

# Insight / APSAD Webinar Series - Semester 1, 2024

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**March 13**

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## How Aboriginal wisdom in the FASD space can shift your knowing, being and doing

Nicole Hewlett

Principal Research Project Officer and Manager of the First Nations Cancer and Wellbeing Research Program, The University of Queensland.

The Australian FASD Indigenous Framework unfolds the shifts that non-Aboriginal health professionals and Aboriginal communities each need to make in their respective ways of knowing, being and doing in order to facilitate equitable access to healing-informed, strengths-based and culturally responsive FASD resources. This presentation extends an invitation to learn about how Aboriginal and Western knowledges can come together and walk alongside each other to build a new knowledge that can offer immense benefits to all Australians impacted by trauma.

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## Drug Trends 2023 - Insights, trends, markets and harms from a longstanding national study on illicit substances

Dr Rachel Sutherland

Senior Research Fellow, National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre, University of NSW

Associate Professor Caroline Salom

Principal Research Fellow, Institute of Social Science Research, The University of Queensland.

Drug Trends is a unique, long-standing national monitoring program that includes annual interviews with people across Australia who regularly use drugs. We present highlights of the Queensland and national findings from 2023's interviews about patterns of substance use and related behaviours, drug markets and harm reduction efforts.

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## Queensland's expanded Police Drug Diversion Program

Margo Watson

A/Inspector of the Drug and Alcohol Coordination Unit, Queensland Police Service

Anjuli Dudley

Principal Policy Officer, Mental Health Alcohol and Other Drugs Strategy and Planning Branch, Department of Health

Queensland's Police Drug Diversion program will soon be expanded to include the all minor drug offences, not only cannabis, and the implementation of a new tiered approach, allowing for a warning followed by two opportunities for diversion to a health response. This presentation will outline details of this new model and the accompanying health response.

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## Have you got 20 minutes? Exploring a blended approach to AOD learning and skills development

Jeff Buckley

Social Worker and Director, Insight

James Hoey

Psychologist and Advanced Clinical Education Coordinator, Insight

Join us for a tour of Insight's fully revised AOD Curriculum Framework including our suite of eLearning, new competency-focussed practice activities and expanded emphasis on 'just-in-time' job-aids and resources - including our new series of 'Check Tools'.

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## Beliefs, Bonds, and Barriers: Investigating protective factors among parents who use alcohol or other drugs

Dr Zoe Walter

Lecturer and Researcher in Health Psychology, The University of Queensland

This presentation delves into the findings of research conducted with AOD clinicians and parents seeking treatment at AOD services. The manifold influences of substance use on parenting and the multifaceted parenting practices employed by parents to protect their children from these influences will be explored. The key areas of development and needed supports in this space will also be discussed.

**May 01**

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## Engaging "treatment resistance" through an assertive outreach pilot program

Jordan Crouch

Psychologist and Team Leader of the Next Steps Assertive Outreach Program team at Life Without Barriers

This webinar will outline Life Without Barrier's Assertive Outreach pilot program 'Next Steps', a program designed to engage 'treatment resistant' drug and alcohol using populations. Lessons and outcomes from the program will be discussed, including why clients found mainstream services difficult as well as practice tips and recommendations that may assist with engagement.

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## Vape chemistry: Decoding the cloud

Dr Jody Moller

Senior Lecturer at the School of Chemistry and Molecular Bioscience, University of Wollongong

This presentation will examine the evolving chemistry of e-cigarettes (vapes) available on the Australian market, including shifts in their chemical composition over time. This year brought with it significant change to e-cigarette policy, so we will also delve into the regulatory landscape of 2024 and examine how these shifting policies have altered the e-cigarette market.

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## 'Peering' into community care and harm reduction among people who use enhancement drugs

Dr Timothy Piatkowski

LLE Researcher at the School of Applied Psychology, Griffith University and QuIVAA

This presentation will discuss several peer-led research projects which have explored the harm reduction practices of those who use performance and image enhancing drugs from the perspective of their lived-experience. The challenges of the community in operating within the structures of current public health responses and drug policy are examined.

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## Understanding and supporting brain development

Associate Professor Sally Staton

Senior Research Fellow in the Science of Learning Research Centre, Queensland Brain Institute, UQ

Karl Lacis

Senior Social Worker, Dovetail

Michelle Cole

Learning and Development Lead of Thriving Queensland Kids Partnership, ARACY

Brains are not just born, they're built over time. In this webinar, we'll explore the neuroscience that underpins human brain development and how we can apply this knowledge to inform and strengthen practices in AOD.

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## Loneliness amongst people accessing treatment for alcohol and other drug use

Dr Isabella Ingram

Lecturer at the School of Psychology and Public Health, La Trobe University

This webinar will focus on a program of research surrounding loneliness for people who are accessing treatment for alcohol and other drug use. The webinar will cover a series of studies, both qualitative and quantitative, that have explored the prevalence and experience of loneliness for people accessing AOD treatment. A novel loneliness intervention, Groups for Belonging, will also be discussed.

**June 05**

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## Checking in: Update on drug checking in Queensland

Cameron Francis

CEO, The Loop Australia

In February 2023, the Queensland Government announced their support for the delivery of drug checking services in Queensland at both fixed locations and mobile sites. This presentation will give an up-to-date overview of the work towards delivering drug checking in Queensland.

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## Trends in the Australian illicit tobacco market

Dr Cheneal Puljevic

Senior Research Fellow at the Centre of Research Excellence on Achieving the Tobacco Endgame, School of Public Health, University of Queensland

This presentation will provide an overview of Australia's illicit tobacco market, and will include new and unpublished findings from the 2024 Global Drug Survey on trends in Australians' illicit tobacco use.