

Insight / APSAD Webinar Series – Semester 2, 2026

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August 19

ADD TO CALENDAR

Gases, glue, petrol and propellants - Exploring volatile hydrocarbon inhalant use and ways to respond

Karl Lacis
Youth AOD Workforce Educator - Dovetail

This presentation will explore the use of volatile hydrocarbons (aerosols, spray paint, glue, petrol) with a focus on their use by young people. It will discuss the range of products available, ways they are used, their effects and risks, as well as ways to respond at both the individual and community level.

August 26

ADD TO CALENDAR

Drug-related mortality in Australia: Emerging trends, enduring challenges

Amy Peacock
Associate Professor, Program Lead, Drug Trends
Deputy Director – NDARC, UNSW

Drug-related deaths remain a major public health challenge in Australia. Drawing on newly released national mortality data and recent research on emerging substances, this webinar will explore the latest trends in overdose and drug-induced deaths, populations at greatest risk, and how Australia's drug-related mortality landscape is evolving. Implications for policy, prevention, and clinical practice will be discussed.

September 02

ADD TO CALENDAR

Beyond language, more than words: AOD use and recovery in multicultural communities

Tom Ogwang
Dual Diagnosis Therapist - QulHN

This presentation will overview what we know about AOD use in multicultural communities in Australia and other western nations, examine elements of the migration experience that elevate risk of problematic AOD use, and outline considerations for practice across cultures in AOD treatment settings.

September 09

ADD TO CALENDAR

Aboriginal ways of knowing, being, and doing in responding to FASD in Noongar Country

Associate Professor Dr. Robyn Williams
Senior Research Fellow – Curtin University

This presentation will showcase the reach and impact of Aboriginal community-led research in addressing Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) across Noongar Country. It will highlight the critical role of Aboriginal frameworks in guiding culturally secure pathways for co-design, reciprocity, and the translation of evidence into practice, and community-led action.

September 16

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You didn't even know it was there: Better measures for estimating exposure to substance use in digital media and tools to reduce exposure

Benjamin Riordan
Research Fellow in the Centre for Alcohol Policy Research (CAPR) at La Trobe University

Substance-related content is extremely common in the modern media environment and there is a reported link between seeing substance-related content and alcohol use. However, people are extremely inaccurate at estimating exposure. This presentation will discuss our team's work using objective measures to estimate exposure to substance-related content, the impact it can have, and how we can use it to intervene.

October 07

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Jumping through hoops': Healthcare and women's performance and image-enhancing drug use

Hannah Schuurs
Research Officer / Psychologist (Provisional) at UQ's National Centre for Youth Substance Use Research (NCYSUR).

This presentation will discuss healthcare engagement experiences and needs of women who use performance and image-enhancing drugs (PIEDs). It will examine how stigma, lack of clinical knowledge, and gaps in current healthcare approaches can leave women managing harm reduction themselves, offering practical recommendations for more informed, non-judgemental and gender-sensitive care.

October 14

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PROACT+F: A digital platform for routine person-reported outcome measurement and personalised feedback in AOD services

Prof Leanne Hides
Deputy Director at UQ's National Centre for Youth Substance Use Research (NCYSUR)

This presentation will demonstrate how Person-Reported Outcome Assessment, Continuous Tracking + Feedback (PROACT+F) provides the digital infrastructure for AOD services to routinely collect person-reported outcome measures (PROMs) and deliver personalised client feedback. It will highlight how this new and freely available measurement-based care approach can enhance treatment planning, client engagement, and service attendance for Australian-based AOD services.

October 21

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The Dual Lens Practice Spine: A Peer-Led, Clinician-Supported Statewide Crisis Support Space Project

Madeline Small
Project Officer Crisis Support Spaces, Metro South Addiction and Mental Health Services

This presentation will discuss the current Statewide Crisis Support Space Project and its implementation of a dual lens practice spine. The presentation aims to highlight the current successes and challenges experienced by the project team. Critically this project approaches design from a peer and clinical lens aiming to promote peer led clinician supported practice in the CSS spaces.

October 28

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A lifespan perspective on alcohol consumption: Generational differences and the impact of social role transitions

Gianluca Di Censo, PhD,
Research Fellow at the National Centre for Education and Training on Addiction (NCETA)

This webinar examines how alcohol consumption changes across a person's lifespan. Drawing from our developmental and epidemiological research, we will demonstrate the changes in alcohol consumption across generational cohorts, and the impacts of social role transitions on drinking behaviours thereby improving our understanding of how life stages and vicissitudes shape alcohol use and the groups that may be at risk of high-volume alcohol consumption.

November 04

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The Evolution of Medicinal Cannabis Use in Australia

Danielle Dawson
PhD candidate with UQ's School of Psychology and the National Centre for Youth Substance Use Research

This presentation will examine the rapid expansion of medicinal cannabis prescribing in Australia and the potential unintended consequences associated with current regulatory and prescribing practices. Drawing on mixed-methods research, the session will explore changing patterns of medicinal cannabis use, including dual-use motives (both medical and recreational), the growing role of telehealth clinics, prescribing for conditions with limited supporting evidence, and concerns surrounding high-THC products and cannabis use disorder.

November 18

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MI: A great companion when people are pushed in the door

James Hoey
Psychologist, Project Officer with the Skills of Substance Project with Insight

This webinar explores how Motivational Interviewing can support AOD workers to engage people 'push in the door' by services, family members, courts or other systems. It will explore ways we can maximise these opportunities to provide meaningful support.