technical Advisory Group (2009-present)

Technical Advisor, International Centre for Science in Drug Policy (2011-present)

Member, Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing Partners In Recovery Expert Reference Group (2012-2014)

Member, Alcohol's Harm to Others Advisory Group (2012-2014)

Dr Joanne Ross

Assistant Editor, *Addiction* (2006-present)

Member of the Allied Health Worker Advisory Committee, NSW Health (2010-present)

Prof Anthony Shakeshaft

Executive Committee Member, Drug and Alcohol Network, NSW Agency for Clinical Innovation (2015-present)

Research Committee Member, SMART Recovery Australia (2014-present)

Expert Advisory Panel Member, Queensland Alcohol Prevention Service (2014-present)

Member, International Network on Brief Interventions for Alcohol and Other Drugs (2011-present)

Conjoint Associate Professor, Faculty of Health, University of Newcastle (2010-present)

Assistant Editor, *BMC Public Health* (2010-present)

Dr Edmund Silins

Member, Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency, Nursing and Midwifery (since 1997)

Joint Coordinator of the NDARC Postdoctoral Early Career Researcher Executive Committee (since 2015)

Member of the Society for Mental Health Research (since 2015)

Member of the Public Health Association of Australia (2014)

Investigator, 2000 Stories Study; Murdoch Childrens Research Institute (since 2010)

Longitudinal Studies Network Member, Australian Research Alliance for Children and Youth (since 2008)

A/Prof Tim Slade

Member, Expert Advisory Group for the second National Child and Adolescent Mental Health Survey (2011-present)

Australian representative, World Health Organisation World Mental Health Survey Initiative

Member, NHMRC Early Career Fellowships Panel (2012-2014)

Chair, NHMRC/ARC Dementia Early Career Fellowships Panel (2015)

Member, Orygen Research Committee (2015-present)

Regional Editor, *Social Psychiatry and Psychiatric Epidemiology* (2009-present)

Consulting Editor, *Journal of Abnormal Psychology* (2012-present)

Assistant Editor, *Addiction* (2012-present)

Statistical Editor, *PLOS One* (2013-present)

Dr Janette Smith

Member, Organising Committee for the 22nd Australasian Society for Psychophysiology Conference, hosted at UNSW Nov 28–30, 2012

Guest Editor, *International Journal of Psychophysiology Special Issue: Psychophysiology in Australasia*

Member, Executive Committee, Australasian Society for Psychophysiology (2013-present)

Dr Lexine Stapinski

Member, Anxiety Practitioner's Network Organising Committee (2014-present)

Member, Community Mental Health Drug and Alcohol Research Project Reference Group (2015-present)

Dr Emily Stockings

Grant reviewer, Princess Alexandria Hospital Research Scheme (2014-2015)

Community Manager, European Young Epidemiologists (EYE; 2015-present)

Invited Expert Panel Member, the United States National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) working group on depression assessment tools (2015-present)

Invited Expert Panel Member, Orygen Youth Mental Health Research Priorities and Implementation Framework (2015-present)

Dr Matthew Sunderland

Member, NHMRC Research Translation Faculty (2013-present)

Member, Social Psychiatry and Psychiatric Epidemiology editorial advisory board (2013-present)

Ms Rachel Sutherland

Member, Alcohol and Other Drugs Advisory Panel, ACON (2013-present)

Dr Wendy Swift

Deputy Editor (Book Reviews), *Drug and Alcohol Review* (2012-present)

Member, Cannabis Cohorts Research Consortium (2006-present)

Member, Expert Working Committee for the NSW Ministry of Health's Older Person's Substance Use Project (2014-present)

Prof Maree Teesson

Chair, Executive Committee, NHMRC Centre of Research Excellence in Mental Health and Substance Use

Member, NHMRC Centre of Research Excellence in Suicide Prevention

Member, Australian Cannabis Cohorts Research Consortium (2008-present)

Member, Expert Working Group, NSW Mental Health Commission (2011)

Co-chair, UNSW Women's Employment Strategy Committee (2011-present)

Founding Member, Management Committee, The Mental Health Services Conference of Australia and New Zealand (1993-present)

Co-convenor, The Mental Health Services Conference of Australia and New Zealand Summer Forum (2006-present)

Member, Health Care Committee, Principal Committee NHMRC (2012-present)

Chair, NHMRC Postgraduate Scholarship Awards Committee, NHMRC (2012-2014)

Member, NHMRC Grant Review Panel (2012-2014)

Member, NHMRC Assigners Academy (2013-2014)

Editorial Board, *Current Drug Abuse Reviews*

Assistant Editor, *Addiction*

Postgraduate students

Zahra Alam Mehrjerdi (2013-present)

The effects of cognitive-behavioural therapy (CBT) in treating methamphetamine use among women in methadone treatment in Tehran

Full-time PhD in the School of Public Health and Community Medicine, UNSW

Supervisors: Professor Kate Dolan; Dr Nadine Ezard; Dr Azarakhsh Mokri

Expected Date of submission: Semester 2, 2016

Lucy Albertella (2013-present)

A prospective investigation of the relationship among attentional dysfunction, cannabis use, and schizotypy in adolescence

Full-time PhD in the School of Public Health and Community Medicine, UNSW

Supervisors: Professor Jan Copeland; Dr Mike Le Pelley

Expected Date of submission: Semester 1, 2016

Louise Birrell (2014-present)

Untangling co-morbidity: Substance use and mental health in young Australians.

Full-time PhD in the School of Public Health and Community Medicine, UNSW

Supervisors: Dr Nicola Newton; A/Professor Tim Slade; Professor Maree Teesson

Expected Date of submission: Semester 1, 2017

Veronica Boland (2015-present)

Reducing tobacco smoking among low SES smokers

Full-time PhD in the School of Public Health and Community Medicine, UNSW

Supervisors: Professor Richard Mattick; Dr Ryan Courtney

Expected Date of submission: Semester 1, 2018

Kerryn Butler (2014-present)

Hepatitis C testing and treatment intervention among people who inject drugs

Part-time PhD in the School of Public Health and Community Medicine, UNSW

Supervisors: A/Professor Lucinda Burns, A/Professor Carolyn Day, Dr Sarah Larney

Expected Date of submission: Semester 2, 2018

Gabrielle Campbell (2013-present)

Complexities and comorbidities in people living with crhonic non-cancer pain: Suicidality and probelmatice pharmacetuical opioid use

Full-time PhD in the School of Public Health and Community Medicine, UNSW

Supervisors: Professor Louisa Degenhardt; Professor Shane Darke; A/Professor Raimondo Bruno

Submitted November 2015

Katrina Champion (2012-present)

Paying attention to prevention: An Internet-based framework to address alcohol, cannabis, ecstasy and new psychoactive substance use

Full-time PhD in the School of Public Health and Community Medicine, UNSW

Supervisors: Dr Nicola Newton; Professor Maree Teesson

Submitted 2015

Mark Deady (2011–2015)

Comorbid depression and alcohol misuse in young people and the development of an Internet-based intervention

Full-time PhD in the School of Public Health and Community Medicine, UNSW

Supervisors: Professor Maree Teesson; Dr Frances Kay-Lambkin; A/Professor Katherine Mills

Conferred August 2015

Catherine Foley (2014-present)

Improving the effectiveness of treatment for people with co-occurring substance and mental health disorders in rural Australian communities.

Full-time PhD in the School of Public Health and Community Medicine, UNSW

Supervisors: Professor Anthony Shakeshaft, Professor Michael Farrell, Dr Julia Lappin, Dr Ryan Courtney, Dr Julaine Allan

Expected Date of submission: Semester 1, 2017

Clara Fritchley (2015-present)

Therapeutic alliance on the NSW Drug Court Program

Part-time PhD in the School of Public Health and Community Medicine, UNSW

Supervisors: Dr Emma Barrett; Dr Katherine Mills

Expected date of submission: Semester 1, 2020

Lisa Gibson (2015-present)

Development and evaluation of a novel community-based intervention for adolescents facing school-initiated sanctions for cannabis use

Full-time PhD in the School of Public Health and Community Medicine, UNSW

Supervisors: Professor Jan Copeland; Dr Sally Nathan

Expected Date of submission: Semester 1, 2018

Bianca Hoban (2012-present)

Risks and benefits associated multiple medication use in people with chronic non-cancer pain prescribed opioids

Full-time PhD in the School of Public Health and Community Medicine, UNSW

Supervisors: Professor Louisa Degenhardt, Dr Briony Larance, Dr Suzanne Nielsen; Dr Natasa Gisev

Expected Date of submission: Semester 2, 2016

Janelle Holden (2015-present)

Prevalence and correlates of crime in a ochort of people who tamper with pharmaceutical opioids

Full time Masters of Forensic Psychology Student

Supervisors: Dr Briony Larance; Dr Sarah Larney

Expected Date of submission: Semester 2, 2015

Ingrid Honan (2013-present)

The Bayley Scales III – A Quantitative Analysis for Application in an Australian Population

Combined Masters and PhD in Neuropsychology at Macquarie University

Supervisors: Dr Delyse Hutchinson, Professor Melanie Porter

Expected Date of submission: Semester 2, 2017

Erin Kelly (2013-present)

Bullying among Australian adolescents: Risks and responses

Full-time PhD in the School of Public Health and Community Medicine, UNSW

Supervisors: Professor Maree Teesson; Dr Nicola Newton; Lexine Stapinsky

Expected Date of submission: Semester 2, 2016

Alice Knight (2013-present)

Estimating the costs and benefits of a multi-component intervention for young people with multiple and complex needs

Full-time PhD in the School of Public Health and Community Medicine, UNSW

Supervisors: Professor Anthony Shakeshaft

Expected Date of submission: Semester 2, 2016

Kari Lancaster (2013-present)

Social construction and the evidence-based drug policy endeavour

Full-time PhD in the School of Public Health and Community Medicine, UNSW

Supervisors: Professor Alison Ritter; Professor Carla Treloar

Expected Date of submission: Semester 2, 2016

Gina Lattas (2015-present)

Examining the Relationship Between Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder and Substance Use in People Who Use Pharmaceutical Opioids Compared With Those Who Use Heroin

Full time Masters of Forensic Psychology Student

Supervisors: Dr Suzanne Nielsen; Dr Briony Larance

Expected Date of submission: Semester 2, 2015

Clare McCormack (2012-present)

Prenatal alcohol exposure and infant cognitive development

Full-time PhD in the School of Public Health and Community Medicine, UNSW

Supervisors: Professor Richard Mattick; Dr Delyse Hutchinson; A/Professor Lucinda Burns

Submitted October 2015

Sonja Memedovic (2012-present)

Depression in people with opioid dependence

Full-time PhD in the School of Public Health and Community Medicine, UNSW

Supervisors: Dr Joanne Ross; A/Professor Tim Slade; Professor Maree Teesson

Expected Date of submission: Semester 2, 2015

Vivienne Moxham-Hall (2015-present)

Cross-National Comparisons of Drug Policies and their Health and Social Impacts

Full-time PhD in the School of Public Health and Community Medicine, UNSW

Supervisors: Professor Alison Ritter; Dr Caitlin Hughes

Expected Date of submission: Semester 2, 2018

Alice Munro (2014-present)

Evaluation of the 'Building Better Resistance in Country Communities (BRICCs)' project

Full-time PhD in the School of Public Health and Community Medicine, UNSW

Supervisors: Professor Anthony Shakeshaft; Dr Julaine Allan; Dr Courtney Breen

Expected Date of submission: Semester 2, 2017

Matthew O'Reilly (2014-present)

Understanding how high level drug traffickers operate within Australia

Full-time PhD in the School of Public Health and Community Medicine, UNSW

Supervisors: Dr Caitlin Hughes; Dr Jenny Chalmers

Expected Date of submission: Semester 1, 2017

Katrina Prior (2014-present)

The relationship between social phobia, depression, and substance use disorders: The impact on treatment outcomes

Full-time PhD in the School of Public Health and Community Medicine, UNSW

Supervisors: Dr Joanne Ross; A/Professor Katherine Mills, Professor Maree Teesson

Expected Date of submission: Semester 1, 2017

Larissa Rossen (2012-present)

Understanding the impact of early maternal bonding, parental substance use and mental health on bonding and emotional availability in the first year of life

Full-time PhD in the School of Public Health and Community Medicine, UNSW

Supervisors: Dr Delyse Hutchinson; Professor Richard Mattick; A/Professor Lucinda Burns; Dr Judy Wilson

Expected Date of submission: Semester 1, 2016

Amanda Roxburgh (2012-present)

Trends in prescription opioid use and related harms in Australia

Full-time PhD in the School of Public Health and Community Medicine, UNSW

Supervisors: Professor Louisa Degenhardt

Expected Date of submission: Semester 2, 2016

Mieke Snijder (2013-present)

Working together with Aboriginal communities: balancing partnerships and rigorous research in the development and evaluation of community-based interventions aiming to reduce alcohol-related harms

Full-time PhD in the School of Public Health and Community Medicine, UNSW

Supervisors: Professor Anthony Shakeshaft; Dr Bianca Calabria; A/Professor Annemarie Wagemakers

Expected Date of submission: Semester 1, 2017

Rachel Sutherland (2015-present)

New psychoactive substances in Australia

Full-time PhD in the School of Public Health and Community Medicine, UNSW

Supervisors: A/Professor Lucinda Burns; A/Professor Raimondo Bruno; Dr Monica Barratt

Expected Date of submission: Semester 1, 2018

Zoe Tonks (2014-2015)

The development and evaluation of a combined parent and student Internet-based substance use prevention program for Australian adolescents.

Full-time PhD in the School of Public Health and Community Medicine, UNSW

Supervisors: Dr Nicola Newton; A/Professor Tim Slade; Professor Maree Teesson

Withdrew July 2015

Michelle Tye (2011-2015)

Understanding the liability to violent offending among injection drug users: the contribution of predispositional and substance use risks

Full-time PhD in the School of Public Health and Community Medicine, UNSW

Supervisors: Professor Shane Darke; Dr Sharlene Kaye; Dr Fiona Shand

Conferred May 2015

Michael Vanderhaven (2015-present)

Examining the Relationship Between Pain and Mental Health Over Time within Pharmaceutical Opioid Users in Treatment

Full time Masters of Forensic Psychology Student

Supervisors: Dr Suzanne Nielsen; Dr Sarah Larney

Expected Date of submission: Semester 1, 2016

Thu Vuong (2012-present)

Economic evaluation comparing centre-based compulsory drug rehabilitation and community-based voluntary methadone maintenance treatment in Hai Phong City, Vietnam

Full-time PhD in the School of Public Health and Community Medicine, UNSW

Supervisors: Professor Alison Ritter; Dr Marian Shanahan

Expected Date of submission: Semester 1, 2016

Elizabeth Whittaker (2012-present)

The association between homelessness and substance abuse

Full-time PhD in the School of Public Health and Community Medicine, UNSW

Supervisors: A/Professor Lucinda Burns; Dr Wendy Swift; Professor Paul Flatau

Expected Date of submission: Semester 1, 2016

Kathryn Woodcock (2013-present)

Optimising treatment for trauma and related issues

Full-time PhD in the School of Public Health and Community Medicine, UNSW

Supervisors: A/Professor Frances Kay-Lambkin; Professor Maree Tesson; A/Professor Katherine Mills; Professor Amanda Baker; A/Professor Peter Stanwell

Expected Date of submission: Semester 1, 2016



Our academics are internationally recognised. Professor Alison Ritter runs NDARC's Drug Policy Modelling Program. She has an extensive grant track record and advises governments in Australia and overseas on effective, evidence-based policies to reduce harms from substance use.

Research grants and funding

CORE NDARC FUNDING	FUNDING SOURCE	2015 YEAR GRANT AWARD $	TOTAL GRANT AWARD $	PERIOD	START & END DATE
DoH Core Funding	DoH	2,480,287	2,480,287	1 year	Jul 2015 – Jun 2016
SUB TOTAL FOR CORE FUNDING		**2,480,287**	**2,480,287**		

UNIVERSITY FUNDING SUPPORT	FUNDING SOURCE	2015 YEAR GRANT AWARD $	TOTAL GRANT AWARD $	PERIOD	START & END DATE
Faculty Support for Research Infrastructure	UNSW	1,293,306	1,293,306	1 year	Jan 2015 – Dec 2015
DVC Strategic Support for Research Infrastructure	UNSW	150,000	150,000	1 year	Jan 2015 – Dec 2015
Publications	UNSW	281,602	281,602	1 year	Jan 2015 – Dec 2015
Faculty Support for Research Fellowship Projects	UNSW	67,150	67,150	1 year	Jan 2015 – Dec 2015
2015 Goldstar F. Kay-Lambkin	UNSW	40,000	40,000	1 year	Jan 2015 – Dec 2015
2015 Goldstar N. Newton	UNSW	40,000	40,000	1 year	Jan 2015 – Dec 2015
2015 Goldstar T. Slade	UNSW	40,000	40,000	1 year	Jan 2015 – Dec 2015
Early Career Research Funds	UNSW	21,627	21,627	1 year	Jan 2015 – Dec 2015
EB Gap Funding – Fellowships and Non-Fellowships	UNSW	1,218,259	1,218,259	1 year	Jan 2015 – Dec 2015
Career Advancement Funds – N. Newton and L. Mewton	UNSW	20,000	20,000	2 years	Dec 2014 – Jul 2017
Safety Net Support Fellowship for K. Mills	UNSW	89,566	175,366	2 years	Jan 2014 – Dec 2015
VC Postdoctoral Fellowship L. Thornton	UNSW	120,027	382,794	3 years	Jan 2015 – Dec 2017
SUB TOTAL FOR UNIVERSITY FUNDING SUPPORT		**3,381,537**	**3,730,104**		
TOTAL CORE AND UNIVERSITY FUNDING SUPPORT RECEIVED 2015		**5,861,824**	**6,210,391**		

PROJECT FUNDING* PROJECT TITLE	FUNDING SOURCE	2015 YEAR GRANT AWARD $	TOTAL GRANT AWARD $	PERIOD	START & END DATE
The funding and delivery of homelessness services: a case study evidence	AHURI	12,895	12,895	1 year	Jan 2015 – Dec 2015
Determining the Impact of Opiod Substitution Therapy on Mortality and Recidivism Among Prisoners	AIC	–	90,910	3 years	Nov 2011 – Oct 2014*
A new generation of screening tools for mental disorders	ANU/ NHMRC	–	1,600	2 years	Jan 2014 – Dec 2014*
Discovery Project – Is one drop too many?	ARC	–	760,000	5 years	Jan 2010 – Dec 2014*
Assessing the effectiveness of community intervention for alcohol misuse with Indigenious Australians	ARC	–	30,000	2 years	Jan 2010 – Dec 2013*
Science policy interface ARCDP	ARC	55,000	105,000	2 years	Jan 2014 – Dec 2015
Understanding recent Australian trends in alcohol consumption and harms	ARC	104,000	274,600	3 years	Jan 2015 – Dec 2017

The deterrent effects of Australian drug law enforcement	ARC	50,000	114,500	2 years	Jan 2015 – Dec 2016
Involving children in social research: balancing the risks and benefits	ARC	15,487	82,242	3 years	Jan 2015 – Dec 2017
The impacts of early-adolescent parental alcohol provision on late-adolescent alcohol outcomes: Phase II of a longitudinal cohort	ARH	69,534	139,068	2 years	Jan 2015 – Dec 2016
Alcohol use and mental disorders-longitudinal analyses from a large Australian cohort study	ARH/MIRG	–	43,700	2 years	Oct 2012 – Dec 2013*
Reducing the health, social and economic burden of injecting drug use in Australia	BURNET/ NHMRC	46,846	329,729	5 years	Jan 2011 – Dec 2015
Opioid use disorders	BURNET/ NHMRC	–	11,770	2 years	Jun 2014 – Dec 2015
Caylus	CAYLUS	10,000	30,022	3 years	Jan 2014 – Feb 2016
Drug Policy Modelling Program – Stage Two	CFT	–	7,661,973	6 years	Jan 2006 – Dec 2013*
Reducing tobacco smoking among low-SES smokers: A RCT to improve compliance with treatment, smoking cessation and health economic outcomes	CINSW	98,933	258,512	3 years	Jan 2015 – Dec 2017
Young Australians Alcohol Reporting System	Curtin/ ANPHA	–	62,814	3 years	Jul 2012 – Nov 2014*
Platform 70 Evaluation Project	DFCS	–	197,726	3 years	Jun 2012 – Nov 2014*
Recommendations for the prescribing of opiods in Tasmania	DoH (TASMANIA)	–	279,974	2 years	Nov 2010 – Dec 2013*
Drug Policy Modelling Program	DoH	–	944,765	2 years	Jul 2013 -Jun 2014*
Schedule 4 – Drug Trends – incorporating the new IDRS and EDRS	DoH	1,379,000	1,379,000	1 year	May 2012 – Jun 2015
Knowledge centre	DoH	5,000	15,000	2 years	Jan 2014 – Jun 2015
Comorbidity project -schedule8	DoH	–	320,000	1 year	Jan 2014 – Nov 2015
Aas and other pieds	DoH	–	150,000	1 year	Jul 2014 – Dec 2014*
National Cannabis Prevention and Information Centre (NCPIC)	DoH	1,980,000	1,980,000	1 year	Nov 2010 – Dec 2014*
Teacher and Parent Illicit Drug Resource Package	DoH	99,720	1,468,115	3 years	Jun 2012 – Dec 2014*
Outcomes of the Review of the Drug and Alcohol Treatment Services Sector	DoH	7,660	7,660	1 year	Apr 2015 – Jun 2016
Development and dissemination of an online tool kit to provide evidence-based information about methamphetamine ('ice')	DoH	296,475	296,475	1 year	Jan 2015 – Dec 2015
Parental supply of alcohol:an expansion of a longitudinal cohort study to public schools Tasmania	FARE	–	17,609	1 year	Jan 2011 – Dec 2013*
Improving services to women who are pregnant and alcohol dependent	FARE	–	50,057	2 years	Jan 2011 – Dec 2013*
Improving services to families affected by Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD)	FARE	–	50,057	2 years	Jan 2011 – Dec 2013*
Outreach evaluation of the inner city youth at risk project	HAC	–	265,879	4 years	Aug 2010 – Dec 2013*
The prevalence of drug and alcohol presentations on hospital-based services	HAC	–	332,581	3 years	Nov 2010 – Dec 2013*

PWIDS – Understanding the health and service needs of diverse populations of pharmaceutical opioid users: Cohort studies of dependent users in treatment.	HAC	–	72,800	2 years	Jan 2013 – Jun 2014*
Study to identify women subject to homelessness and their reproductive health issues	HRTO	–	20,200	2 years	Sep 2012 – Dec 2013*
Camperdown Evaluation (*SubProject*)	HOUSING NSW	–	77,000	3 years	Sep 2012 – Mar 2014*
Improving knowledge about the benefits and risks of pharmaceutical opioids, and measures to improve patient outcomes	Indivior	409,398	409,398	1 year	Jan 2015- Dec 2015
Travel Grant for Sarah Larney to attend Int'l Harm Reduction Conference in Malaysia Oct 2015	IPF	1,704	1,704	1 year	Oct-15
Surveillance of the diversion and extra-medical use of Reformulated Oxycontin® – NOMAD	MUNDI	554,401	1,638,823	3 years	Sep 2013 -Dec 2014*
Trafficking in multiple commodities: Exposing Australia's poly-drug and poly-crime networks	NDLERF	–	177,532	2 years	Jan 2013 – Jun 2014*
Diversion evaluation NDLERF	NDERLF	35,134	117,115	1 year	Mar 2014 – Mar 2015
Targeted Call for Research (TCR)- Prevention for anxiety, depression and substance use (CLIMATE Schools)	NHMRC	432,663	1,709,989	6 years	Oct 2012 – Sep 2017
Combining universal and targeted drug prevention approaches	NHMRC	33,754	723,665	5 years	Jan 2011 – Dec 2015
RCT of a financial counselling intervention and smoking cessation assistance to SES groups	NHMRC	225,512	1,951,193	4 years	Jan 2012 – Dec 2015
Pharmaceutical Opiod Prescription for Chronic Pain in Australia: Trajectories of Prescribing, risk of adverse events & harm	NHMRC	233,155	1,059,308	5 years	Apr 2012 – Dec 2016
CRE in Mental Health and Substance Use: Translating innovative prevention and treatment	NHMRC	523,833	2,499,020	6 years	Nov 2012 – Oct 2017
The value of providing health interventions for heroin use: a cost benefit analysis	NHMRC	161,529	579,300	3 years	Jan 2013 – Dec 2015
The efficacy of behavioural activation therapy in treating depression among individuals with opioid dependence	NHMRC	224,958	708,999	3 years	Jan 2013 – Dec 2015
Diagnosing major depression in older Australian adults: Is there evidence for age-related bias	NHMRC	–	197,846	2 years	Jan 2013 – Dec 2014*
A randomised clinical trial of internet-based treatment for binge drinking and depression in young Australians	NHMRC	211,184	909,585	5 years	Oct 2012 – Mar 2016
Intervention trial to reduce alcohol related harms among high risk young Indigenous Australians	NHMRC	102,269	379,932	3 years	Jan 2013 – Dec 2015
Maintenance: Maximising treatment participation among heroin users released from prison. (*SubProject*)	NHMRC	5,000	10,000	4 years	Jan 2012 – Dec 2015
Investigating the relationships between alcohol and other drug use, mental health, early-life factors and life-course outcomes.	NHMRC	176,267	437,533	2 years	Jan 2014 – Dec 2015
Novel analyses of the WHO's World Mental Health Surveys	NHMRC	249,566	711,430	3 years	Jan 2015- Dec 2017
An RCT of cannabiniod replacement therapy for the management of treatment resistant cannabis dependent patients	NHMRC	9,202	27,606	3 years	Jan 2015 – Dec 2017
Advice on drug use data	NIH	2,451	2,451	1 year	Aug 2015 – Jul 2016
GPs opioid prescribing	MoH	–	62,580	3 years	Dec 2012 – Dec 2014*
Indigenous alcohol injuries	MoH	473,960	929,060	3 years	Jan 2014 – June 2016
Traumatic stress among adolescents	MoH	–	73,868	1 year	Jan 2014 – Dec 2014*

Development and pilot of online comorbidity tools to improve treatment engagement and effectiveness in mental health and substance abuse problems	MoH	46,051	250,000	3 years	Jan 2015 – Dec 2017
Ongoing surveillance of the diversion of medications used in opiod substitution treatment	RB	–	1,048,447	3 years	Sep 2011 – Dec 2013*
Ongoing post-marketing surveillance of Suboxone film 2013	RB	–	307,869	1 year	Mar 2013 – Dec 2013*
Post-marketing surveillance of buprenorphine-naloxone (Suboxone)	RB	–	359,655	3 years	Jan 2006 -Dec 2013*
RB POINT sub-study	RB	10,000	65,792	2 years	Mar 2014 – Oct 2015
A randomized controlled trial (RCT) to assess the accepability of a switch from Suboxone sublingual tablets to Suboxone sublingual film.	SESIAHS	–	65,000	1 year	Jan 2010 -Dec 2013*
Illicit substance use	SI	8,625	36,625	2 years	Jan 2014 – Dec 2015
Cannabis: public awareness strategy and prevention campaign	SI	28,000	28,000	1 year	Jan 2015 – Dec 2015
The Misha Project – Univ of Western Australia/Mission Australia Contract Research Shared Grant	UNIV OF WA	–	50,522	4 years	Dec 2011 – Dec 2014*
Centre of Research Excellence in Evidence-based Mental Health Planning: Translating Evidence into Policy and Services	UQ	81,170	487,020	6 years	Oct 2012 – Sep 2017
Vict Alcohol & Drug Association	VADA	–	22,511	1 year	Jul 2014 – Oct 2014*
Systematic review of Hepatitic C virus prevalence and incidence in closed settings	WHO	–	9,507	1 year	Sep 2012 – Dec 2013*
SUB TOTAL FOR PROJECTS		**8,547,695**	**36,292,554**		

SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS*	FUNDING SOURCE	2015 YEAR GRANT AWARD $	TOTAL GRANT AWARD $	PERIOD	START & END DATE
Scholarships					
APA PhD Scholarship for L. Albertella	DET	25,392	76,176	3 years	Feb 2013 – Feb 2016
APA PhD Scholarship for L. Birell	DET	25,392	76,176	3 years	Feb 2014 – Feb 2017
APA PhD Scholarship for K. Lancaster	DET	25,392	76,176	3 years	Mar 2013 – Mar 2016
APA PhD Scholarship for S. Memedovic	DET	25,392	76,176	3 years	Feb 2012 – Aug 2015
APA PhD Scholarship for M. O'Reilly	DET	25,392	76,176	3 years	Jan 2014 – Jan 2017
APA PhD Scholarship for K. Prior	DET	25,392	76,176	3 years	Mar 2014 – Mar 2017
APA PhD Scholarship for L. Gibson	DET	25,849	77,547	3 years	Mar 2015 – Mar 2018
Brain Sciences PhD Scholarship top-up for S.Memedovic	BS	5,000	15,000	3 years	Jan 2013 – Dec 2016
David Henning Memorial Phd Scholarship top-up for L. Birrell	ARH	2,151	2,151	1 year	Jan 2015 – Dec 2015
Ian Scott Scholarship for L. Gibson	ARH	2,151	2,151	1 year	Jan 2015 – Dec 2015
NDARC PhD Scholarship for M. Deady	NDARC	26,000	78,000	3 years	Mar 2012 – Mar 2015

NDARC PhD Scholarship for C. Foley	NDARC	26,000	78,000	3 years	Mar 2014 – Mar 2017
NDARC PhD Scholarship for E.Kelly	NDARC	26,000	78,000	3 years	Jan 2013 – Aug 2016
NDARC PhD Scholarship for C. McCormack	NDARC	26,000	78,000	3 years	Mar 2012 – Dec 2015
NDARC PhD Scholarship for M. Tye	NDARC	26,000	78,000	3 years	Aug 2011 – Jun 2015
NDARC PhD Scholarship for T. Vuong	NDARC	26,000	78,000	3 years	Feb 2012 – Mar 2016
NDARC PhD Scholarship for E. Whittaker	NDARC	26,000	78,000	3 years	Aug 2012 – Mar 2016
NDARC PhD Scholarship K. Woodcock	NDARC	26,000	78,000	3 years	Jan 2013 – Jan 2016
NDARC PhD Scholarship for V. Boland	NDARC	26,000	78,000	3 years	Jun 2015 – Jun 2018
NDARC PhD Scholarship for R. Sutherland	NDARC	26,000	78,000	3 yeas	Mar 2015 – Mar 2018
NDARC PhD Scholarship for M. O'Reilly	NDARC	15,000	45,000	3 years	Feb 2014 – Feb 2017
NDARC PhD Scholarship top-up for Z. Tonks	NDARC	11,000	33,000	3 years	Feb 2014 – Feb 2017
NDARC PhD Scholarship top-up for S. Memedovic	NDARC	2,272	2,272	3 years	Jan 2013 – Dec 2016
NDARC PhD Scholarship top-up for K. Champion	NDARC	2,272	78,000	3 years	Aug 2012 – Aug 2015
POINT PhD Scholarship for B. Hoban	NDARC	32,000	128,000	4 years	Mar 2013 – Mar 2017
Indigenous Drug and Alcohol Scholarship for A. Knight	NDARC	24,500	89,000	3 years	Aug 2013 – Aug 2016
DPMP PhD Scholarship for V. Moxham-Hall	NDARC	25,849	25,849	1 year	Jul 2015 – Jul 2016
NDARC (NET) PhD Scholarship for L. Rossen	NDARC	40,000	120,000	4 years	Feb 2012 – Dec 2015
NDARC (NET) PhD Scholarship for M. Snijder	NDARC	40,000	120,000	3 years	Jan 2014 – Jan 2016
NDARC (NET) PhD Scholarship for I. Honan	NDARC	40,000	120,000	3 years	Nov 2013 – Oct 2017
Far West Medicare Local PhD Scholarship for A. Munro	FWM	40,000	138,500	3 years	Apr 2014 – Jul 2017
NHMRC PhD Scholarship for K. Champion	NHMRC	26,479	78,437	3 years	Jan 2013 – Dec 2015
International Postgraduate Scholarship Z. Alam Mehrjerdi	UNSW	24,653	73,959	3 years	Aug 2013 – Aug 2016
SUB TOTAL SCHOLARSHIPS		**771,528**	**2,385,922**		
ADJUSTMENT FOR INTERNALLY FUNDED SCHOLARSHIPS		**–372,893**	**–1,181,121**		
ADJUSTED SUB TOTAL SCHOLARSHIPS		**398,635**	**1,204,801**		

Fellowships					
Postdoctoral Fellowship L. Mewton	ARH	37,500	75,000	2 years	May 2015 – May 2016
Geoffrey Betts Postdoctoral Fellowship For T. Handley	ARH	75,000	225,000	3 years	Jan 2014 – Dec 2016
Royce Abbey Postdoctorial Fellowship for J. Smith	ARH	–	150,000	3 years	Jan 2014 – Dec 2016
Early Career Fellowship for R. Courtney	CINSW	100,000	300,000	3 years	Jan 2015 – Dec 2017
Research Fellowship for F. Kay-Lambkin	NHMRC	–	384,160	4 years	Feb 2011 – Dec 2014*
Early Career Research Fellowship for M. Barratt	NHMRC	76,149	304,596	4 years	Jan 2014 – Dec 2017
Early Career Research Fellowship for B. Larance	NHMRC	76,149	304,596	4 years	Jan 2014 – Dec 2017
Early Career Research Fellowship for S. Larney	NHMRC	68,723	303,924	4 years	Jan 2012 – Dec 2015
Early Career Research Fellowship for N. Gisev	NHMRC	77,359	309,436	4 years	Jan 2015 – Dec 2018
Early Career Research Fellowship for S. Nielsen	NHMRC	77,359	154,718	2 years	Jan 2014 – Dec 2015
Early Career Research Fellowship for M. Livingston	NHMRC	74,891	299,564	4 years	Jan 2013 – Dec 2016
Early Career Research Fellowship for M. Sunderland	NHMRC	74,891	299,564	4 years	Jan 2013 – Dec 2016
Principal Research Fellowship for L. Degenhardt	NHMRC	142,949	714,745	5 years	Jul 2013 – Dec 2017
Principal Research Fellowship for R. Mattick	NHMRC	142,949	714,745	5 years	Jan 2013 – Dec 2017
Principal Research Fellowship for M. Teesson	NHMRC	147,996	739,980	5 years	Jan 2015 – Dec 2019
Senior Research Fellowship for A. Ritter	NHMRC	116,182	580,910	5 years	Jan 2012 – Dec 2016
SUB TOTAL FELLOWSHIPS		**1,288,097**	**5,860,938**		
TOTAL FOR PROJECTS, SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS		**10,157,068**	**43,048,857**		

OTHER INCOME*	FUNDING SOURCE	2015 YEAR GRANT AWARD $	TOTAL GRANT AWARD $	PERIOD	START & END DATE
Royalties	EXT	3,368	5,470	N/A	N/A
Annual Symposium	NDARC	26,345	26,345	1 year	Jan 2015 – Dec 2015
Drug Trends and DPMP Conference	NDARC	31,865	31,865	1 year	Jan 2015 – Dec 2015
NDARC External Consultancy Research	NDARC	14,014	14,014	1 year	Jan 2015 – Dec 2015
TOTAL OTHER INCOME		**75,592**	**77,694**		
GRAND TOTAL OF RESEARCH AWARDS TO NDARC		**16,094,484**	**49,336,942**		

*May be subject to indexation and interest

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Conference presentations

Alam-mehrjerdi, Z., Dolan, K., Mokri, A., & Ezard, N. *Women-specific drug treatment and harm reduction polices in Iran: a sensitive approach in Asia.* Presentation at the International Society for the Study of Drug Policy (ISSDP), Ghent, 20-22 May.

Albertella, L., Le Pelley, M. & Copeland, J. *Cannabis use, schizotypy, and attentional inhibition.* Poster presentation at the College of Problems of Drug Dependence (CPDD) 77th Annual Scientific Meeting, Phoenix, 13-18 June.

Anthony, J. & Copeland, J. *Epidemiology and Public Health Research Methods.* Workshop presentation at the College of Problems of Drug Dependence (CPDD) 77th Annual Scientific Meeting, Phoenix, 13-18 June.

Barratt, M. J., Maddox, A., Lenton, S., & Allen, M. *'What if you live on top of a bakery and you like cakes?' – Exploring the drug use and harm trajectories before, during and after the emergence of Silk Road*. Presentation at the 9th Annual Conference of the International Society for the Study of Drug Policy, Ghent, 20 May.

Barratt, M. J. *Healthier party settings in digitally connected contexts: Challenges and opportunities*. Invited presentation at Club Health: The 9th International Conference on Nightlife, Substance Use and Related Harms, Lisbon, 18 June.

Barratt, M. J., Butterfield, R., & Ezard, N. *Improving the monitoring of New Psychoactive Substances (NPS) in Australia*. Presentation at the 4th APSAAR (Asia-Pacific Society for Alcohol and Addiction Research) / 5th IDARS (International Drug Abuse Research Society) Conference, Sydney, 21 August.

Barratt, M. J., Maddox, A., Lenton, S., & Allen, M. *'What if you live on top of a bakery and you like cakes?' – Exploring the drug use and harm trajectories before, during and after the emergence of Silk Road*. Presentation at the NDARC Annual Symposium, Sydney, 15 September.

Barratt, M. J., Siedlecka, E., & Ritter, A. *Is drug checking effective at reducing harm? A systematic review*. Invited presentation to the 2015 Drug Policy Modelling Program (DPMP) Symposium, Sydney, 15 October.

Barratt, M. J. *Digital consumer involvement in harm reduction research: The Bluelight experience*. Presentation at the 24th International Harm Reduction Conference, Kuala Lumpur, 21 October.

Barratt, M. J. *The future of digital spaces, drug sales and drug policy*. Invited participant in roundtable discussion at the 2015 International Drug Reform Conference, Washington DC, 20 November.

Barratt, M. J. *From illicit drug markets to online illicit drug markets: The evolution of illicit drug markets*. Invited participant in roundtable discussion at the American Society of Criminology – 71st Annual Meeting 2015, Washington DC, 21 November.

Barrett E. L. *Trauma informed practice*. Invited panelist at the Corrective Services NSW Aboriginal Staff Network Conference. Sydney, 20 August.

Barrett E. L. *An innovative approach to treating trauma and substance use in young people.* Invited presentation at the Centre of Research Excellence in Mental Health and Substance Use (CREMS) National Colloquium, Canberra, 25 August.

Batterham, P.J., Calear, A.L., Sunderland, M., & Carragher, N. *An item-based approach to assessing suicide risk in the population.* Presentation at the 2015 IASR/AFSP International Summit on Suicide Research, New York, 11-14 October.

Batterham, P.J., Sunderland, M., Carragher, N., & Calear, A.L. *Development of eight item banks to assess specific mental health problems.* Presentation at the International Society for Quality of Life Research Annual Conference, Vancouver, 21-24 October.

Batterham, P.J., Calear, A.L., Sunderland, M., Carragher, N & Brewer, J. *The effect of population-based online screening and feedback on help seeking for depression and social anxiety: randomised controlled trial.* Presentation at the Society for Mental Health Research (SMHR) Conference, Brisbane, 2-4 December.

Calear, A.L., Batterham, P.J., Sunderland, M., & Carragher, N. *An item bank to assess suicidality in the population: Development and validation of the Rapid Measurement Toolkit for Suicidal Thoughts and Behaviours (RMT-STB).* Presentation at the Society for Mental Health Research (SMHR) Conference, Brisbane, 2-4 December.

Birrell, L., Slade, T., Newton, N., Champion, K., Barrett, E., Kelly, E., Conrod, P., & Teesson, M., *Spotlight on the Development of Anxiety, Depression and Alcohol use in adolescence*, Poster presentation at the Postgraduate Research Symposium, The Kirby Insitute, Sydney, 21 August.

Birrell, L., Slade, T., Newton, N. C. Chapman, C., Mewton, L., Shaw, B., & Teesson, M. *Hopeless, sad and trying alcohol.* E-poster presentation at the NHMRC Centre of Research Excellence in Mental Health and Substance Use (CREMS) annual colloquium, Canberra, 25 August.

Birrell, L., Slade, T., Newton, N. C. Champion, K., Barrett, E., Kelly, E., Nair, N., Conrod, P., & Teesson, M. *Trajectories of anxiety, depression and alcohol use in early adolescence: a longitudinal study.* Poster presentation at the National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre (NDARC) Annual Symposium, Sydney, 15 September.

Birrell, L., Slade, T., Newton, N., Champion, K., Barrett, E., Kelly, E., Nair, N., Conrod, P., & Teesson, M., *A developmental perspective on comorbidity: anxiety, mood disorders and alcohol use in adolescence*. Presentation at The 15th Congress of the International Federation for Psychiatric Epidemiology (IFPE), Bergen, 7-10 October.

Birrell, L.,, Newton, N., Slade, T., Chapman, C., Andrews, G., Mewton, L., Allsop, S., McBride, N., Hides, L., Te Pas, N., Pocuca, N., Firmin-Sarra, F., Tonks, Z., Shaw, B., & Teesson, M., *'Mental Health and Substance Use Prevention in Schools: The Climate Schools Combined Study'*. Presentation at the Society for Mental Health Research (SMHR) Conference, Brisbane, 2-4 December.

Breen, C., Xu, F., Whittaker, E. & Burns, L. *Hospital admissions for alcohol use disorder during pregnancy over a decade in NSW, Australia.* Presentation at the International Women's and Children's Health and Gender Group Conference, Phoenix, 12 June.

Breen, C., Xu, F., Whittaker, E., & Burns, L. *Hospital admissions for alcohol use disorders in pregnancy*. Presentation at the College of Problems of Drug Dependence

(CPDD) 77th Annual Scientific Meeting, Phoenix, 13-18 June.

Breen, C., Awbery, E., & Burns, L. *Development of a framework to assist primary care health professionals to reduce the harm associated with alcohol and other drug use in pregnancy.* Presentation at the 2015 Australian Winter School Unleash the Potential Conference, Brisbane, 22-24 July.

Breen, C., Xu, F., Whittaker, E. & Burns, L. *Trends in alcohol related hospital admissions during pregnancy 2001-2010: results from a population based cohort study in NSW.* Presentation at the 4th Australia Asia-Pacific Society for Alcohol and Addiction Research (APSAAR) and 5th International Drug Abuse Research Society (IDARS) Conference, Sydney, 18-21 August.

Breen, C., & Burns, L. *Assisting primary care health professionals to reduce the harm associated with alcohol and other drug use in pregnancy: development of a framework and educational resources.* Presentation at the 4th Australia Asia-Pacific Society for Alcohol and Addiction Research (APSAAR) and 5th International Drug Abuse Research Society (IDARS) Conference, Sydney, 18-21 August.

Breen, C., Xu, F., Slade, T., Sullivan, E., & Burns, L. *Paternal hospital admissions for alcohol use disorders before, during and after the birth of their child: Findings from a population based cohort using linked data.* Poster presentation at the Society of Mental Health Research (SMHR) Conference, Brisbane, 2-4 December.

Bright, D. & Sutherland, R. *"Just doing a favour for a friend": Social supply of ecstasy through friendship networks*. Presentation at the Illicit Networks Workshop, Montreal, 16-17 November.

Butler, K. & Burns, L. *Hepatitis C and associated risk behaviours in people who inject drugs.* Poster presentation at the College of Problems of Drug Dependence (CPDD) 77th Annual Scientific Meeting, Phoenix, 13-18 June.

Butler, K.*, Reeve, R.* Burns, L., Viney, R., Arora, S., Goodall, S., & Van Gool, K. *Using Multi-methods to evaluate clinical services: A case study.* Paper presentation at the International Evaluation Conference – Australasian Evaluation Society, Melbourne, 5-9 September.

Butler, K. & Burns, L. *Hepatitis C and associated risk behaviours in people who inject drugs.* Poster presentation at the National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre (NDARC) Symposium, Sydney, 15 September.

Butler, K. & Burns, L. *Hepatitis C and injecting risk behaviours in people who inject drugs.* Poster presentation at the 4th International Symposium on Hepatitis Care in Substance Users, Sydney, 7-9 October.

Butler, K.*, Reeve, R.*, Arora, S., Viney, R., Goodall, S., Van Gool, K. & Burns, L. *The costs and consequences of targeting AOD patients presenting to hospital emergency departments*. Paper presentation at the 2015 Annual Scientific Alcohol and Drug (APSAD) Conference, Perth, 8-11 November.

Burns, L., & Whittaker, E. *No place to call home: What homelessness means for people who use drugs.* Poster presentation at the College of Problems of Drug Dependence (CPDD) 77th Annual Scientific Meeting, Phoenix, 13-18 June.

Campbell, G., Nielsen, S., Larance, B., Bruno, R., Mattick, R., Hall, W., Lintzeris, N., Cohen, M., Smith, K., Degenhardt, L. *Pharmaceutical opioid use and dependence among people living with chronic pain: Associations observed within the Pain and Opioids IN Treatment (POINT) cohort.* Poster presentation at the NIDA International Forum, Phoenix, 12-15 June.

Campbell, G., Nielsen, S., Larance, B., Bruno, R., Mattick, R., Hall, W., Lintzeris, N., Cohen, M., Smith, K., & Degenhardt, L. *Pharmaceutical opioid use and dependence among people living with chronic pain: associations observed within the Pain and Opioids in Treatment Cohort.* Presentation at the College of Problems of Drug Dependence (CPDD) 77th Annual Scientific Meeting, Phoenix, 13-18 June.

Campbell, G., Darke, R., Bruno, R. & Degenhardt, L. *Prevalence, correlates and associations of suicidality in people with chronic non-cancer pain.* Presentation at The National Suicide Prevention conference, Hobart, 26-29 July.

Campbell, G., Nielsen, S., Larance, B., Bruno, R., Mattick, R., Hall, W., Lintzeris, N., Cohen, M., Smith, K., Degenhardt, L. *Pharmaceutical opioid use and dependence among people living with chronic pain: Associations observed within the Pain and Opioids IN Treatment (POINT) cohort.* Presentation at the NDARC Annual Symposium, 15 September.

Campbell, G., Darke, R., Bruno, R. & Degenhardt, L. *Prevalence, correlates and associations of suicidality in people with chronic non-cancer pain.* Poster presentation NDARC Annual Symposium, 15 September.

Cassar, J., Ross, J., Gaston, J., Mills, K., Kaye, S. & Teesson, M. *The Needs Focused Parenting (NFP) program: A pilot study protocol.* Poster presentation at the Society for Mental Health Research (SMHR) Conference, Brisbane, 2-4 December.

Chalmers, J., Olsen, A., Breckenridge, J.,& Fowlie, C. *Barriers and facilitators to integrated service provision for women affected by harmful alcohol and other drugs use and domestic and family violence.* Australian Social Policy Conference: Rights and Entitlements in Times of Austerity, UNSW Australia, Sydney, 28-30 September.

Chalmers, J., Hughes, C. & Lancaster, K. *General population surveys: is there systematic under-reporting?* Paper presentation at the Drug Policy Modelling Program (DPMP) Symposium, Sydney, 15 October.

Champion, K.E., Newton, N.C., & Teesson, M. *An evaluation of an online school-based prevention program for ecstasy and new psychoactive substances*. Poster presented at the Australasian Society for Behavioural Health and Medicine 10th Annual Scientific Conference, Perth, 11-13 February.

Champion, K.E., Teesson, M. & Newton, N.C. *Patterns and correlates of new psychoactive substance use in a sample of Australian high school students*. E-poster presentation at the Centre of Research Excellence in Mental Health and Substance Use (CREMS) National Colloquium, Canberra, 25 August.

Champion, K.E., Teesson, M., Stapinski, L. & Newton, N.C. *A cluster randomised controlled trial of an Internet-based prevention program for ecstasy and new psychoactive substances: 1 year outcomes of*

the CSI Study. Presentation at the National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre (NDARC) Symposium, Sydney, 15 September.

Champion, K.E., Newton, N.C., Stapinski, L., Slade, T., Barrett, E.L. & Teesson, M. *Internet-based prevention for alcohol, cannabis, ecstasy and new psychoactive substances: outcomes from two cluster randomised controlled trials.* Invited Presentation at the 3rd National Cannabis Conference, Melbourne, 7-9 October.

Champion, K.E., Teesson, M. & Newton, N.C. *Patterns and correlates of new psychoactive substance use in a sample of Australian high school students*. Poster presentation at the Society for Mental Health Research (SMHR) Conference, Brisbane, 2-4 December.

Champion, K.E., Teesson, M., Stapinski, L. & Newton, N.C. *Online prevention for new psychoactive substance and ecstasy use: 12-month outcomes of the CSI Study*. Presentation at the Society for Mental Health Research (SMHR) Conference, Brisbane, 2-4 December.

Chapman, C., Slade, T., Newton, N., & Teesson, M. *Co-occurring mental and substance use disorders in young people: an update on prevalence, impact and implications*. Paper presented to The Mental Health Services Learning Network Annual Conference (TheMHS), Canberra, 27 August.

Chapman, J., Monds, L., Nielsen, S., Cochrane, A., Coughlan, M., Harvey-Dodds, L., Hayes, L., Leung, S., Malcolm, A., O'Neil, F., & Lintzeris, N. *The development and evaluation of a structured benzodiazepine reduction program in an opioid treatment population.* Presentation at the Australasian Professional Society on Alcohol and Other Drugs (APSAD) Conference, Perth, 8-11 November.

Chatterton, M.*, Stockings, E.*, Berk, M., & Mihalopoulos, C. *Systematic review and meta-analysis of psychological therapies for bipolar disorder*. Poster presentation at the Society for Mental Health Research (SMHR) Conference, Brisbane, 2-4 Dec.

Carragher, N.*, Sunderland, M., Batterham, P., & Calear, A. *Discriminant validity and gender differences in DSM-5 posttraumatic stress disorder symptoms in the Australian general population.* Presentation at The 15th Congress of the International Federation for Psychiatric Epidemiology (IFPE), Bergen, 7-10 October.

Copeland, J., Clement, N., Pokorski, I., Phung, N. & Weltman, M. *Open label trial of cannabidiol (CBD) for the management of cannabis withdrawal.* Presentation at the Australasian Drug and Alcohol Strategy Conference, Brisbane, 18 March.

Copeland, J., Gates, P. & Balderstone, M. *Cannabis, driving and policing: views from MardiGrass.* Presentation at the Australasian Drug and Alcohol Strategy Conference, Brisbane, 18 March.

Copeland, J., Acharaya, S., & Howard, J. *Cannabis, Lord Shiva and holy men: Cannabis use among sadhus in Nepal.* Poster presentation at the College of Problems of Drug Dependence (CPDD) 77th Annual Scientific Meeting, Phoenix, 13-18 June.

Copeland, J., Acharaya, S., & Howard, J. *Cannabis, Lord Shiva and holy men: Cannabis use among sadhus in Nepal.* Poster presentation at the NIDA International Forum, Phoenix, 12-15 June.

Copeland, J. & McDonald, A. *"I felt like I was going to die": findings of a web-based survey of 1100 Australian synthetic cannabis users.* Presentation at the Lambert Initiative for Cannabis Therapeutics and The University of Sydney Synthetic Cannabinoids Roundtable, Sydney, 3 September.

Copeland, J., Gibson, L. & Rooke, S. *Managing addictions via mobile applications: a smartphone app to assist management of cannabis use.* Presentation at the Lisbon Addictions Conference 2015, Lisbon, 23-25 September.

Copeland, J., Clement, N., Pokorski, I., Phung, N. & Weltman, M. *Cannabidiol (CBD) for the management of cannabis withdrawal: a phase II proof of concept study.* Presentation at the Lisbon Addictions Conference 2015, Lisbon, 23-25 September.

Copeland, J. *Current cannabis controversies.* Presentation at the 3rd National Cannabis Conference, Melbourne, 7-9 October.

Copeland, J. & Gates, P. *Cannabis withdrawal.* Presentation at the 3rd National Cannabis Conference, Melbourne, 7-9 October.

Copeland, J. & Gates, P. *Cannabis interventions: an overview.* Presentation at the 3rd National Cannabis Conference, Melbourne, 7-9 October.

Deady, M., Teesson, M., Kay-Lambkin, F., & Mills, K. *The DEAL Project: A Brief, Online Intervention for Depression and Problematic Alcohol Use in Young People: Primary Outcomes.* E-poster presented at the Centre of Research Excellence in Mental Health and Substance Use (CREMS) National Colloquium, Canberra, 25 August.

Deady, M., Teesson, M., Kay-Lambkin, F., & Mills, K. *The DEAL Project: A Brief, Online Intervention for Depression and Problematic Alcohol Use in Young People: Primary Outcomes*. Poster presentation at the National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre (NDARC) Symposium, Sydney, 15 September.

Degenhardt, L. *Determining the impact of opioid substitution therapy (OST) on crime and mortality using data linkage.* Invited presentation at the Applied Research in Crime and Justice Conference 2015, Sydney, 18-19 February.

Degenhardt, L. *Pharmaceutical opioids in Australia: Complexities, comorbidities and consequences.* Invited presentation at the Australian Pain Society conference, Brisbane, 16 March.

Degenhardt, L. *Agreement between definitions of pharmaceutical opioid dependence in people taking opioids for chronic non-cancer pain: Findings from the Pain and Opioids IN Treatment (POINT) cohort.* Presentation at the College of Problems of Drug Dependence (CPDD) 77th Annual Scientific Meeting, Phoenix, 13-18 June.

Degenhardt, L. *Experience of adjunctive cannabis use for chronic non-cancer pain: Findings from the Pain and Opioids IN Treatment (POINT) study.* Poster presentation at the NIDA International Forum, Phoenix, 12-15 June.

Degenhardt, L., Bruno, R., Lintzeris, N., Hall, W., Nielsen, S., Larance, B., Cohen, M., & Campbell, G. *Examining DSM and ICD Definitions of Pharmaceutical*

Opioid Dependence in people taking opioid for chronic pain: Findings from the Pain and Opioids in Treatment Study. Presentation at the College of Problems of Drug Dependence (CPDD) 77th Annual Scientific Meeting, Phoenix, 13-18 June.

Degenhardt, L. & Lago, L. *Update on the substance use disorders workgroup.* Paper presentation at the World Mental Health Survey Consortium Meeting, Boston, 8-12 July.

Degenhardt, L. & Lago, L. *Overview of the Australian survey outputs.* Paper presentation at the World Mental Health Survey Consortium Meeting, Boston, 8-12 July.

Degenhardt, L., Gisev, N.*, Cama, E., Larance, B., & Bruno, R. *Estimating the extent and predictors of pharmaceutical opioid use in Australia in 2013*. Presentation at the 31st International Conference on Pharmacoepidemiology & Therapeutic Risk Management, Boston, 22-26 August.

Degenhardt, L. *Determining the impact of opioid substitution therapy upon mortality: Evaluation during key risk periods.* Invited plenary presentation at the Norwegian Overdose Conference, Bergen, 31 August.

Degenhardt, L. *Global burden of substance use disorders: Findings from the Global Burden of Disease Study 2013.* Invited plenary presentation at the International Federation of Psychiatric Epidemiology (IFPE) conference, Bergen, 9 October.

Degenhardt, L. *Global burden attributable to injecting drug use: Findings from the Global Burden of Disease Study 2013.* Paper presentation at the International Federation of Psychiatric Epidemiology (IFPE) conference, Bergen, 9 October.

Degenhardt, L. *Global burden of substance use disorders: Findings from the Global Burden of Disease Study 2013.* Invited presentation at the World Health Organization's Technical Advisory Group on Alcohol and Drug Epidemiology, Geneva, 23 November.

Degenhardt, L. *The importance of robust epidemiological evidence on the prevalence of injecting drug use and opioid dependence.* Invited plenary presentation at the Testing the Waters Conference, Monte Verita, 10 October.

Degenhardt, L. *Global burden of substance use disorders: Findings from the Global Burden of Disease Study 2013.* Paper presentation at the Society for Mental Health Research (SMHR) Conference, Brisbane, 2-4 December.

Degenhardt, L. *The epidemiology and burden of disease due to alcohol and illicit drug use and dependence.* Invited presentation at the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) Scientific Consultation on Prevention of drug use and treatment of drug use disorders, Vienna, 8-10 December.

Degenhardt, L. *The contribution of data linkage to answering questions about treatment effectiveness.* Invited presentation at the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) Scientific Consultation on Prevention of drug use and treatment of drug use disorders, Vienna, 8-10 December.

Dolan, K. *Provision of Health Care as an Alternative to incarceration for Drug Offenders.* Inter-country meeting on strengthening the public health response to substance use, Cairo, 14-16 April.

Dolan, K., Moazen, B., Noori, A., Rahimzadeh, S., Farzadfar, F., & Hariga, F. *HIV/AIDS in prison: a global systematic review of HIV incidence and AIDS related mortality.* Presentation at the 8th International Aids Society (IAS) Conference on HIV Pathogenesis, Treatment and Prevention, Vancouver, 19-22 July.

Dolan, K.. Ezard, N., Cubitt, T., Hodge, S., Baldry, E., Burns, L., & Day, C. *Feasibility of a Managed Alcohol Program for Sydney's Homeless.* Presentation at the National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre (NDARC) Symposium, Sydney, 15 September.

Dolan, K. *Harm reduction in prison: How Australia compares to the rest of the world.* Invited presentation at CREIDU Colloquium Prisoner Health and Injecting Drug Use, Melbourne, 12 October.

Dolan, K. Panel discussion on Needle and Syringe programs in Australian prisons. Invited presentation at CREIDU Colloquium Prisoner Health and Injecting Drug Use, Melbourne, 12 October.

Dolan, K.. Ezard, N., Cubitt, T., Hodge, S., Baldry, E., Burns, L., & Day, C. *Feasibility of a Managed Alcohol Program for Sydney's Homeless.* Presentation at the 24th International Harm Reduction Conference, Kuala Lumpur, 18-21 October.

Dolan, K., Moazen, B., Noori, A., Rahimzadeh, S., Farzadfar, F., & Hariga, F. *HIV in prison: A global systematic review of incidence and mortality*. Presentation at the 24th International Harm Reduction Conference, Kuala Lumpur, 18-21 October.

Ezard, N., Dolan, K., Baldry, E., Burns, L. & Day, C.* *Feasibility of a Managed Alcohol Program for Sydney's Homeless.* Presentation at the Second National Complex Needs Conference, Canberra, 17-18 November.

Ezard, N., Dolan, K., Baldry, E., Burns, L. & Day, C.* *Feasibility of a Managed Alcohol Program for Sydney's Homeless.* Presentation at the 2015 Annual Scientific Alcohol and Drug (APSAD) Conference, Perth, 8-11 November.

Farrell, M. Invited speaker at "Prison and drug use: costs, criteria and management" Symposium, held at the EMCDDA Addictions Conference 2015, Lisbon, 23 September.

Farrell, M. *Current trends in methamphetamine use.* Presentation at the South Western Sydney Local Health District (SWSLHD) Research and Ethics Symposium, Sydney, 27 November.

Gates, P. *Cannabis: Where's the Harm?* Presentation at the 3rd National Cannabis Conference, Melbourne, 7-9 October.

Gates, P. *Cannabis and Driving in Australia.* Presentation at the 3rd National Cannabis Conference, Melbourne, 7-9 October.

Gibson, L., Clement., N., Tibbetts., J., Matalon, E., & Copeland, J. *Testing the feasibility and potential efficacy of a very brief intervention for cannabis users in an emergency department setting.* Presentation at The Australian and New Zealand Addiction Conference, Gold Coast, 20-22 May.

Gibson, L., Rooke, S., & Copeland, J. *Efficacy testing of the first evidence-based smartphone app for the self-management of cannabis use.* Poster presentation at the National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre (NDARC) Annual Symposium, Sydney, 15 September.

Gibson, L., Rooke, S., Albertella, L., & Copeland, J. *Managing addictions via mobile applications: A smartphone app for managing cannabis use.* Presentation at the 3rd National Cannabis Conference, Melbourne, 7-9 October.

Gisev, N., Larney, S., Dobbins, T., Gibson, A., Kimber, J., Butler, T., Mattick, R., Burns, L., & Degenhardt L. *The effect of treatment and retention with opioid substitution therapy in reducing crime among opioid-dependent people.* Presentation at the 31st International Conference on Pharmacoepidemiology & Therapeutic Risk Management, Boston, 22-26 August.

Gisev, N., Shanahan, M., Weatherburn, D.J., Mattick, R.P., Larney, S., Burns, L., & Degenhardt, L. *A cost-effectiveness analysis of opioid substitution therapy upon release in reducing mortality among prisoners with a history of opioid dependence.* Poster presentation at the 31st International Conference on Pharmacoepidemiology & Therapeutic Risk Management, Boston, 22-26 August.

Gisev, N., Shanahan, M., Weatherburn, D., Mattick, R., Larney, S., Burns, L., & Degenhardt, L. *A cost-effectiveness analysis of opioid substitution therapy upon release in reducing mortality among prisoners with a history of opioid dependence.* Poster presentation at the National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre (NDARC) Symposium, Sydney, 15 September.

Gisev, N., Nielsen, S., Cama, E., Larance, B., Bruno, R., & Degenhardt, L. *An ecological study of the extent and factors associated with use of prescription and over-the-counter codeine in Australia.* Presentation at the 2015 Australasian Pharmaceutical Science Association/ Australasian Society of Clinical and Experimental Pharmacologist and Toxicologists Scientific Meeting, Hobart, 29 November-2 December.

Gisev, N. *Opioid substitution therapy among prisoners: Longitudinal findings from a data linkage study.* Invited presentation at the 2015 Australasian Pharmaceutical Science Association/ Australasian Society of Clinical and Experimental Pharmacologist and Toxicologists Scientific Meeting, Hobart, 29 November-2 December.

Hillhouse, M., Ang, A., Thomas, C., Nielsen, S., Walker, R., Potter,J., Brigham, G., Stout, S., Weimer, M., & Winhusen, T. *Opioid use severity and treatment outcomes in cocaine dependent participants with a history of opioid abuse/dependence.* Poster presentation at the College of Problems of Drug Dependence (CPDD) 77th Annual Scientific Meeting, Phoenix, 13-18 June.

Hoban, B., Larance, B., Gisev, N., Nielsen, S., Bruno, R., & Degenhardt, L. *Sedative load among people with chronic non-cancer pain prescribe d opioids: associations with drowsiness and emergency health service utilization*. Presentation at the Australian Pain Society 35th Annual Scientific Meeting, Brisbane, 15-18 March.

Hoban, B., Larance, B., Gisev, N., Nielsen, S., Bruno ,R., & Degenhardt, L. *Investigating correlates of sedative load among people with chronic non-cancer pain and the association with drowsiness and ambulance use.* Poster presentation at the 9th Congress of the European Pain Federation (EFIC), 2-5 September.

Hoban, B., Larance, B., Gisev, N., Nielsen, S., Bruno, R., & Degenhardt L. *Sedative load among people with chronic non-cancer pain prescribed opioids: associations with drowsiness and emergency health service utilization.* Poster presentation NDARC Annual Symposium, 15 September.

Hordern, A. & Burns, L. *Drug Driving among PWID: Results from the South Australia IDRS 2015*. Poster presentation at the 2015 National Drug Trends Conference, Sydney, 14 October.

Hughes, C., Weatherburn, D & MacCoun, R. *The deterrent effects of drug detection dogs in NSW, Australia.* Presentation at the Applied Research in Crime and Justice Conference, Sydney 2015, 8-19 February.

Hughes, C., Chalmers, J., Bright, D., & McFadden, M. *Exposing Australia's poly-drug traffickers.* 7th Australasian Drug and Alcohol Strategy Conference, Brisbane, 17-20 March.

Hughes, C., Chalmers, J., Bright, D. & McFadden, M. *Exposing Australia's poly-drug trafficking networks.* 9th International Society for the Study of Drug Policy Conference, Ghent, Belgium, 21 May.

Hughes, C. *Drug law reform: The Portuguese experience*. NSW Bar Association Drug Law Reform Conference, Sydney, 29 May.

Hughes, C. *The international use and misuse of the Portuguese (decriminalisation) example*. ISSDP/ESC Meeting on Portuguese Drug Policy, University of Porto, Porto, Portugal, 2 September.

Hughes, C. & Shanahan, M. *Australian alternatives to arrest and imprisonment for drug and drug-related offenders: Assessing program and system outcomes.* 15th Annual European Society of Criminology Conference, Porto, Portugal, 4 September.

Hunt, S., Baker, A., Michie, P., & Kay-Lambkin, F. *Neuropsychological functioning in people with co-occurring alcohol misuse and depression: A systematic review.* Presentation at the Society for Mental Health Research (SMHR) Conference, Brisbane, 2-4 December.

Hutchinson, D., Wilson, J., McCormack, C., Allsop, S., Najman, J., Elliott, E., Burns, L., Olssone, C., Jacobs, S., Bartu, A., Feidler, H., Honan, I., Rossen, L., Bucello, C. & Mattick, R.P. *The Triple B Pregnancy Cohort Study: Alcohol use during pregnancy and developmental outcomes in infants at 12-months of age.* Presentation at The National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre (NDARC) Annual Symposium, Sydney, 15 September.

Hutchinson, D. *The Triple B Pregnancy Cohort Study*, Presentation at the Centre for Social and Early Emotional Development (SEED), Intergenerational and Perinatal Meeting, Melbourne, 8 October.

Kay-Lambkin, F. *Breaking the Ice -Internet Approach Addressing Stimulant Use.* Webinar presentation at the e-Mental Health Conference: From Telemedicine to Virtual Mental Health, Vancouver, 18 January.

Kay-Lambkin, F. *"It's worth a try: Integrating eHealth interventions into the treatment of mental health and alcohol/other substance use*

problems." Presentation at the Providing Health Care Across Diverse Regions Conference: Challenges for the resources sector, primary industries and communities, Tamworth, 12 March.

Kay-Lambkin, F. *The iTreAD Project: using online CBT and moderated social networking to engage and assist young people with depression and binge drinking problems.* Presentation at the College of Problems of Drug Dependence (CPDD) 77th Annual Scientific Meeting, Phoenix, 13-18 June.

Kay-Lambkin, F., & Deady, M. *Youth-focussed online treatments for mental health and drug and alcohol disorders.* Presentation at the Central Coast Youth Services Drug & Alcohol Forum, Erina, June.

Kay-Lambkin, F. *Substance Use Disorders...what do we know, and what don't we know?* Presentation at the the NSW Mining Health, Safety, Environment & Community Conference, Newcastle, 1 September.

Kay-Lambkin, F. *Evidence-based Internet treatments for affective disorders and at-risk drinking; potential for the Australian Defence Forces.* Presentation at the Australasian Military Medicine Association (AMMA) Conference, Hobart, 9-11 October.

Kay-Lambkin, F. *The iTreAD Project: using online CBT and moderated social networking to engage and assist young people with depression and binge drinking problems.* Presentation at the Society for Mental Health Research (SMHR) Conference, Brisbane, 2-4 December.

Kaye, S., Allsop, S., Degenhardt, L., Carruthers, S., Gilsenan, J., Young, J., van de Glind, G., & van den Brink, W. *Risk behaviour in clinical samples of Australian substance users and the role of ADHD.* Presentation at the ADHD and Substance Use Disorders Conference, Stockholm, 15 June.

Khan, S.R., Striley, C.W., Copeland. J., Kurtz, S.P. & Cottler, L. *Risk of sexual abuse among ecstasy users differs by gender and other drug use.* Poster presentation at the College of Problems of Drug Dependence (CPDD) 77th Annual Scientific Meeting, Phoenix, 13-18 June.

Kingston, R., & Watkins, E. *Positive metacognitive beliefs about rumination and worry increase repetitive negative thinking after a stressful event*. E-poster presentation at the Centre for Research Excellence in Mental Health and Substance Use (CREMS) Annual Colloquium, Canberra, 25 August.

Knight, A., Shakeshaft, A., Havard, A., Maple, M., Shakeshaft, B. & Stone, C. *Preliminary findings from an evaluation of an intervention for young people with multiple and complex needs.* Poster presentation at the National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre (NDARC) Symposium, Sydney, 15 September.

Knight, A., Shakeshaft, A., Havard, A., Maple, M., Shakeshaft, B. & Stone, C. *Preliminary findings from an evaluation of an intervention for young people with multiple and complex needs.* Conference presentation at the 2015 NSW Rural Health & Research Congress, Armidale, 5 November.

Knight, A., Shakeshaft, A.*, Havard, A., Maple, M., Shakeshaft, B. & Stone, C. *Evaluating an intervention for young people with multiple and complex needs.* Conference presentation at the Second National Complex Needs Conference, Canberra, 18 November.

Lago, L. *Concordance of ICD-11 and DSM-5 definitions of alcohol and cannabis use disorder: A population based study*. Presentation at the Society of Mental Health Research (SMHR) Conference, Brisbane, 2-4 December.

Lancaster, K. *Contemporary case study research in a politicised domain: examining drug policy processes in Australia*. Paper presentation at the International Institute for Qualitative Methodology Qualitative Methods (QM) Conference, Melbourne, 28-30 April.

Lancaster, K. *Laws prohibiting peer distribution of injecting equipment in Australia: A critical analysis of their effects*. Paper presentation at the 2nd UNSW Postgraduate Research Symposium: Where the marginal matters: Strengthening trans-disciplinary connections in postgraduate health research on sex, drugs and risk, Sydney, 21 August.

Lancaster, K. *"We know this": The constitution and validation of knowledge(s) in drug policy processes*. Paper presentation at the 3rd Contemporary Drug Problems Conference – Encountering alcohol and other drugs, Lisbon, 16-18 September.

Lancaster, K., Seear, K., & Treloar, C. *Laws prohibiting peer distribution of injecting equipment in Australia: A critical analysis of their effects*. Paper presentation at the Drug Policy Modelling Program (DPMP) Symposium, Sydney, 15 October.

Larance, B. *The complexities, comorbidities and consequences of pharmaceutical opioids: An overview of the Australian situation and early findings of post-marketing surveillance of a potentially abuse-deterrent formulation of oxycodone.* Invited plenary presentation at APP 2015: The Pharmacy Guild of Australia's Annual National Conference, Brisbane, 12-15 March.

Larance, B., Cama, E., Gisev, N., Nelson, E., Degenhardt, L. *Transitions from heroin use, to dependence and treatment seeking among an opioid-dependent sample.* Poster presentation at the NIDA International Forum, Phoenix, United States, 11-15 June 2015.

Larance, B., Peacock, A., Campbell, G., Bruno, R., Lintzeris, N., Cohen, M., Nielsen, S., Hall, W., Mattick, R., & Degenhardt, L. *Sex differences in alcohol use disorders and risky drinking among chronic non-cancer pain patients receiving opioid therapy.* Poster presentation at the College of Problems of Drug Dependence (CPDD) 77th Annual Scientific Meeting, Phoenix, 13-18 June.

Larance, B., Campbell, G., Nielsen, S., Bruno, R., Lintzeris, N., Cohen, M., Degenhardt, L. *Medication control and help-seeking among a cohort of people with chronic non-cancer pain who are prescribed opioids.* Presentation at the NDARC Annual Symposium, Sydney, 15 September.

Larance, B., Campbell, G., Nielsen, S., Bruno, R., Lintzeris, N., Cohen, M. & Degenhardt, L. *Medication related problems amongst a cohort of chronic non-cancer pain patients prescribed strong opioids.* Presentation at the Australasian Professional Society on Alcohol and Other Drugs (APSAD) Conference, Perth, 8-11 November.

Larney, S. *Opioid substitution therapy and mortality in and out of prison.* Invited presentation at the Justice Health and Forensic Mental Health Drug and Alcohol Annual Symposium, Sydney, 28 August.

Larney, S., Zador, D., Sindicich, N., & Dolan, K. *Reasons for seeking and ceasing opioid substitution therapy in prison and prior to release*. Presentation at the National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre (NDARC) Symposium, Sydney, 15 September.

Larney, S., Gisev, N., Farrell, M., Dobbins, T., Burns, L., Gibson, A., Kimber, J., & Degenhardt, L. *Opioid substitution therapy reduces deaths in prison.* Presentation at the International Harm Reduction Conference, Kuala Lumpur, 18-21 October.

Larney, S. *Opioid dependence and substitution therapies in the criminal justice system.* Invited keynote presentation at the Forensic Psychology Research Conference, Sydney, 27 October.

Larney, S., Zador, D., Sindicich, N., & Dolan, K. *Patient experiences of opioid substitution therapy in prison: Reasons for seeking and ceasing treatment.* Presentation at the Australasian Professional Society on Alcohol and Other Drugs (APSAD) Conference, Perth, 8-11 November.

Lattas, G., Larney, S., & Nielsen, S. *Comparing Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Symptoms and Substance Use Among People Who Use Pharmaceutical Opioids and People Who Use Heroin.* Presentation at the 13th Annual Forensic Psychology Research Conference, Sydney, 27-28 October.

Lenton, S., Grigg, J., Scott, J., & Barratt, M. J. *The social supply of cannabis in Australia – Definitional challenges and regulatory possibilities*. Presentation at the 9th Annual Conference of the International Society for the Study of Drug Policy, Ghent, 20 May.

Luu, B., Whittaker, E., de Rosnay, M., & Goldwater, M. B. *Selective trust in the domain of practical knowledge: Three- and four-year-olds' sensitivity to convention and confidence. In K. Corriveau (Chair), Learning what from whom: Early selective trust and the implications for cultural transmission.* Symposium conducted at the Biennial Meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development (SRCD), Philadelphia, 19-21 March.

Maddox, A., Barratt, M., Allen, M. & Lenton, S. *Drugs, social media and TrISMA: what can we learn about online drug discussion through big data?* Presentation selected from abstract at The Australian Sociological Association (TASA) 2015 Conference, Cairns, 25 November.

Maddox, A., Barratt, M. J., Allen, M., & Lenton, S. *The digital demi-monde: The space for techno-activism in the dark web*. Presentation at Worldwide Universities Network: Understanding Global Digital Cultures Conference, Hong Kong, 26 April.

Marel, C., Mills, K.L., Slade, T., Ross, J., Burns, L., Darke, S. & Teesson, M. *The relationship between crime and heroin use over time: What can we learn from the Australian Treatment Outcome Study?* Invited presentation at the Justice Health and Forensic Mental Health Network Annual Conference, Sydney, 27-28 August.

Marel, C., Mills, K.L., Darke, S., Ross, J., Slade, T., Burns, L. & Teesson, M. *Predictors and patterns of long-term mental health and heroin use: Findings from the 11-year follow-up of the Australian Treatment Outcome Study.* Presented at the Society of Mental Health Research Annual Conference, Brisbane, 2-4 December.

Matalon, E. *Adolescent Cannabis Check Up & Quitting Cannabis 1-6.* Presentation to International Association of Psychiatric Nurses of Nigeria (IAPNN) Conference, Melbourne, 9 April.

Matalon, E. *Very Brief Interventions for Cannabis Use.* Presentation at the National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre (NDARC) Symposium, Sydney, 15 September.

Matalon, E. *Three Brief interventions for cannabis use disorder within a clinical setting.* Presentation at the 3rd National Cannabis Conference, Melbourne, 7-9 October.

Matalon, E. *Very Brief Intervention for Cannabis.* Presentation to Rural and Isolated Practice Nursing (RIPRN) Forum 2015, Melbourne, 10 December.

McCormack, C., Hutchinson, D., Burns, L., Wilson, J., Allsop, S., Najman, J., Elliott, E., Jacobs, S., Olssen, C., Mattick, R. *Prenatal alcohol consumption prior to pregnancy recognition*. Presented at the College on Problems of Drug Dependence 77th Annual Scientific Meeting, Phoenix, 16 June.

McCormack, C., Hutchinson, D., Burns, L., Wilson, J., Allsop, S., Najman, J., Elliott, E., Jacobs, S., Olssen, C., Mattick, R. . *Prenatal alcohol consumption prior to pregnancy recognition*. Presented at the 38th Annual Research Society on Alcoholism Scientific Meeting, San Antonio, 23 June.

McCormack, C., Hutchinson, D., Burns, L., Wilson, J., Allsop, S., Najman, J., Elliott, E., Jacobs, S., Olssen, C., Mattick, R. *Prenatal alcohol consumption prior to pregnancy recognition*. Invited Presentation at the 4th Australia Asia-Pacific Society for Alcohol and Addiction Research (APSAAR) and 5th International Drug Abuse Research Society (IDARS) Conference, Sydney, 18-21 August.

Merghati-Khoei, E., Mokri, A., Yadollahi, F., Dolan, K., & Killeen, T. *Vocalized truths: The Iranian drug-using women participated in a qualitative study.* Presentation at the NIDA International Forum, Phoenix, 12-15 June.

Mewton, L., Teesson, M. & Slade, T. *Using epidemiology and survey methodology to inform diagnosis.* Presentation at the International Federation of Psychiatric Epidemiology (IFPE) Congress, Bergen, 7-10 October.

Mewton, L. *The Brains Games Study: A randomised controlled trial of brain training to prevent adolescent mental illness.* Presentation at the Centre for Research Excellence in Mental Health and Substance Use (CREMS) Annual Colloquium, Canberra, 25 August.

Mills, K., Back, S., Brady, K., Baker, A., Sannibale, C. & Teesson, M. *Concurrent Treatment of PTSD and Substance Use Disorders Using Prolonged Exposure (COPE).* Presentation at the International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies Annual Conference. New Orleans, United States, 7 November.

Mills, K., Marel, C., Darke, S., Ross, J., Slade, T., Burns, L. & Teesson, M. *The long-term impact of PTSD on recovery from heroin dependence.* Poster at the Conference of the Society for Mental Health Research, Brisbane, 2-4 December.

Nair, N., Newton, N. C., Teesson, M., Slade, T., Barrett, E., Champion, K., & Conrod, P. *Are internalising symptoms a risk or protective factor for alcohol misuse in adolescence?* E-poster presentation at the NHMRC Centre of Research Excellence in

Mental Health and Substance Use (CREMS) annual colloquium, Canberra, 25 August.

Nair, N., Newton, N. C. Teesson, M., Slade, T., Barrett, E., Champion, K., & Conrod, P. *Internalising/ externalizing symptoms and alcohol misuse: 36 month follow-up data from an Australian adolescent population.* Poster presentation at the National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre (NDARC) Annual Symposium, Sydney, 15 September.

Nair, N. K., Reda, B., Stapinski, L., Newton, N.C., Rodriguez, D., Chapman, C. & Teesson, M. *"Pure Rush": Development of a serious game to educate young people about cannabis and other illicit drugs.* Invited Presentation at the 3rd National Cannabis Conference, Melbourne, 7-9 October.

Newton, N.C., Teesson, M., Slade, T., Carragher, N., Stapinski, L., Champion, K., Kelly, E., Nair, N., Barrett. E. L. & Conrod, P. *Three-year outcomes of a selective, personality-targeted prevention program: Reducing alcohol use, alcohol related-harms, internalising and externalising problems among adolescents.* Presentation at the National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre (NDARC) Annual Symposium, Sydney, 15 September.

Nielsen S. *Pharmaceutical opioid dependence: Defining populations and treatment responses.* Invited Keynote presentation at the Hunter New England Drug and Alcohol Clinical Services Conference, Newcastle, 2 June.

Nielsen, S., Larance, B., Lintzeris, N., Holliday, S., Vanderhaven, M., Lattas, G., Hordern, A., Dunlop, A., Haber, P., Murnion, B., Silsbury, C., Johnson, J., Demirkol, A., Sadler, C., Phung, N., Burns, L., Mattick, R., Campbell, G., Farrell, M., Cohen, M., Bruno, R., Hardy, M., Brown, A., Houseman, J., & Degenhardt, L. *An Australian cohort study of pharmaceutical opioid users in treatment.* Poster presentation at the NIDA International Forum, Phoenix, 12-15 June.

Nielsen, S., Roxburgh, A., Bruno, R., Lintzeris, N., Jefferson, A., & Degenhardt, L. *Changing patterns of treatment seeking for pharmaceutical opioid in Australia (2002-2011).* College on Problems of Drug Dependence 77th Annual Meeting, Phoenix, USA June 13-19, 2015 Poster presentation at the College of Problems of Drug Dependence (CPDD) 77th Annual Scientific Meeting, Phoenix, 13-18 June.

Nielsen, S., Campbell, G., Larance, B., Bruno, R., Mattick, R., Hall, W., Lintzeris, N., Cohen, M. & Degenhardt, L. *Is higher opioid dose associated with greater functioning or more pain relief?* Poster presentation at the 9th Congress of the European Pain Federation, Vienna, 2-5 September.

Nielsen, S., Larance, B., Lintzeris, N., Holliday, S., Vanderhaven, M., Hordern, A., Dunlop, A., Haber, P., Murnion, B., Silsbury, C., Phung, N., Johnson, J., Demirkol, A., Sadler, C., Burns, L., Mattick, R., Campbell, G., Farrell, M., Cohen, M., Bruno, R., Hardy, M., Brown, A., Houseman, J. & Degenhardt, L. *Longer term outcomes for pharmaceutical opioid dependence: 12 month findings from a treatment cohort.* Presentation at the Australasian Professional Society on Alcohol and Other Drugs (APSAD) Conference, Perth, 8-11 November.

Nielsen, S., Bruno, R., Murnion, B., Dunlop, A., Degenhardt, L., Demirkol, A., Muhleisen, P. & Lintzeris, N. *Opioid pharmacotherapy dose requirements for oxycodone and morphine dependence.* Poster presentation at the Australasian Professional Society on Alcohol and Other Drugs (APSAD) Conference, Perth, 8-11 November.

O'Reilly, M.J.A., Hughes, C.E., & Chalmers, J. *Australian border supply trends of meth/amphetamines 2002-2014: End-product and precursors.* Poster presentation at the National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre (NDARC) Annual Research Symposium, Sydney, 15 September.

Peacock, A., Degenhardt, L., Lintzeris, N., Larance, B., Campbell, G., Nielsen, S., Cohen, M., & Bruno, R. *Opioid therapy for chronic non-cancer pain: Does typology of risk predict aberrant behavior.* Poster presentation at the College of Problems of Drug Dependence (CPDD) 77th Annual Scientific Meeting, Phoenix, 13-18 June.

Prior, K., Ross, J., Mills, K., & Teesson, M. *Depressed substance users in treatment: How common and concerning is social anxiety?* Presentation at the Postgraduate Research Symposium, The Kirby Institute, Sydney, 21 August.

Prior, K., Ross, J., Mills, K., & Teesson, M. *Substance use disorders comorbid with mood and anxiety disorders in the Australian general population.* Presentation at The 15th Congress of the International Federation for Psychiatric Epidemiology (IFPE), Bergen, 7-10 October.

Prior, K., Ross, J., Mills, K., & Teesson, M. *Depressed, substance dependent individuals with and without social anxiety: Occurrence and clinically important differences.* Presentation at the Society of Mental Health Research (SMHR) Conference, Brisbane, 2-4 December.

Ritter, A. *The Victorian AOD treatment system and the Commonwealth: history, harmonisation and discontinuity.* Keynote address at the Victorian Alcohol and Drug Association (VAADA) Conference, Melbourne, 19 February.

Ritter, A. *Comparative policy analysis: how far have we come?* Presentation at the 9th Annual Conference of the International Society for the Study of Drug Policy, Ghent, 20-22 May.

Ritter, A. *The dynamics of drug policy: relational, emergent and contingent.* Keynote presentation at the Contemporary Drug Problems Conference – Encountering alcohol and other drugs, Lisbon, 16-18 September.

Ritter, A. *Medicinal cannabis: a review of findings in relation to policy impacts.* Presentation at the Drug Policy Modelling Program (DPMP) Annual Symposium, Sydney, 15 October.

Ritter, A. *Policy frameworks and community impacts – crystal methamphetamine and GLBTI communities.* Panel member at the ACON Big Day In, Sydney, 6 November.

Rooke, S., Webb, L., Albertella, L., & Copeland, J.* *A smartphone application for managing cannabis use.* Poster presentation at the College of Problems of Drug Dependence (CPDD) 77th Annual Scientific Meeting, Phoenix, 13-18 June.

Rossen, L., Hutchinson, D., Mattick, R., Burns, L., Wilson, J., Allsop, S., Najman, J., Elliott, E., Jacobs, S., Olsson, C., & Bartu, A. *Mother-infant bonding and emotional availability at 12 months of age: The*

predictive role of early postnatal bonding, maternal substance use and mental health. Poster presentation at the International Convention of Psychological Science (ICPS), Amsterdam, 12-14 March.

Rossen, L., Hutchinson, D., Mattick, R., Burns, L., Wilson, J., Allsop, S., Najman, J., Elliott, E., Jacobs, S., Olsson, C., & Bartu, A. *Predicting mother-infant and partner-infant emotional availability at 12-months of age: The role of early bonding, substance use and mental health.* Presentation at the Australian Association for Infant Mental Health National Conference, Sydney, 29-31 October.

Rowe, R., Berger, I. & Copeland, J. *Patterns of performance and image-enhancing drug use among men accessing needle and syringe programs in Sydney, Australia.* Poster presentation at the College of Problems of Drug Dependence (CPDD) 77th Annual Scientific Meeting, Phoenix, 13-18 June.

Shanahan, M. *A Cost-Effectiveness Analysis of Opioid Substitution Therapy (OST) upon Release from Prison*. Australasian Professional Society on Alcohol and other Drugs. Perth, 9-11 November.

Shanahan, M and Hughes C. *Australian police diversion for cannabis offences: Outcomes and cost effectiveness.* Australasian Professional Society on Alcohol and other Drugs. Perth. 9-11 November.

Shanahan M., Ritter, A., Perez, P., Shukla , N., Hoang, P., Cao, VL., Farrell M., Treatment for heroin users: Life time costs and benefits of treatment. NDARC Symposium, Sydney, 15 September.

Shanahan M, Hughes C, McSweeney Australian police diversion for cannabis offences: outcomes and cost-effectiveness. Australasian Drug and Alcohol Strategy Conference, Brisbane 2015;

Shaw, B., Newton, N. C., Slade, T., Chapman, C., Andrews, G., Birrell, L., Tonks, Z., Allsop, S., Hides, L., McBride, N., Mewton, L., Te Pas, N., Firmin-Sarra, S., Pocuca, N. & Teesson, M. *Baseline characteristics of The CSC Study: An innovative internet-based universal prevention trial for alcohol, cannabis and mental health problems in adolescents.* E-poster presentation at the NHMRC Centre of Research Excellence in Mental Health and Substance Use (CREMS) annual colloquium, Canberra, 25 August.

Shaw, B., Newton, N. C., Slade, T., Chapman, C., Andrews, G., Birrell, L., Tonks, Z., Allsop, S., Hides, L., McBride, N., Mewton, L., Te Pas, N., Firmin-Sarra, S., Pocuca, N. & Teesson, M. *Baseline characteristics of The CSC Study: An innovative internet-based universal prevention trial for alcohol, cannabis and mental health problems in adolescents.* Poster presentation at the National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre (NDARC) Annual Symposium, Sydney, 15 September.

Silins, E., Fergusson, D.M., Patton, G.C., Horwood, L John., Olsson, C.A., Hutchinson, D.M., Degenhardt, L., Tait, R., Borschmann, R., Coffey, C., Toumbourou, J.W., Najman, J., & Mattick, R.P. *Adolescent substance use and educational attainment: An integrative data analysis comparing cannabis and alcohol from three Australasian cohorts.* Poster presentation at the NIDA International Forum, Phoenix, 12-15 June.

Silins, E., Fergusson, D.M., Patton, G.C., Horwood, L John., Olsson, C.A., Hutchinson, D.M., Degenhardt, L., Tait, R., Borschmann, R., Coffey, C., Toumbourou, J.W., Najman, J., & Mattick, R.P. *Adolescent substance use and educational attainment: An integrative data analysis comparing cannabis and alcohol from three Australasian cohorts.* Poster presentation at the College of Problems of Drug Dependence (CPDD) 77th Annual Scientific Meeting, Phoenix, 13-18 June.

Silins, E., Horwood, J., Patton, G., Fergusson, D., Olsson, C., Hutchinson, D., Spry, E., Toumbourou, J., Degenhardt, L., Swift, W., Coffey, C., Tait, R., Letcher, P., Copeland, J., Mattick, R.P., & the Cannabis Cohorts Research Consortium (CCRC). *Young adult sequelae of adolescent cannabis use: An integrative analysis across three Australasian Cohorts.* Presentation at The 15th Congress of the International Federation for Psychiatric Epidemiology (IFPE), Bergen, 7-10 October.

Silins, E., Fergusson, D.M., Patton, G.C., Horwood, L John., Olsson, C.A., Hutchinson, D.M., Degenhardt, L., Tait, R., Borschmann, R., Coffey, C., Toumbourou, J.W., Najman, J., & Mattick, R.P. *Adolescent substance use and educational attainment: An integrative data analysis comparing cannabis and alcohol from three Australasian cohorts.* Poster presentation at the 2015 Annual Scientific Alcohol and Drug (APSAD) Conference, Perth, 8-11 November.

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Silins, E., Hutchinson, D., Swift, W., Slade, T., Toson, B., & Rodgers, B. *A prospective study of the substance use and mental health outcomes of young adult cannabis users and past users.* Poster presentation at the Society of Mental Health Research (SMHR) Conference, Brisbane, 2-4 December.

Slade, T., Chapman, C., Turner, B., Shaw, B., Newton, N.C., Birrell, L., Tonks, Z., Mewton, L. & Teesson. *Social networks and the spread of alcohol use attitudes and behaviours in Australian adolescents.* Presentation at the Sunbelt Conference of the International Network for Social Network Analysis, Brighton, 23-28 June.

Slade, T., Chapman, C., Turner, B., Shaw, B., Newton, N., Birrell, L., Tonks, Z., Mewton, L., & Teesson. *Social networks and the spread of alcohol use attitudes and behaviours in Australian adolescents.* Presentation at the National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre (NDARC) Annual Symposium, Sydney, 15 September.

Slade, T. Chapman, C.*, Swift, W., Keyes, K., Tonks, Z., Teesson, M. *Birth cohort trends in the global prevalence of alcohol and cannabis use in men and women: a systematic review*

and meta-analysis. Plenary Paper presented to, The 15th Congress of the International Federation of Psychiatric Epidemiology (IFPE), Bergen, 9 October.

Stafford, J. & Burns, L. *Health related issues among people who inject drugs in Australia: Findings from the 2014 Illicit Drug Reporting System.* Poster presentation at the 77th Annual College on Problems of Drug Dependence (CPDD) Meeting, Phoenix, 13-18 June.

Stafford, J., Breen, C. & Burns, L. *Illicit Drug Reporting System: 2015 Key Findings – what has changed?* Presentation at the 2015 National Drug Trends Conference, Sydney, 14 October.

Sindicich, N., Stafford, J.* & Burns, L. *Crystal methamphetamine 'ICE', other new drugs and technologies affecting young people.* Invited presentation at the Juvenile Justice Conference, Penrith, 17 June.

Stapinski, L. *Innovative prevention and treatment approaches to interrupt the vicious cycle of anxiety and substance use.* Invited presentation (Early Career Researcher Innovation Award) at the Mental Health Services conference, Canberra, 25-28 August.

Stapinski, L., Newton, N.C., Slade, T., Champion, K.E., Kelly, E.V., Barrett, E.L., Nair, N., Carragher, N., Conrod, P., & Teesson, M. *Pathways to drinking: A developmental examination of internalising and externalising symptoms and motives for drinking in adolescence.* Presentation at the National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre (NDARC) Symposium, Sydney, 15 September.

Stapinski, L., Newton, N.C., Slade, T., Champion, K.E., Kelly, E., Barett, E., Nair, N., Carragher, N., Conrod, P., & Teesson M. *Pathways to drinking: A developmental examination of internalising and externalising symptoms and motives for drinking in adolescence.* Presentation at The 15th Congress of the International Federation for Psychiatric Epidemiology (IFPE), Bergen, 7-10 October.

Stapinski, L., Newton, N.C., Slade, T., Champion, K.E., Kelly, E., Barett, E., Nair, N., Carragher, N., Conrod, P., & Teesson M. *Adolescent Motives for Alcohol Use.* Presentation at the Society for Mental Health Research (SMHR) Conference, Brisbane, 2-4 December.

Stockings, E., Bowman, J., Baker, A., Wiggers, J., Clancy, R., Terry, M., Knight, J., & Wye, P. *Impact of a post-discharge smoking cessation intervention for smokers admitted to a smoke-free psychiatric hospital: A randomised controlled trial*. Presentation at the "Jarvik-Russell Early Career" plenary session Society for Research on Nicotine and Tobacco (SRNT), Philadelphia, Feb 25-28, Awarded SRNT 2015 Best New Investigator Travel Award.

Stockings, E., Bowman, J., Bartlem, K., McElwaine, K., Baker, A., Terry, M., Clancy, R., Knight, J., Wye, P., Colyvas, K., & Wiggers, J. *Quality of provision of smoking cessation care in a smoke-free inpatient psychiatric facility*. Poster presentation at the Society for Research on Nicotine and Tobacco (SRNT), Philadelphia, 25-28 Feb.

Stockings, E., Degenhardt, L., Dobbins, T., Lee, Y., Erskine, H., Whiteford, H., & Patton, G. *Prevention of depression and anxiety in children and adolescents: A review of the efficacy of universal, selective and indicated prevention.* Presentation at the 15th International Conference of the International Federation of Psychiatric Epidemiology (IFPE), Bergen, 7-10 October.

Stockings, E., Degenhardt, L., Lee, Y., Mihalopoulos, C., Liu, A., Hobbs, M., & Patton, G. *Brief screening scales for detecting major depressive disorder in children and adolescents: A systematic review and meta-analysis of reliability, validity and diagnostic utility.* Presentation at the 15th International Conference of the International Federation of Psychiatric Epidemiology (IFPE), Bergen, 7-10 October.

Stockings, E. *Adolescent Mental Health 1.* Invited session chair at the 15th International Conference of the International Federation of Psychiatric Epidemiology (IFPE), Bergen, 7-10 October.

Sunderland, M. *Thinking outside the box: transdiagnostic conceptualisations of internalising disorders and treatment.* Invited presentation at the Centre for Research Excellence in Mental Health and Substance Use (CREMS) annual National Colloquium, Canberra, 25 August.

Sunderland, M., & Slade, T. *Efficiently measuring liability to externalizing behaviours: development of the Externalizing Spectrum Inventory-Computerized Adaptive Test (ESI-CAT).* Presentation at the National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre (NDARC) Annual Research Symposium, Sydney, 15 September.

Sunderland, M., Batterham, P., Carragher, N., & Calear, A. *The Rapid Measurement Toolkit for Panic Disorder: development, validation, and normative data.* Presentation at the 15th International Conference of the International Federation of Psychiatric Epidemiology (IFPE), Bergen, 7-10 October.

Sunderland, M., Batterham, P.J., Carragher, N., Calear, A. *Development and validation of several item-based static and adaptive screening tools to efficiently measure the frequency and severity of panic disorder.* Presentation at the 15th International Conference of the International Federation of Psychiatric Epidemiology (IFPE), Bergen, 7-10 October.

Sunderland, M., Batterham, P., Carragher, N., & Calear, A. *More efficient assessment of Panic Disorder in the community: Development and validation of the Rapid Measurement Toolkit for Panic Disorder (RMT-PD).* Presentation at the Society for Mental Health Research (SMHR) Conference, Brisbane, 2-4 Dec.

Sutherland, R., Sindicich, N. & Burns, L. *Methamphetamine Use Amongst People Who Inject Drugs*. Presentation at the Meth Makes Me Forum, Newcastle, 3 March.

Sutherland, R. & Burns, L. *Criminal Motivations and Substance Use Amongst Property and Violent Offenders Who Regularly Inject Drugs*. Presentation at the 7th Australasian Drug & Alcohol Strategy Conference, Brisbane, 19 March.

Sutherland, R. & Burns, L. *The NPS of Oz.* Presentation at the College of Problems of Drug Dependence (CPDD) 77th Annual Scientific Meeting, Phoenix, 13-18 June.

Sutherland, R., Bruno, R. & Burns, L. *New Psychoactive Substance Use among Regular Psychostimulant Users*

in Australia, 2011-2014. Presentation at the National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre (NDARC) Annual Research Symposium, Sydney, 15 September.

Sutherland, R., Bruno, R.* & Burns, L. *New Psychoactive Substance Use among Regular Psychostimulant Users in Australia*. Presentation at Lisbon Addictions 2015: First European conference on addictive behaviours and dependencies, Lisbon, 25 September.

Sutherland, R., Bruno, R. & Burns, L. *New Psychoactive Substance Use in Australia, 2011-2015*. Presentation at the 2015 National Drug Trends Conference, Sydney, 14 October.

Te Pas, N., McBride, N., Newton, N., Slade, T., Chapman, C., Andrews, G., Mewton, L., Allsop, S., Hides, L., Birrell, L., Pocuca, N., Firmin-Sarra, S., Tonks, Z., Shaw, B., & Teesson, M. *Substance use and harms in young Australians.* Poster presentation at the Australasian Professional Society on Alcohol and Other Drugs (APSAD) Conference, Perth, 8-11 November.

Teesson, M., Newton, N. C. Shakeshaft, A., Nair, N., Roche, A., McEntree, A., & Wallace, P. *Healthier Drinking Choices: A randomised controlled trial of a GP-facilitated web-based intervention for reducing risky alcohol consumption.* Presentation at the National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre (NDARC) Annual Symposium, Sydney, 15 September.

Vanderhaven, M., Larney, S., & Nielsen, S. *Is pain associated with mental health for those in treatment for pharmaceutical opioid use? A prospective cohort study.* Presentation at the 13th Annual Forensic Psychology Research Conference, Sydney, 27-28 October.

Vuong, T., Nguyen, N., Le, G., Ritter, A., Shanahan, M., Ali, R., Pham, K., Vuong, T, A, Dinh, T. *Economic evaluation comparing centre-based compulsory drug rehabilitation with community-based voluntary methadone maintenance treatment in Hai Phong City, Vietnam.* Plenary presentation at the National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre (NDARC) Annual Research Symposium, Sydney, 15 September.

Webb, L., Clement, N., Matalon, E., Tibbetts, J. & Copeland, J.* *A very brief intervention for cannabis users in an emergency department setting.* Poster presentation at the College of Problems of Drug Dependence (CPDD) 77th Annual Scientific Meeting, Phoenix, 13-18 June.

Webb, L., Rooke, S., Albertella, L. & Copeland, J.* *A smartphone application for managing cannabis use.* Poster presentation at the College of Problems of Drug Dependence (CPDD) 77th Annual Scientific Meeting, Phoenix, 13-18 June.

Whiteford, H.*, Mihalopoulos, C.*, Lee, Y., Le, L.*, Stockings, E.*, & Diminic, S.*Centre for Research Excellence in Mental Health Systems Improvement (CREMSI): Efficacy and population cost-effectiveness of school-based depression prevention programs for children and adolescents.* Organised session at the Society for Mental Health Research (SMHR) Conference, Brisbane, 2-4 December.

Whittaker, E. *Exploring the associations between homelessness, housing and substance use.* Presented at the 2015 Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute (AHURI) Postgraduate Symposium, Hobart, 16-17 February.

Whittaker, E. & Burns, L. *Stable housing, stable substance use? Evaluation of two 'Housing First' programs for homeless individuals.* Poster presentation at the College of Problems of Drug Dependence (CPDD) 77th Annual Scientific Meeting, Phoenix, 13-18 June.

Whittaker, E., Swift, W., Dobbins, T., & Burns, L. *Stable Housing, Stable Substance Use? Evaluation of Two 'Housing First' Programs for Homeless Individuals.* Poster presentation at the National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre (NDARC) Annual Research Symposium, Sydney, 15 September.

Whittaker, E., Swift, W., Flatau, P., Dobbins, T., & Burns, L. *Home sweet home: A longitudinal, mixed methods evaluation of two Housing First programs for individuals with homelessness and substance use histories in Sydney, Australia.* Presentation at the Addictive Behaviours Conference, Lisbon, Portugal, 23-25 September.

Whittaker, E., Papic, M., & Warburton, W. *The 'new' homeless: A mixed methods examination of single mothers' homelessness and housing pathways in Australia.* Presentation at the 10th European Research Conference on Homelessness, Dublin, 24-26 September.

Whittaker, E., & Burns, L. *Travellers in the Territory: A comparison of Darwin residents and travellers from the Ecstasy and Related Drugs Reporting System.* Poster presentation at the 2015 National Drug Trends Conference, Sydney, 14 October.

Whittaker, E., Swift, W., Flatau, P., Dobbins, T., & Burns, L. Health Outcomes from Housing First Programs for the Chronically Homeless. Presentation at the 2015 NHMRC Symposium on Research Translation, Sydney, 27-28 October.

Whittaker, E., & Burns, L. *Challenges for the multiply disadvantaged: The relationship between substance use and homelessness amongst people who inject drugs.* Presentation at The Australasian Professional Society on Alcohol and other Drugs (APSAD) 2015 Conference, Perth, 8-11 November.

Whittaker, E., Swift, W., Flatau, P., Dobbins, T., & Burns, L. *A Place To Call Home: A Longitudinal, Mixed Methods Evaluation Of Two Housing First Programs For Individuals With Homelessness And Substance Use Histories In Sydney, Australia.* Poster presentation at The Australasian Professional Society on Alcohol and other Drugs (APSAD) 2015 Conference, Perth, 8-11 November.

Whittaker, E., Swift, W., Flatau, P., Dobbins, T., & Burns, L. *Evaluation of two Sydney Housing First Programs for the Chronically Homeless.* Presentation at the Second National Complex Needs Conference, Sydney, 17-18 November.

Woodcock, K., Kay-Lambkin, F., Mills, K., Baker, A., Teesson, M., & Stanwell, P. *A meta-analysis of treatments for trauma: Is exposure necessary?* Presentation at the Society for Mental Health Research (SMHR) Conference, Brisbane, 2-4 December.

Woodcock, K., Kay-Lambkin, F., Mills, K., Baker, A., Teesson, M., Stanwell, P., & Lewin, T. *The role of trauma in treatment attendance and study retention when treating comorbid depression and alcohol misuse.* Presentation at the Society for Mental Health Research (SMHR) Conference, Brisbane, 2-4 December.

Lectures, Workshops and Seminars

Barratt, M. J. *'Brought up by and in the internet': First time drug use through cryptomarkets*. Invited presentation, via pre-recorded video and live Skype Q&A, at the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) New Drugs Seminar Series, Durham University, Durham, 26 March.

Barratt, M. J.* & Tait, R. * *New Psychoactive Substances.* Invited co-delivered workshop for the National Drug Research Institute's Drugs, Policy and Public Health postgraduate unit, Perth, 23 July.

Barratt, M. J. *The use of synthetic cannabinoid receptor agonists in Australia*. Invited presentation to the *Synthetic cannabinoids roundtable,* hosted by the Lambert Initiative for Cannabinoid Therapeutics, University of Sydney, Sydney, 3 September.

Barrett, E.L. *The CMHDARN – CREMS Community Research Mentoring Project: Lessons from the 2014 experience.* Invited presentation at the Community Mental Health Drug and Alcohol Research Network (CMHDARN) Mentoring Roundtable. Sydney, 12 February.

Butler, K.*, Reeve, R.* Arora, S., Viney, R., Burns, L., Goodall, S., & Van Gool, K. *Measuring the impact of drug and alcohol consultation liaison services on hospital presentations and admissions: cost benefit analysis using linked survey and administrative data.* Invited presentation at Centre for Health Economics Research and Evaluation Drug and Alcohol Seminar, Sydney, 6 May.

Campbell, G. & Nielsen, S. *Pharmaceutical Opioid Dependent Treatment Populations in Australia.* Presentation at St Vincent's Alcohol & Drug Service Weekly Educational Program, Sydney, 6 July.

Campbell, G. *Pharmaceutical opioid use and dependence among people living with chronic pain: Associations observed within the Pain and Opioids IN Treatment (POINT) cohort*. St. Vincent's weekly seminar, Drug and Alcohol Services, 7 July.

Chapman, C., Slade, T., Hunt, C., & Teesson, M. *Delay to seek treatment for alcohol use disorders in Australia*. Invited Presentation at St Vincent's Hospital Alcohol and Drug Service Seminar Series, Sydney, 29 June.

Chapman, C. *Comorbidity. What is it and how does it affect young people?* Webinar presentation at the CREMS Webinar Series, Sydney, July 30.

Copeland, J. *Brains and Bongs: Cannabis dependence and interventions.* Invited workshop presentation at the *5th* INS/ASSBI Pacific Rim Conference, Sydney, 1 July.

Copeland, J. *Cannabis: your questions answered.* Invited presentation at the Warrane College Formal Dinner, UNSW, Sydney, 21 October

Deady, M. *Using eHealth to treat co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders in youth.* Presentation at the NHMRC Centre of Research Excellence in Mental Health and Substance Use Webinar, 9 September.

Degenhardt, L. *Pharmaceutical opioid use in Australia: Investigating utilisation data, and early results from the Pain and Opioids IN Treatment (POINT) cohort and the National Opioid Medications Abuse Deterrence (NOMAD) study.* Invited presentation at the University of Queensland School of Pharmacy, 28 August.

Degenhardt, L. *Determining the impact of opioid substitution therapy upon mortality: Evaluation during key risk periods.* Paper presentation at the National Addiction Centre, London, 4 September.

Entwistle, G., & Burns, L. *The NSW Recreational Drug Scene in 2014.* Oral presentation at the NSW Police Headquarters, Sydney, 21 September.

Entwistle, G., & Burns, L. *Psychostimulant users in NSW: Overview and implications.* Oral presentation at the Medically Supervised Injecting Centre, Sydney, 24 November.

Entwistle, G., & Burns, L. *The NSW Recreational Drug Scene in 2014.* Oral presentation at the Medically Supervised Injecting Centre, Sydney, 24 November.

Entwistle, G., & Burns, L. *Psychostimulant users in NSW: Overview and implications.* Oral presentation at St Vincent's Hospital, Sydney, 7 December.

Entwistle, G., & Burns, L. *Psychostimulant users in NSW: Overview and implications.* Oral presentation at Clinic 180, Kirketon Road Centre, Sydney, 9 December.

Farrell, M. Invited presentation at Wolper Wellbeing Program Q&A session on 'Medical use of cannabis', Sydney, 2 March.

Farrell, M. *Latest Drug and Alcohol Research and Current Drug Trends in NSW.* Invited presentation at the Forum for the Clinical Drug and Alcohol Network at the Agency for Clinical Innovation, Sydney, 19 March.

Farrell, M. *Transition from gaol to community.* Invited workshop presentation at the International Medicine in Addiction Conference 2015, Melbourne, 21 March.

Farrell, M. *Pharmaceutical opioid use in Australia: Complexities, comorbidities and consequences.* Co-presentation with Louisa Degenhardt at Opioid Roundtable at Pharmaceutical Benefits Division, Department of Health, Canberra, 27 May.

Farrell, M. *Prison release and opioid related mortality.* Invited presentation at the Langton Centre, Sydney, 5 May.

Farrell, M. *Public Forum for Addiction Prevention.* Invited workshop presentation at the WHO Meeting on behavioural disorders associated with excessive use of the Internet, computers, smartphones and similar electronic devices: clinical descriptions, diagnostic guidelines and priorities for international research, Seoul, 27 August.

Farrell, M. *The POINT Study: Should we be worried about trends in Prescription Opioid Dependence?* Invited presentation at Psychiatry Grand Round, Flinders Medical Centre, Flinders University, Adelaide, 20 October.

Farrell, M. *An overview of trends in alcohol consumption; and issues in parental supply of alcohol.* Invited presentation at the Drug Strategy Branch of the Department of Health, Canberra, 2 December.

Gibson, L. *What you need to know about illicit drugs and young people.* Invited presentation to the Broken Bay Community of Catholic Schools, Sydney, 11 September.

Gisev, N. *Determining the impact of opioid substitution therapy on crime and mortality: A 22-year data linkage study.* Invited seminar presentation at the Faculty of Pharmacy and

Pharmaceutical Sciences, Monash University, Melbourne, 11 March.

Gisev, N. *Determining the impact of opioid substitution therapy on crime and mortality: Findings from a 22-year data linkage study.* Invited seminar presentation at the Faculty of Pharmacy, The University of Sydney, Sydney, 15 May.

Hughes, C. *Drug law reform efforts and impacts in Australia and Portugal.* UNSW Criminology Society Drug Law Forum, Sydney, 23 April.

Hughes, C. *The role of research in influencing drugs policy: An academic perspective.* Workshop on Public Scholarship, Evidence and Policy at 9th International Society for the Study of Drug Policy Conference, Ghent, Belgium, 22 May.

Hughes, C. *Legal responses to illicit drugs and the Portuguese experience of decriminalising illicit drugs.* Guest lecture: UNSW School of Education - Health in Schools and other Educational Settings: An Integrated Approach, UNSW, Sydney, 23 September.

Hunt, S. *What's up with the adolescent brain.* Invited lecture at the Healthy Minds – Healthy Kids Mental Health Forum, Valentine Public School, Lake Macquarie, 27 October.

Lancaster, K. *'Ice epidemic' then and now: problems, policy and politics*, Invited guest lecture at the School of Public Health and Community Medicine, UNSW, Sydney, 18 May.

Lancaster, K. *Laws prohibiting peer distribution of injecting equipment in Australia*. Invited presentation at Roundtable: Public health and legislative amendments focused on people who inject drugs and their families and friends, convened by the Alcohol Tobacco & Other Drug Association ACT, Canberra, 3 July.

Lancaster, K. *Performing the evidence-based policy paradigm*. Invited presentation at 'Policy and making sense in (and of) governing': Workshop on interpretation and policy, Sponsored by the APSA Research Group on Policy Studies, Canberra, 1 October.

Larance, B. *Pharmaceutical opioid use in Australia: Use, misuse and unintended consequences.* Presentation at the Macquarie University Human Sciences Perspective Workshop: A Day on Drugs: What's the problem and how to reduce it, Sydney, 23 September.

Larney, S. *Opioid substitution therapy following release from prison.* Invited seminar to the St. Vincent's Hospital Alcohol and Drug Service Active Learning Network, Sydney, 22 June.

Larney, S. *Impacts of opioid substitution therapy in prisons on health and criminal justice outcomes*. Invited seminar to the Connecticut Department of Corrections, New Haven, 30 September.

Larney, S. *Opioid substitution therapy in prisons: Re-offending and mortality outcomes.* Invited seminar to the Compulsory Drug Treatment Correctional Centre, Sydney, 25 November.

A/Prof Frances Kay-Lambkin

Kay-Lambkin, F. *Emerging perspectives in the management of comorbid mental and addictive disorders –The Role of eHealth.* Presentation at the St Vincent's Drug and Alcohol Service, St Vincent's Hospital, Sydney, 13 July.

Kay-Lambkin, F. *The use of eHealth programs to encourage multiple health behaviour change in people with mental illness.* Presentation at the Hunter Institute of Mental Health, Newcastle, 29 July.

Kay-Lambkin, F. *It's worth a try: Improving the management of comorbidity through the use of Technology.* Steve Childs Presentation at the Drug and Alcohol Service, Central Coast, 17 September.

Kay-Lambkin, F. *Emerging trends in the use of eHealth in Clinical Practice.* Presentation at the CCLHD Psychology Professional Day at Gosford Hospital, Central Coast, 12 November.

McKell, D., & Burns, L. *The Illicit Drug Reporting System (IDRS): Overview of NSW 2014.* Oral presentation at the NSW Police Headquarters, Sydney, 21 September.

McKell, D., & Burns, L. *The Illicit Drug Reporting System (IDRS): An Overview of NSW.* Oral presentation at the Medically Supervised Injecting Centre, Sydney, 24 November.

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McKell, D., & Burns, L. *The Illicit Drug Reporting System (IDRS): An Overview of NSW.* Oral presentation at Clinic 180, Kirketon Road Centre, Sydney, 9 December.

Mewton, L. *The prevention of adolescent mental illness through brain training.* Invited presentation, Rotary Club of Adelaide, Adelaide, 12 August.

Mills, K. *Trauma informed care in substance use treatment service.* Invited seminar at Sutherland Hospital, Sydney, October.

Newton, N.C.* & Stapinski, L.* *Drug and alcohol use among young people. What can parents and schools do to prevent the harms?* Invited webinar presentation at the NHMRC Centre of Research Excellence in Mental Health and Substance Use, Sydney, 19 May.

Nielsen, S. *Pharmaceutical opioid problems and changing treatment needs: An Australian perspective.* Invited public lecture at Waterford, 7 September.

Nielsen, S. *Addiction medicine and harm minimisation.* Guest Lecture at Monash University, Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Science, Melbourne, 22 April.

Ritter, A. *DA-CCP adaptation for Aboriginal people receiving ATOD care.* Presentation to the InterGovernmental Committee on Drugs (IGCD), Sydney, 5 March.

Ritter, A. *How I became addicted to the alcohol and drug field.* Presentation to LAMPAS, PLC Society, Melbourne, 2 April.

Ritter, A. & Lancaster, K. *The Drug Policy Modelling Program, research and engagement with Drug User Organisations*, Invited presentation at NSW Users and AIDS Association, Sydney, 9 June.

Ritter, A. *The challenges of policy research that aims to make a difference. Workshop on interpretation and policy*. Sponsored presentation at the Australian Political Studies Association (APSA) Research Group on Policy Studies, Canberra, 1 October.

Rossen, L. *Supporting women who use alcohol and drugs through*

pregnancy. Oral presentation at Barnardo's, Sydney, June.

Rossen, L. *Attachment and Research design.* Oral presentation at Sydney Technical (Selective) High School, Bexley, August.

Stapinski, L. *School-based Resources for the Prevention of Alcohol & Substance Use.* Invited presentation at the Museum of Human Diseases PDHPE Teacher Professional Development Day, Sydney, 27 February.

Stapinski, L. *Cognitive Behavioural Therapy Part 1.* Course Convenor (10 x 3 hour lectures), Masters of Clinical Psychology course, Macquarie University, Sydney, 26 Feb-28 May.

Stapinski, L. Invited Panel Member at the Adolescent Expert Insights Evening, Black Dog Institute, Sydney, 24 June.

Stapinski, L. *Psychology and the Prevention and Treatment of Drug and Alcohol Problems.* Guest lecture to students from the undergraduate course Research and Applications in Psychology at the University of New South Wales, Sydney, 19 August.

Stapinski, L. *The CMHDARN-CREMS Community Research Mentoring Project.* Invited Speaker at Community Mental Health Drug & Alcohol Research Network (CMHDARN) Higher Degree Research Kickstart forum, UTS, Sydney, 20 November.

Stapinski, L. *"I didn't think I had a PhD in me…" - Undertaking a PhD: Pre-conceptions, Challenges and Pathways.* Invited Speaker at Community Mental Health Drug & Alcohol Research Network (CMHDARN) Higher Degree Research Kickstart forum, UTS, Sydney, 20 November.

Sutherland, R., Sindicich, N. & Burns, L. *New Psychoactive Substances and Offenders*. Presentation at the Compulsory Drug Treatment Program, Parklea, 29 April.

Swift, W. *Cannabis use and young people: Use, harms and implications for education.* Invited presentation at the PDHPE teacher professional development day, Museum of Human Disease, Sydney, 27 February.

Whittaker, E., Schollar-Root, O., Zaretzky, K., & Burns, L.* *Key Findings from the Platform 70 Evaluation Final Report.* Invited presentation to the *Platform 70 Evaluation Reference Group, Sydney, 20 July.*

Whittaker, E.*, Swift, W., Dobbins, T., Flatau, P., & Burns, L. *Substance Use and Street to Home Initiatives: What are the Individual Changes from Housing Sydney's Homeless? Invited presentation at the Education Session for St Vincent's Alcohol & Drug Service, Sydney, 9 September.*

Wright, C. *, & Barratt, M. J. * *Alcohol and drug use in sports.* Invited co-delivered workshop to the Burnet Institute Australia Award Fellowships program on promoting inclusivity, equality and diversity through sport in the Pacific, Melbourne, 13 November.

The National Cannabis Prevention and Information Centre (NCPIC) also conducted 57 training workshops in 2015. For more information, please visit ncpic.org.au.

NDARC Seminar Series

External Presenters

26 March

The pathology of alcohol

Professor Jo Duflou

Department of Forensic Medicine, Sydney, NSW Forensic & Analytical Science Service, University of Sydney

9 April

Can hepatitis C virus infection be eradicated among people who inject drugs?

Associate Professor Jason Grebely

The Kirby Institute, UNSW

23 April

Effects of filtration on particulates, bacteria and drug content of injections prepared from pharmaceutical opioids

Associate Professor Raimondo Bruno

Department of Psychology, University of Tasmania

30 April

Views of marginalised young people on their dug use

Dr Joanne Bryant

Centre for Social Research in Health, UNSW

28 May

The NSW New Psychoactive Substances legislation

Angela Matheson

Senior Policy Officer, Drug and Alcohol Coordination, NSW Police

25 June

MUMS (Maternal Use of Medications and Safety)

Dr Alys Havard

Senior Research Fellow, Centre for Big Data Research in Health, UNSW

13 August

Cannabis policy in Canada, 2015

Professor Jürgen Rehm

Director, Social and Epidemiological Research Department, Centre for Addiction and Mental Health, Toronto, Canada

24 September

Responding to the global health needs of adolescents

Professor George Patton

Director of Adolescent Health Research, University of Melbourne

1 October

Impact of OST on Drug Related Mortality – an evaluation of OST in prison and primary care

Professor Matt Hickman

School of Social and Community Medicine, University of Bristol

15 October

Effectiveness of needle/ syringe programmes and opiate substitution therapy in preventing HCV transmission among people who inject drugs

Dr Lucy Platt

London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine, University of London

29 October

Drug and alcohol use amongst Aboriginal Australians

Professor Kate Conigrave

Senior Staff Specialist and Professor in Addiction Medicine, Sydney Medical School, University of Sydney

26 November

Buprenorphine-naloxone waitlist study: Effectiveness and cost-effectiveness

Associate Professor Adrian Dunlop

School of Medicine and Public Health, University of Newcastle

Internal Presenters

19 February

The health consequences of injecting tablet preparations: foreign body pulmonary embolisation and pulmonary hypertension amongst deceased injecting drug users

Professor Shane Darke

26 February

HIV prevalence, incidence, AIDS related mortality and services in Prison: A Global Systematic Review

Professor Kate Dolan

Monitoring the Dark Net – Beyond the Silk Road

Joe Van Buskirk

12 March

Sedative load among people with chronic non-cancer pain prescribed opioids: associations with drowsiness and ambulance use

Bianca Hoban

16 April

The Great Debate: Prevention is Better Than Cure: Government should invest more in prevention than in treatment

Professor Alison Ritter, Professor Shane Darke, Professor Anthony Shakeshaft, Dr Sarah Larney, Mark Deady, Dr Suzanne Nielsen

14 May

The politics of conducting research around compulsory treatment in Vietnam

Thu Vuong

21 May

Risk behaviour in clinical samples of Australian substance users and the role of ADHD

Dr Sharlene Kaye

11 June

The cost of heroin use to families. What can health economics add?

Dr Marian Shanahan

9 July

Using computerised adaptive testing to efficiently measure the externalising spectrum

Dr Matthew Sunderland

The who, what and why of pharmaceutical opioid dependence treatment in Australia

Dr Suzanne Nielsen

16 July

NEAT committee: authorship issues

Facilitator: Professor Alison Ritter

23 July

Recruiting for mental health and substance use research via Facebook

Dr Louise Thornton

20 August

Cryptomarkets and drug market violence

Dr Monica Barratt

27 August

Baseline characteristics of the Activate cohort

Dr Joanne Ross

10 September

Missed opportunities for early intervention at first psychotic episode among methamphetamine users

Dr Julia Lappin

Social phobia amongst the Activate cohort

Katrina Prior

15 October

An investigation into Managed Alcohol Programs in the UK and Canada (Undertaken as a Winston Churchill Fellowship)

Professor Kate Dolan

22 October

Medicinal cannabis: a review of findings in relation to policy impacts

Professor Alison Ritter

12 November

An idea whose time has come? Examining the introduction of drug detection dogs for street-level policing of drugs in NSW

Kari Lancaster

19 November

Concurrent Treatment of PTSD and Substance Dependence Using Prolonged Exposure

Associate Professor Katherine Mills

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